

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Physical distancing of 6 feet is required between parishioners who are not from the same household and masks are required indoors at all times even if you are fully vaccinated. If you are not feeling well, please stay at home!

THIS WEEKEND

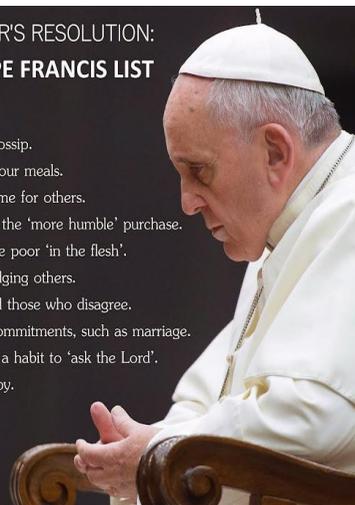
**Saturday January 8th
4 pm * Spec. Int.**

**Sunday January 9th
9 am + Peter Pilkington
11 am + Families Souls**



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.



A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28th ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what the scene looked like. We might wonder, "Who else was there and who wasn't?" No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying which is the turning point in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus' need to root himself in prayer throughout his life ~ a model for us to follow.

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1~4, 6~7
Psalm 29: The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Second Reading: Acts 10: 34~38
Gospel: Luke 3: 15~16, 21~22

REFLECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honour our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and

his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

PARISH IMPORTANT

Cold and flu season is upon us. If you are unwell, please stay home. In our churches we continue to follow all current & updated government and health official guidelines, and maintain 30% capacity allowing 6 feet distance between those not from the same family. Please remember to not congregate in large groups before or after Mass, wherever possible. We will continue to provide relevant updates as appropriate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Due to the most recent update from the Province regarding numbers for gatherings, the Sunday coffee social has been temporarily paused, until further notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience and look forward to when we can safely gather again in the hall.

STAY INFORMED

Sign up to have the Parish Bulletin sent to

your email inbox. Send an email to the parish office at st.joseph.church@rogers.com with "subscribe" in the subject line.

TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We would greatly appreciate any and all help with taking down our Christmas decorations in the church after the morning Masses today! Many hands would make quick work of taking it all down. Thank you so much!

MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, * living or + deceased.

January	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 11 th	6 pm	+ Francisco Encarnacao
Wed. 12 th	6 pm	+ Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 13 th	9:15 am	+ Steve MacRae
Friday 14 th	9:15am	* Thanksgiving
Saturday 15 th	4 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 16 th	9 am	+ Robert Quinn
	11 am	+ Helena Chojna

PLEASE PRAY FOR; all those living in our local nursing homes, manors, in hospital and especially for Dr. James Brown, Fern Gosselin, Mary Lamanna, Jim Matt, Olivia, & all the sick of the parish.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Initial Offering	\$ 260.00
New Year's Day	735.00
Sunday Collection	1,033.25

Thank you for your generous support!