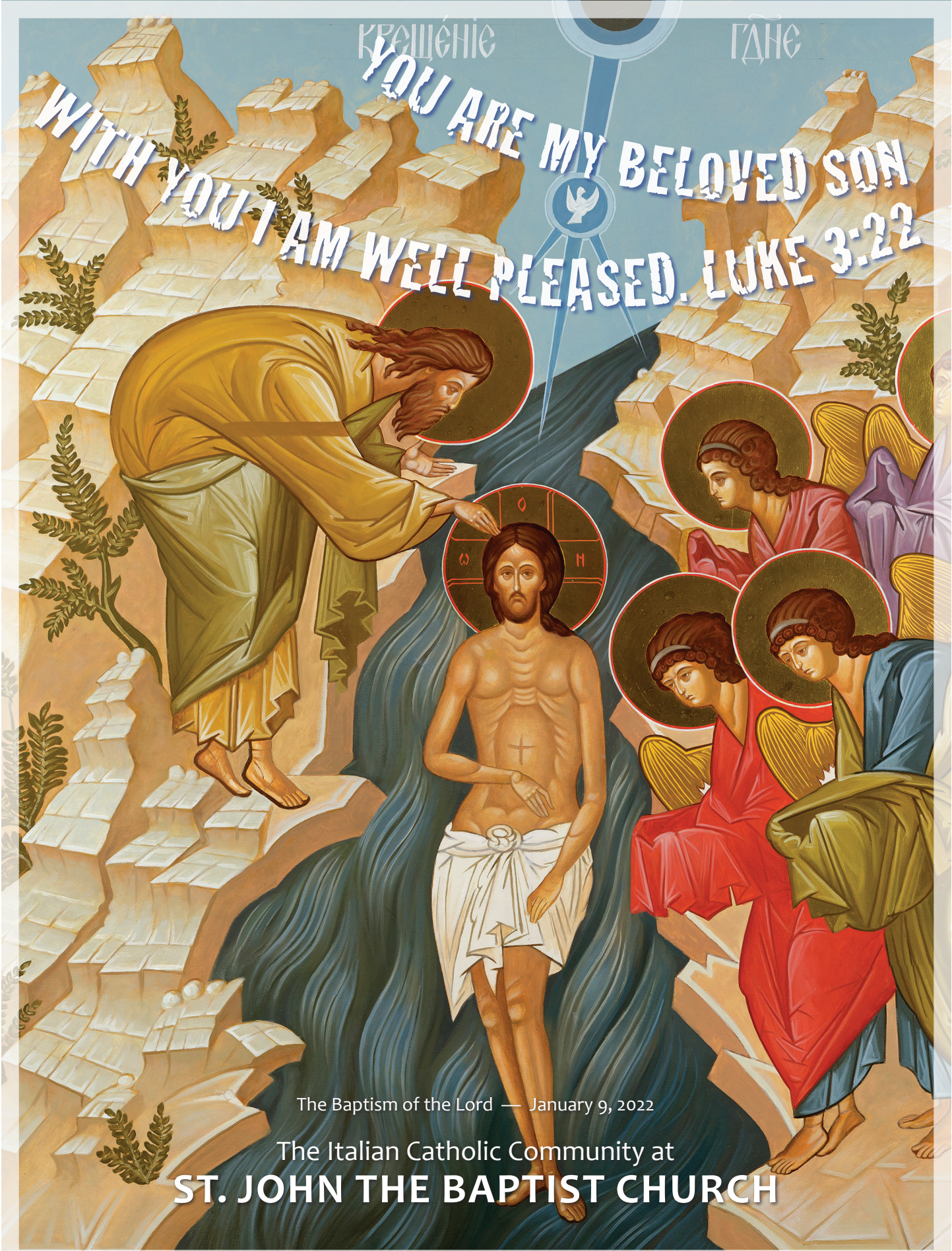


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WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED. YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON. LUKE 3:22

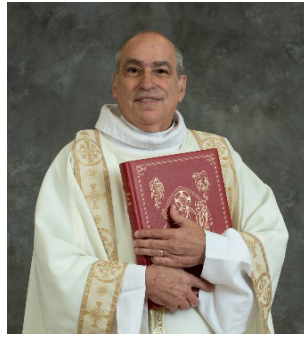


The Baptism of the Lord — January 9, 2022

The Italian Catholic Community at  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**From the Deacon's Desk***Dear friends in Christ,*

Today's **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** marks the end of the liturgical season of **Christmas**. These weeks of **Christmas**, we celebrate that our **God** is a **God** who is **among us**, in our midst; that our **God** is **Emmanuel: God with us**.



