

St Joseph Catholic Church

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Sunday January 12, 2020 ~ The Baptism of Our Lord

From the Bishop's Pen...

"After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him."

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Baptism is "the Christian rite of pouring water over a person or immersing them in it, purifying them for admission into the Christian Church." When we are baptized in the Catholic Church or any Christian Church that follows our baptismal rite, water is used, whether it is poured over our heads or we are immersed in it.

Baptism is the first of the Sacraments of the Church. A Sacrament is not just a symbol or symbolic act, but it is an "efficacious sign." This means that the sign we see, does what it symbolizes. In baptism, the water symbolizes both death and life. In baptism, that is exactly what happens, we die to sin and through the Holy Spirit, we are born into new life with Christ and adoption as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father. In baptism, the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, comes to each of us.

At His Baptism, Jesus made the waters of baptism holy, so that for us, the waters of baptism can make us holy. As flowing water cleanses our bodies, the flowing water of baptism cleanses our souls. At Jesus' Baptism, the Holy Trinity revealed Itself when "he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"

The baptism of Jesus is one of the great revelations from God, teaching us about ourselves. In His baptism, Jesus identified Himself with all that it means to be human. On the surface He identified Himself with our human sinfulness and our need to repent and change our ways. On another level Jesus points to a reality beyond our sinfulness. We are given a revelation of what we can be at our best. The good news is that God loves us; and we have been redeemed from our sins. We have an identity in God's heart. In Jesus' humanity, God sees our humanity and He loves us. He wants to bring out the best within us.

Baptism frees us, it empowers us. Baptism fills us with the power of God's love. We should always be conscious of God's love within us, as we renew within ourselves the power and glory that God gave us in our own baptisms.

— Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours:

Monday thru Friday
9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The office is closed for business on:

ALL Weekends,
Federal Gov't Closings
Holidays and Holy Days

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(Please make appointments for private meetings.)

MASS SCHEDULES

Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.
In the Rectory Chapel

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
In the Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. and 6:00p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Holy Days of Obligation:
12 Noon & 7:00p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:15p.m.
or by special appointment

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Our Parish family's Weekly offering

***\$ 28,517.26 (01/052020)**

*Our average weekly parish expenses for
December 2019 ~ \$ 18,958.05*

*Our Offertory last week was, 150.0%
of Expenses*

Faith Direct for December 2019 ~ \$ 11,366.21

**Last Week's Attendance = 1,640*

** Includes New Years Eve and New Years Day 10:00 am*

Welcome to St. Joseph Church

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community.

That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, yet communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to take the steps below:

1. **Get connected** and stay up-to-date with what's going on here at St. Joseph Church. The Lord is alive and working in many ways here which means a lot of ministries and events are taking place almost every week. We provide a number of ways for you to stay connected with all of that. Read our weekly bulletin and visit our website (www.stjoseph-largo.org) to keep yourself "in the loop" of happenings at the church.

2. **Spend time in Adoration.** Adoration is every First Friday of each month all day with Benediction at 7 pm. Adoration is also offered every Tuesday at 6 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm. Stop in and experience the renewing power of being in God's presence. Jesus waits for you so he can pour his love and mercy into your heart.

3. **Seek to give in selfless, self-giving ways.** God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. Check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome table in the foyer. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

4. **Complete the parish registration form (you can obtain one at the Welcome Table) before you leave .** Let us know you are here so we can properly welcome you!

Welcome and May God Bless you and your family.

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptisms: Parents requesting baptism must be registered active members of the Parish. A Catholic godparent must be a registered and practicing Catholic, confirmed in writing by his or her proper pastor. Baptisms are on the last Sunday of each month, after 11 am Mass . Parents may pick up a Baptism Registration Packet from the church office during business hours. Participation in Pre-Baptismal Program is required.

Marriage: Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to a year in advance of their intended wedding date in order to allow time for the couple to complete marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged must be a registered active member of this Church.

Christian Burial: The family of the registered deceased should contact Bp.Campbell or Fr. Boxie as soon as possible to plan the funeral arrangements. Please contact Mrs. Hawkins on the bereavement committee at etoile1706@aol.com .

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the sick is celebrated upon request prior to surgery or at the time of illness. Please notify the Parish office of the illness or hospitalization of the parishioner.

To Receive the Eucharist: Sick, hospitalized and shut-ins should contact Bernard Broadus at bbroadus53@gmail.com to schedule a visit.

We thank all who contribute regularly and generously to the support of our Parish.

Please use your envelopes, and fill them out completely. Enclose your offering and write the amount on the envelope. REMEMBER, money/checks do not stay together with the envelopes so if there's no information or amount on the envelope you used you may not be getting proper acknowledgement for your offering. Anonymous giving does not help to establish you as an active church participant. Your tax deductible offerings are based on the information on your envelopes. Please complete your checks and envelopes BEFORE the Mass starts.

If you are registered and not receiving your envelopes contact the office to verify correct names and/or change your address.

