

# The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
1/10 11:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
1/13 12::00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
1/14 12:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
1/15 9:00	Carolyn Neupauer	Tom and Rose Hill
1/17 11:00	Carolyn Neupauer	Tom and Rose Hill



## Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## Saint of the Week

The privilege of our Church is such that it is never stronger than when it is attacked, never better known than when it is accused, never more powerful than when it appears forsaken."

~ St. Hilary of Poitiers (310— 367), Doctor of the Church,

Feast Day January 13

There will be no Parish Council Meeting for the month of January, 2021.

**In this time of Covid-19 please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: [www.olmhighlands.com](http://www.olmhighlands.com)**

## Our Lady of the Mountains

### Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

## Father's Column

### The Holy Name of Jesus

The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus falls on January 3rd, which this year being a Sunday was superseded by the feast of the Epiphany. In due regard for its importance, however, let us consider it here.

A distinguishing characteristic of humans is the capacity for speech. For sure, some animals can mimic sounds approximating human speech, but only man's words are intelligible in the full sense of the word. This capacity finds its origin in God who spoke His Word and created the world. In this way, man is created in the image and likeness of God. As such, we ought to consider this gift of speech as precisely that, a gift and one not to be squandered.

God requires the respect in how we speak to and about each other: we must not speak lies; we must not speak disrespectfully to authoritative figures; we must not harm the reputation of others by our words. Even more important, though, is God's command not to use His Name in vain. Moses receiving the divine Name, I AM WHO AM, in the midst of the burning bush, was a high point in the history of revelation. The Jewish People, however, had such respect for God's Name, they refused ever to invoke it, but rather substituting "Adonai" or "Lord" in its place.

As the Old Testament gave way to the new, God Himself came in the form of man and received a name: Jesus. This Name is powerful. It is in the name of Jesus that the Apostles and disciples performed miracles. Ultimately, the name saves our souls; "there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Act 4:12). Accompanying its importance comes respect: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

What does this mean for us? Firstly, we must honor the 2nd Commandment and not take the Lord's name in vain in any way. Should we slip up we ought to apologize to God immediately and remember to confess it. If it was not a slip, but fully intentional, we should be aware that it is of grave matter and thus potentially mortally sinful. Lastly we should not tolerate the Lord's Name blasphemed in the media we watch. Blessed by your Holy Name, Lord Jesus Christ!

## PACE

**Tuesday, January 12th / 10:00 am—11:00 am  
Assistive Technology Vision and Hearing**

This session will include demonstrations, pictures and videos of various adaptive devices that can assist with vision or hearing challenges. The visual items will either magnify items or change the color or even read to you. We will see items to amplify sound as well as items for alerting to common sounds such as doorbell, alarm clock.

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Qk7-sQnMTMuT9PkXLBubOw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qk7-sQnMTMuT9PkXLBubOw)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For additional information, please contact Sandra Breakfield, Program Director Elder Ministry at 704-370-3220 or [sabreakfield@charlotte-diocese.org](mailto:sabreakfield@charlotte-diocese.org)

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Carolyn Neupauer, Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, The Pittari Family, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Griffin Harper

**Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.**

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, John Powers, and Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn