

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



THIS WEEKEND

Saturday January 11th
4 pm ** Intention of the People

Sunday January 12th
9 am ** Thanksgiving
11 am + Helena Chojna



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: *Isaiah 40: 1~5, 9~11*
Psalm 104: *O bless the Lord, my soul!*
Second Reading: *Titus 2: 11~14; 3: 4~7*
Gospel: *Luke 3: 15~16, 21~22*



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas, and we return back to Ordinary Time.

I was doing some prep work on one of my homilies recently, and read where it mentioned about the fact that from the time of Jesus' being "found" in the temple until His Baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, nothing is said of His life. The events of about twenty years of His life are completely unmentioned. It seems that He spent those years in helping in the family business and preparing Himself for what He was going to be

doing. The turning point in His life was His Baptism by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. It was a public manifestation of His role as the Messiah, the Son of God.

We are reminded as we recall our own Baptism, that like Jesus, we are being sent out on a mission of proclaiming the Good News of God's love for others. This is our calling and our mission. We must make known to others the message of Jesus and the salvation He brought us through His death and resurrection. We, as sons and daughters of God, must share the Gospel with others by "doing good" and allowing them to experience the grace that comes in and through Jesus.

ARCHDIOCESE JUBILEE MASS

Pope Francis has solemnly proclaimed 2025 as the Year of Jubilee. Archbishop Cardinal Frank Leo has chosen among a few churches, St. Gregory the Great (Oshawa) to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the Jubilee of the Year 2025. Accordingly, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be there to celebrate at a Jubilee Mass on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. All are cordially invited to join. Confessions begin at 5:30 pm. Pertinent information on the Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Toronto is available at the back of the churches.

PARISH COMMUNITY LADIES OF THE PARISH

The January meeting for the Ladies is scheduled for Monday January 20th at

1:00 pm in the Hall. New members are always welcome.

LADIES SOCIAL PAINT NIGHT

All Ladies of the parish are invited to the first of three social evenings of painting together ~ along with refreshments. Our Hostess will be Diane Cooper and the first night is Tuesday, January 14th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm ~ 8:00 pm, (weather permitting) downstairs in the parish hall. No experience required and a \$5.00 donation is requested. If you would like to attend, please register **today** with Diane by contacting her at JosiesJoys@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxed envelopes are available for 2025 for your use at the back of the church. Please re-cycle any unused 2024 Sunday Offering Envelopes. Some 2025 numbers have been duplicated in error by our printer, so always be sure to **CAREFULLY PRINT** your name, address and telephone number on your envelopes for the month of January. You will receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year or simply opt for "no receipt", which also can be arranged. Thank you for your support.

2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for 2024 should be generated, signed and in the mail by the end of January. Any change and you will be notified.

FR. OSWIN ON HOLIDAY

Fr. Oswin will be away on holiday from Wednesday January 15th and returning

back home for 6:00pm Mass on Friday February 21st, 2025.

THERE WILL ONLY BE SUNDAY MASSES ~ WEEKDAY MASSES ARE SUSPENDED.

In Fr.'s absence, there will be 3 visiting priests for 5 Sunday's ~ please make them feel welcomed!

MASS INTENTIONS

** living or + deceased.

Jan. ~ Feb.	Time	Mass for
Sunday 19 th	9:00 am	+ James Langdon
	11:00 am	+ Vito Lamanna
Sunday 26 th	9:00 am	+ Cynthia Berchule
	11:00 am	+ Family Souls
Sunday 2 nd	9:00 am	+ Burns Family Souls
	11:00 am	+ John Mangan

PRAY FOR THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED & FOR THOSE IN NEED

Jean Adams, Lt. (N) Anthony Adams, Angela Hoffbauer, Louise Kozolowski, Brock MacDonald, Mary Porter, Joanne & Rick Scrannage, Ralph Slaney.

DONATIONS TO YOUR PARISH

Building	\$2,655.00
Christmas	211.25
Initial Offering	391.00
New Year's Day	771.00
Sunday Envelopes/Loose	1,061.10

Thanks to all who are donating online or electronically and Thank you for your kind & generous donation!