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...for God loves a cheerful giver.

”2 Corinthians 6 -7



Consider Lighting a Memorial Candle

Memorialize a Family Member or an Event

Light one for yourself as a special intention or for a Birthday, Anniversary or a special remembrance. Candles stay lit an entire year and are renewable. Anyone can have a candle for less than 85¢ a day! Pick up an order form in the Welcome Room or ask for one from one of our Hospitality Ministers. Return the form and your payment to the office manager M-F 9:30am-1:30pm.

Church Calendar for this Week

SUNDAY January 12, 2020
Masses- 8:30 am - 11 am - 6 pm
The Baptism of Our Lord

- 1:00 pm - Altar Servers (CH)
- 1:00 pm - Ladies Aux Knights of St John (RA)
- 1:30 pm - Youth Ministry Meeting (CL1)

MONDAY January 13, 2020

8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 6:30 pm - Music Dept (CL2)

TUESDAY January 14, 2020

8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 6:00 pm - Exposition / Adoration
- 7:00 pm - Tuesday Evening Mass
- 7:30 pm - Cantors / Musicians (CH)
- 7:30 pm - Religious Ed (All Rooms)

WEDNESDAY January 15, 2020

8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 10:00 am - Senior Line Dance (RR)
- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 7:00 pm - Gospel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 pm - RCIA (CL1)
- 7:00 pm - Cursillo School of Leaders (RR)

THURSDAY January 16, 2020

8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 4:00 pm - Grow Our Own Musicians (CL2)
- 6:30 pm - Music Dept (CL2)
- 7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus (RR)

FRIDAY January 17, 2020

8:15 am Mass in Chapel

- 12:00 pm - Marian Tweens & Teens (CL1)

SATURDAY January 18, 2020

8:15 am Mass in Chapel

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

- 9:00 am - Religious Education (All Rooms)
- 10:30 am - Children's Choir (CH)
- 11:00 am - MLK Jr Squires Circle (CL1)
- 11:30 am - Children of Virtue (CH)

Our Church Home

Please remember this is God's house and you should try not to bring food or drink into it. Treat it with the care and respect that it deserves. Please do not leave cookie crumbs, potato chip crumbs, wrappers, bags or water bottles on the seats or on the floor of the church. Please do not allow your children to bend, fold, tear, write or color the pages in the hymnals.

Thank you for helping to keep our church beautiful.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

Answer:

To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.

Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in...

Shelia Anderson, Agnes Bell, Lois Atkinson, Otto Boswell, Theresa Bowser, Dorothy Brandford, Rachel Brewer, Margaret Brooks, Virginia Brust, Renee Burroughs, Edwinda Castleberry, Alberta Christian, Angella Coker, Bernadette Crawford, Kennard Dalrymple, Mary Fletcher, Evelyn Freelow, Desiree Graves, Kimberly Grimes, Betty Herring, Wanda Johnson, Annette Keizer, Mark Landry Sr, Mark Landry Jr, Gabrielle Landry, Robin Landry, Florence & Thomas McDaniels Sr., Sadie Malveaux, Barbara Marshall, James Marshall, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Fr. Everett Pearson, John Queen, Paul Newman, Claudette Randall, Charles Ratcliffe, Barbara Reece-Jones, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Irene Richmond, Ronald G. Sanders, Sheryl Sanders, Marcia Savoy, James Shorter, Robert (Bob) Sistare, Jennie Smith, William "Billy" Tolbert, Pamela Witherspoon, Erma Torney, Maxine Tucker, Frances Tyler, Nellie Wade, John & Joan Woody, Paula Wynn

And the Recently Deceased:

Evelyn Contee

Honoring the Memory of Your Deceased Loved Ones

Do you have a loved one who has passed on? Have you offered Masses for them? In our faith tradition, it is customary not only to visit the graves of our beloved departed, but also to have Masses offered for the eternal repose of their souls. Having a Mass offered for the repose of a soul, and offering our own prayers, is more beneficial to them and comforting than a card or a bouquet of flowers.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. CCC n.1032

Contact the Church office to reserve your mass for your loved one today!



- **Sunday** 8:30 Mass
Rose Nduanya, Callistus, Pinus and Margaret Nwankpa †
- **Sunday** 11:00 Mass
Gabriel Fayomi SI
- **Monday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Tuesday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Wednesday** 8:15 Mass
- **Thursday** 8:15 Mass
- **Friday** 8:15 Mass:
- **Saturday** 5:00 Vigil:

Mass Intentions are made in the Church Office during regular business hours. We no longer accept bookings for one name for several days in succession. An offering is **\$10 cash per date**.

†=Deceased SI=Special Intentions



***LIVE THE LITURGY—
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK***

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favor with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy and humility. God has formed each of us

in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels of mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.



