

# CHURCH OF NOTRE DAME

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## The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

### January 10, 2021



Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, Baptism of Christ, c. 1655

#### Public Mass Resumed at Notre Dame

There is still no obligation to attend.

All precautions must be taken:

- Masks must be worn.
- Social distancing (6 ft) is a must.
- No physical contact - (for peace sign, Holy Communion received in hand)
- Frequent use of hand sanitizer
- Please enter and exit only through the side door nearest

#### Schedule for the Church of Notre Dame

SUNDAY MASSES: 10:00 A.M. (French/Français), 11:30 A.M. (English)  
1:00 P.M. (Spanish/Español) NO 5:30 P.M. Mass  
Saturday Vigil 5:30 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon.-Fri., 12:05 P.M. & 5:30 P.M., Sat., 12:05 P.M.  
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - ONE MASS (church & rectory closed after Mass.)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND ROSARY: (M-F and first Saturday) following the 12:05 P.M. Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: by appointment - please call the rectory

EVENING PRAYER: Daily, following the 5:30 P.M. Mass

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MATRIMONY: by appointment

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA: Tuesdays, following 12:05 P.M. Mass

CHURCH IS OPEN: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.; Sat. - 7:30 A.M. -

6:30 P.M., Sun. 8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

#### Fr. Michael's Sunday Homilies Online

[www.youtube.com/c/FrMichaelKHolleran](http://www.youtube.com/c/FrMichaelKHolleran)

[www.michaelkholleran.org](http://www.michaelkholleran.org) [www.facebook.com/frcarthusian](https://www.facebook.com/frcarthusian)

Archdiocese of New York - Accessing Mass wherever you are

Mass is available via the Catholic Faith Network. For times and locations, visit: [catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses](http://catholicfaithnetwork.org/masses)

Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral available on the Catholic Channel, Sirius XM 129 at 7:00 & 10:00 A.M.

For information visit: [siriusxm.com/thecatholicchannel](http://siriusxm.com/thecatholicchannel)

Mass Livestreams:

St. Patrick's Cathedral - YouTube, Facebook

[stpatrickscathedral.org/live](http://stpatrickscathedral.org/live)

St. Patrick's Mass Schedule

Mon.-Fri. 7:00 A.M., Saturday 8:00 A.M., Sunday 10:15 A.M.

(English)

4:00 P.M. Misa Domenical (En Español) at:

**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** – The Church holds sacred the memorial of Christ's birth. The season extends from the evening prayer of Christmas, December 24<sup>th</sup> through the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 10, 2021. The liturgical color is white.

#### Mass Intentions the First Week in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, January 9, 2021 Vigil** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
5:30 P.M. Intention of the Priest Acts 10:34-38

**Sunday, January 10** Mark 1:7-11  
10:00 A.M. (French) Julienne Gomis (Birthday); God's Assistance

& Protection for Viviane & Family; Thanksgiving to God

11:30 A.M. For the People

1:00 P.M. (Spanish) Intention of the Priest

**Monday, January 11** Hebrews 1:1-6

12:05 P.M. Jack De Rosett (Healing) Mark 1:14-20

5:30 P.M. Special Intention for Keilani (Birthday)

**Tuesday, January 12** Hebrews 2:5-12

12:05 P.M. All Pilgrims to Notre Dame Mark 1:21-28

5:30 P.M. Souls of the Faithful Departed from Covid-19

**Wednesday, January 13** ST. HILARY Hebrews 2:14-18

12:05 P.M. Special Intention for David & Kathy Mark 1:29-39

5:30 P.M. For the Good, Kind, and Loving Among Us

**Thursday, January 14** Hebrews 3:7-14

12:05 P.M. Intention of the Priest Mark 1:40-45

5:30 P.M. Hilaria Romero+

**FRIDAY, January 15** Hebrews 4:1-5; 11

12:05 P.M. St. Michael and the Celestial Army Mark 2:1-12

5:30 P.M. Special Intention

**Saturday, January 16** Hebrews 4:12-16

12:05 P.M. Maria Viteri+ (Anniversary) Mark 2:13-17

*In Loving Memory of Maria Viteri – January 16<sup>th</sup>*

#### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." After Jesus was baptized, 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." (Matthew 3:13-17) It was the only time in the Bible that all three members of the Blessed Trinity appear together - the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove and God the Father announced that He was pleased with his Son.

