



In the Gospel account of the baptism of Jesus, the mystery of death, and Resurrection, sin and redemption, sin and forgiveness is prefigured: Jesus descends into the depths of the Jordan. Being submerged in the river is a symbolic representation of the process of death. An old life is buried, so that a new one can arise. Because Jesus himself is without sin and has no old life to bury, his acceptance of baptism is an anticipation of the cross, whereby he begins to share in our lot and to take upon himself our sins and our death. At the moment when he comes up out of the river, the heavens part, and from them is heard the voice in which the Father acknowledges him as his Son.

The opening of heaven is a sign that this descent into our night is dawning of a new day, that the barrier between God and man is being broken down by this identification of the Son with us: God is no longer inaccessible; in the depths of our sins, and even of death, he searches for us and brings us into the light again. To this extent the baptism of Jesus anticipates the entire drama of his life and death and at the same time explains them to us.

- Pope Benedict XVI

The Conclusion of the Christmas Season

The shepherds have returned to the fields. The three kings have begun the journey to their homelands. Jesus, Mary and Joseph will eventually settle into family life in Nazareth.

Here in church, and in our homes, Nativity scenes and Christmas decorations will be put away until next Advent and Christmas. Very quietly and without any fanfare, the Church will move into what is called Ordinary Time. These are the days from the Baptism of the Lord to Lent.

What we have celebrated over the past few weeks is, however, anything but ordinary! What we have celebrated cannot be packed away!

In fact, the challenge for us now is to take into our ordinary routines...at home, at work, at school, where we socialize...the extraordinary love of God that we know, that we have experienced, that we have celebrated. This is at the heart of our Baptismal commitment: to be faithful witnesses of all that we have celebrated, known and received: God's love in Jesus Christ!

God's blessings,
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*"We do not need a Church that moves with the world. We need a Church that moves the world."
-G.K. Chesterton*



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 12 at 8:30am
Open
10:30am Pro Populo
Monday, January 13 at 8:30am
Genevieve Thiam (Birthday)
Tuesday, January 14 at 8:30am
Open
Wednesday, January 15 at 8:30am
Open
Thursday, January 16 at 8:30am
Open
Friday, January 17 at 8:30am
Alejandrina Escobar (Anniversary)
Saturday, January 18 at 5pm
Open
Sunday, January 19 at 8:30am
Florence Phillips
10:30am Pro Populo.

PARISH OFFERING

*The offering to the parish last Sunday was:7376
 Thank you for your generosity and your support
 of Queen of All Saints!*

PARISH WEEKLY GOAL

Thank you for your sacrificial giving each week. Please remember that in order for us to meet our ordinary expenses, we need a minimum of \$7500 in each Sunday's offering. Please continue to be as generous as you can. If you miss a week for any reason, please try to make up for it the following week or when you return. This is especially true on holiday weekends and during the summer months. Thank you again for your understanding.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PRAYER LIST

The Prayer list for the sick:

Linda Vital, Alison and Ken Sardinha, Chimene Jean Paul, Abeba Makonnem, Clara Morehead, Clarence McGhie, Ronnie Pierre, Ramesh Khudan, Debbie Khudan, Solange Faroul Kernizan, Diana Mallou & Child.

(Please, call the Rectory to add the names of parishioners and close relatives of parishioners who are ill or who have died).

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Schedule for January 2020

Jan. 5 – Classes

Jan 12 – Classes
8:30am 1st Communion Parent meeting
12 noon Catechist Meeting

Jan 19 – Classes

Jan 26 – Classes