***Readings for the week of
January 12, 2020***

- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

***Question of the Week
for Reflection***

From the Second Reading

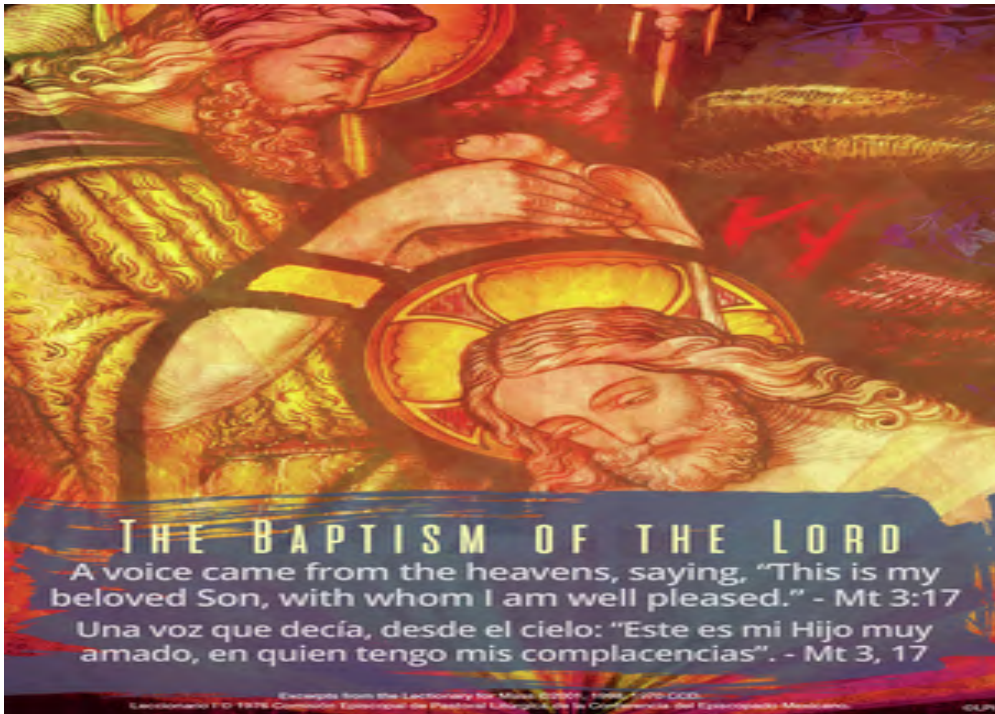
Peter came to the insight that God "shows no partiality" to those who are baptized and believe in Jesus. **Why does this message remain challenging to many believers today?**

From the Gospel

What do you find most remarkable about Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus?

***Observances for the week of
January 12, 2020***

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Saturday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

January 18th and 19th

..for Next Week Please report at least 30 minutes before your Mass so that you are properly prepared...

Lectors:

- 5:00 pm Vigil - Delia Johnson
Beverly Starks
- 8:30 am - Janette Bell
Jeanne Black
- 11:00 am - Knights
- 6:00 pm -

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

- 5:00 pm Vigil - Team C
- 8:30 am - Team E
- 11:00 am - Knights

Altar Servers

- 5:00 pm Vigil - Team L
- 8:30 am - Team M
- 11:00 am - Team B
- 6:00 pm - Harold Sanders

Mark Your Calendar

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

The Archdiocese of Washington Office of Cultural Diversity is proud to announce: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
 3800 Ely Place S. E.
 Washington, DC 20019
 Saturday, January 18, 2020
 Praise and worship will begin at 3:30 pm featuring the Archdiocese of Washington's Gospel Mass Choir.
 Mass celebrated by Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will begin at 4:00 pm.
 All are invited to attend!

March for Life

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
 1725 Rhode Island Avenue N. W.
 Washington, DC 20036
 Join us in worship before this year's March for Life!
 The Cathedral Mass for Life will feature music by Mike Tenney
 Mass celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville
 Friday, January 24, 2020
 8:40 am – Rally
 10:00 – Mass

DID YOU KNOW / FYI

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INSERTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office on the Monday by 12 noon. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning. Inserts are printed front and back and are limited to 2 sheets per bulletin.
Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

The Art of Prayer

Taking place on Sunday evenings from 6-7 pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine
 3900 Harewood Rd., NE
 Washington, D.C.
 The Art of Prayer includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service.
 For more information, visit jp2shrine.org or email pastoral.programs@jp2shrine.org.

Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry

Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry is seeking volunteers for the Night to Shine Prom. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for individuals with special needs, ages 14 and older. Hundreds of Churches from around the world come together on one night to host Night to Shine for approximately 100,000 honored guests. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a wonderful experience for the attendees.

Friday, February 7, 2020
 6:00 – 9:00 pm
 First Baptist Church of Glenarden
 Ministry Center
 3600 Brightseat Road Landover, MD
 To volunteer please contact:
 Judy Cox-Brown (301-395-1218) or
 Lisa Smith (301-390-1137)

All volunteers must register on line: <https://www.fbcglenarden.org/nighttoshine>