St. John, The Baptizer of Jesus, was the son of Elizabeth and Zachary. The angel Gabriel had appeared to Zachary, a priest at the temple, and told him that he would have a son "...he shall be great before the Lord... and thou shall call him John..." The child grew up and went to live in the desert, eating only locusts and honey. He would be the Voice that announced the Word. Zachary's canticle says, "... and thou, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for thou shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people knowledge of salvation through forgiveness of their sins."

**ORDINARY TIME** – On Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, the Church returns to what is called "Ordinary Time" in the Church Year and it will continue through Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. It will resume when the Easter season ends, Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day following Pentecost, and it continues until evening prayer of the First Sunday of Advent, November 28<sup>th</sup>, when Advent begins. These 33 or 34 weeks of Ordinary Time are devoted to the mystery of Christ rather than to specific events in the Church as are the seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter. Ordinary Time is based on celebrating the Lord's Day every seven days when Christians come together to worship God and recall that on this day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and creation was complete. Many solemnities, feast days and memorials occur during this time: the Most Holy Trinity, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Saints Peter and Paul, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, All Saints, and All Souls. Weekdays with no solemnities, feasts, or memorials are called *ferial days* (free days). The Liturgical color is green, symbolizing life & hope.



## THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season concludes with one final manifestation of the relationship of Jesus to His Father. The story of the Baptism of the Lord carries with it the announcement by God acknowledging His Son, upon whom His favor rests. In the Opening Prayer, we ask that we may be kept faithful to our own baptism, making the connection between the presence of Christ in the world and our baptismal response. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is 42:1-7) we hear one of the famous "Servant Songs" describing God's "servant" as one upon whom God's Spirit has been bestowed so that he might be a light to the nations. In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34-38) we learn what it is that our Baptism enables. After His anointing by God, Jesus went around doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the devil. In the same way, by our Baptism we are called to find out what good works need to be done and how we can heal those caught in the clutches of evil.

### January Is Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

St. Paul wrote that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name..." "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:10-11)

"Shem" - In Hebrew and Aramaic, the ancient root word for name is shem. The shem of something is that by which it is known and it is that which makes something different in a way that it can be distinguished from something else. To call someone's "shem" is to call upon their very essence, which is beyond the utterance of a name.

### Thank you for your generosity.

January 3, 2021

Weekly collection \$1,033.00  
Maintenance collection \$453.00  
Poor Box \$431.00

[Christmas Gifts and Christmas Flower donations will be in next week's bulletin.]

### Notre Dame's

Thank you again!

### Advent Giving Tree

It was thin and tall covered with tags suggesting items that were needed to help the Sisters of Life care for the young women and unborn babies at Sacred Heart Convent. Through this difficult time of Covid-19, the Advent Tree generated an outpouring of kindness and generosity that blossomed among the men, women and children, who took the ornament tags. The many gifts reflected the wonderful and genuine spirit of Christmas and kindness of you, the faithful here at Notre Dame.

Thank you and may God bless you!

Mass was offered for all contributors on Saturday, January 9, at 12:05 P.M.

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Notre Dame's Goal: \$31,000

Pledged: \$18,420 (59% of goal, 50 donors)

There is still time to participate and make your gift. For those who do not receive Appeal envelopes, there are envelopes at the exits of the church. Thank you to those who have already made a pledge. Remember, 60% of cash over goal is reinvested back into our parish!

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend the second collection will be for *Communications & the Catholic University of America* sponsored by American Catholic Bishops. Envelopes to help defray the expense of our weekly envelope system may also be put in the collection baskets.

**WeShare** - Parishioners are encouraged to make their weekly offering through WeShare and anyone, who wishes to give a gift to Notre Dame, go to: [www.ndparish.org](http://www.ndparish.org) and click on WeShare.

### This Week at Notre Dame...

#### CENTERING PRAYER

Monday, 01/11, 7:30 P.M. Grotto

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES NOVENA

Tuesday, 01/12, after 12:05 P.M. Mass

#### CENACLE OF LIFE - Wednesday 01/13 After

the Rosary, prayer, second Rosary

#### DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART - Friday,

01/15, after 12:05 P.M. Mass & Rosary

### CHRISTMAS GIFT, MEMORIAL

It's not too late if you would like to give a Christmas donation or offer a flower memorial for a loved one or a special intention, Christmas gift and flower envelopes are at the entrances of the church.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - 25, 2021

"Abide in my love...you shall bear much fruit."

In choosing the 2021 theme, [John 15], the Monastic Community of Grandchamp, Areuse, Switzerland, desired to share the experience and wisdom of their contemplative life abiding in the love of God and keeping his commandment of "loving one another as He has loved us." They remind Christians worldwide about the importance of praying for the fruits of closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ and greater solidarity with the whole of creation. The Christian community throughout the world is invited to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one"

To love God is to keep God's commandments. 1John 5:1-9

### Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2021

"May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all."

**The River Jordan** flows through Israel, Palestine and Jordan and connects the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. It is unlike any other river in the world, physically and historically. Other rivers find their source in elevated regions and descend until it reaches sea level. The Jordan's principal source is an enormous spring of icy cold water, which comes up from the ground a few hundred feet above sea level. It joins two other springs and forms a lake called in the Bible "the waters of Moeb." The Jordan starts out at the southern end of this lake, flows ten and a half miles south and enters the Sea of Galilee, which lies six hundred and eighty feet below the level of the ocean. At the southern end of the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan starts again. **The point where the Jordan River runs out of the Sea of Galilee is considered to be the place where Jesus was baptized.** After traveling sixty-five miles south, the Jordan enters into the northern end of the Dead Sea, which is thirteen hundred feet below the ocean's level and has no exit. *The Dead Sea is the lowest lying body of water on the earth and the Jordan River is the lowest river.* In the history of God and the Jewish people, the River Jordan was a principal geographic entity. From the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea, the river meanders through a valley varying in width from four to fourteen miles; on either side, mountains rise fifteen hundred to two thousand feet. This is the valley of the Jordan where the twelve tribes of Israel encamped and Moses overlooked the Promised Land before he died. Thirty days after Moses' death, God commanded Joshua to take the people across the Jordan River into Canaan. The Jordan River at that time of the year overflowed its banks and was a raging torrent. God temporarily interrupted the river flow in order to let the Israelites cross the dry riverbed into the Promised Land. The priests carried the Ark of the Covenant ahead of the people but remained in the riverbed until all had crossed. According to Joshua 3-4, "All the people had passed clean over the Jordan."

### Return to Public Worship and Sacramental Celebrations

Some General Principles:

1. Obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended
2. Those at higher risk for COVID-19 (elderly, underlying health conditions) are urged not to come to Mass.
3. **All parishioners and visitors must wear face covering.**
4. **Social Distancing to be practiced.** Every other row used; singles 6' apart, couples together, but 6' from neighbor, families together in rows designated for families
5. Attendees are to sanitize hands at sanitizer station at doors
6. Holy water fonts are empty.
7. All social gatherings remain suspended including coffee after French Mass.
8. Offertory procession and the sign of peace are omitted.
9. Hosts are to be received in the hand, not on the tongue. Step to the side to consume.
10. Collections will resume but parishioners are urged to use WeShare.
11. No greeting of people after Mass
12. Confession available by appointment.