So, as our cultural calendar marks the beginning of a new year, this **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** marks an end of the **Christmas** season *and* the beginning of the season of **Ordinary time**. With the start of **Ordinary Time**, I want to update you on a few issues that are happening here at **Saint John the Baptist**.

- First, many thanks to so many who helped decorate our church for the **Christmas Season**. The sanctuary looked beautiful. The **La Befana** celebration on the **Feast of Epiphany** last weekend sponsored by the **Le Donne Women's** club was wonderful. I hope those of you attending **Mass** today will feel free to take one of the poinsettia plants home with you after **Mass** this weekend.
- Secondly, we had a very, very successful **Italian Festival** last **October**. Now that the bills are all paid, Our parish made over **\$250,000.00**. I believe this is the most we have made in one year since the founding of the Festival 41 years ago. **The Executive Board** is meeting at the end of this month to lay plans for the **2022 Italian Festival** the weekend of **October 9-11**.
- Thirdly, the exterior of the church has been painted; a new roof and awning was put on the rectory; an updated phone system and outside security cameras will soon be installed in the next few weeks. Unfortunately, The **Christopher Columbus** monument in front of **Marrapese Hall** was damaged by vandals so we plan to have it moved to the secured courtyard where it can be protected. **The Advisory/Financial Board** is very grateful to the many parishioners who help us in so many ways. This group of parishioners continues to guide me with their expertise, support, and wisdom in keeping our campus the "jewel" of **Italian Village**.
- Fourthly, I am grateful to so many of you who continue to help keep all of us and yourself safe from the **COVID** pandemic by wearing a mask and sanitizing your hands when you come to **Mass**. For the **100+ viewers** who feel that they do not feel ready coming back to **Mass** in person – please continue to watch us on **Facebook**. You are very much a part of us each week.

As people baptized in the name of the **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**, may we continue the presence of the **Lord** in our family and our parish.

**Saint John the Baptist, pray for us.**  
**Have a safe, healthy, and happy 2022!**  
**Deacon Frank**

**Dear St. John Parishioners**, join me periodically on **St. John the Baptist Parish** livestream. If you missed it, the videos are available on **St. John's Facebook page**.

**Mass celebrant for January 16, 2022,  
 is Msgr. Cody assisted by Deacon Frank**

**Confessions Heard before Mass  
 Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

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**Ms. Aggie Howard** – Executive Assistant  
**Ms. Victoria Gammell** – Secretary and Bulletin Editor  
**Mrs. Gina Bishop** – Director of Liturgy  
**Mr. John Huffman** – Organist and Musical consultant

**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** – 9:30 a.m. each Sunday  
**Sacrament of Penance** – 9:00 a.m. (before Sunday Mass or by appointment)

**Sacrament of Baptism and Baptism preparation** (by appointment)

**Sacrament of Matrimony** (you must be registered at **Saint John** at least 6 months prior to scheduling your wedding by Deacon or Priest)

**Sacrament of Confirmation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults**, (please make an appointment with Parish Administrator)

**Saint John Italian Festival** (please visit our website for more information)

**Sala Hall and Marrapese Hall** (scheduled with approval of Parish Administrator)

**Bulletin Deadline:** Announcements must be submitted in writing by **Tuesday at noon**.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Sunday, January 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Nick Sciarretti, Kurt Heiningner
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Margaret Panico-Harn, Pat Rossetti

**Sunday, January 16, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

<b>Lector 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Davide Cugini, Ed Pagnanelli
<b>Euch. Min 1 &amp; 2:</b>	Andrew Myers, Al Iosue

**Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:**

**Marian Lights:** *Joyce Tisone  
 by Carl Tisone*  
**Blessed Sacrament:** *James Corrova  
 by Chris Soteriades*

**Requiescat in pace!** In the charity of your prayers, please remember the family and friends of:

**Karen Mikalonis**, member of **St. John the Baptist**, who passed away this past week. May she rest in peace with the Lord.



**MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sun. 1/9	9:30 a.m.	Stefano & Maria Arata by James Segale Russell
Sun. 1/9	9:30 a.m.	Gerardo Cugini & Cesidio Capoccia by Cugini & Capoccia Families
Sun. 1/9	9:30 a.m.	JoAnn Anderson by Ralph Anderson
Sun. 1/16	9:30 a.m.	Joe Pishitelli by Louise Masdea
Sun. 1/16	9:30 a.m.	Danny LaPenna by Edith Melchiorre
Sun. 1/16	9:30 a.m.	Bruno Quaranto by Mary Quaranto

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\***

**\*\*If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For Vienna D'Alberto, who is residing at the Worthington Christian Village. Also, keep in your prayers Laura Williams, James Graf, Linda McCreary, Guy Williams, and John Contino.**

**The Rosary before Mass on Sunday:** We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact Kevin Koesters at 937-902-7446 or via email at k.koesters32@gmail.com. Leaders for January are:

January 9, 2022	Carl Tisone
January 16, 2022	Gary Bosco
January 23, 2022	Maria Rimmel
January 30, 2022	Al Iosue

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

1/9 Sun.	<u>KCC Sunday Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 12:00 Noon – Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass SJB Altar Guild Meeting – After Mass 10:45 a.m. (Marrapese Hall)
1/10 Mon.	<u>Rotary Club Luncheon – Marrapese Hall</u> 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
1/11 Tues.	<u>Advisory Board Meeting – Library</u> 1:00-3:00 p.m.
1/14 Fri.	<u>KCC – Mass – Fr. Kim</u> 6:00-6:30 p.m.
1/15 Sat.	<u>Marriage Enrichment Program Class for Deacons</u> 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Marrapese Hall
	<u>Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.</u>

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN**

January 2, 2022

Number of Envelopes used Sunday – 33

Reg. Env:	\$ 2,185.00
Loose:	\$ 461.00
Holy Day Env:	\$ 20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,666.00</b>
<b>Less Diocesan 6% Assessment :</b>	<b>\$ (159.96)</b>
	<b>\$ 2,506.04</b>
Capital Improvements:	\$ 20.00
St. Anthony's Bread:	\$ 30.00
Votives	\$ 30.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>

**?? ?? HOW IS ST. JOHN DOING? ?? ??**

**Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/21-6/30/22)**

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
<b>This Week:</b>	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,666.00	(\$ 219.00)	-8%
<b>FYTD:</b>	\$77,895.00	\$71,084.98	(\$6,810.02)	-9%

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 10, 2022**  
Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard

**SJB Collection Counters for Monday, January 17, 2022**  
Maruja Paule and Aggie Howard

**PAVERS:** The front Pavilion of St. John Church is covered with Pavers. These Pavers are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of St. John at 614-294-5319.

**The Altar Guild** is now selling entries into the final football fundraiser for the year (**Super Bowl**). The entry cost is **\$20.00** a square, which will result in a payout of **\$400.00** per quarter for those with the winning numbers at the end of **Quarter 1, 2, 3,** and the **end of the game (should it go into overtime)**. As with the other fundraising pools, **80%** of the income is paid out to the quarter winners, with the remaining **20%** earmarked for needs of our church altar. None of the money raised goes to anything social or outside the care and maintenance of our church's altar needs. If interested in entering, see **Gary Bosco** in **Sala Hall** after **Mass** any **Sunday** over the next several weeks. This pool will sell out fast, so don't miss your opportunity to enhance your enjoyment of the **Super Bowl** while supporting a worthwhile fundraiser that is focused on the altar needs of our beloved **St. John the Baptist** church.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Catholic Churches	Saturday	Sunday
St. Patrick	7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church	4:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
St. Joseph Cathedral	5:15 p.m.	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
St. Mary, Mother of God GV	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Assisi	No Mass	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**AROUND US**

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2022:** *We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

**Liturgical Calendar:** The month of **January** is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**. The first nine days of **January** fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas**, which is represented by the liturgical color white – the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence. The remaining days of **January** are the beginning of the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope.

**Women's and Men's Conferences 2022:** The **Women's Conference** will be on **Saturday, February 19,** and the **Men's Conference** on the following **Saturday, February 26, 2022,** both at the **Ohio Expo Center**. The invitations for confessions will be mailed.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB: Friday, February 4, 2022.** The 2022 Catholic Man of the Year will be honored at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, February 4, 2022. Please join us Friday, February 4 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch where we will honor the 2022 Catholic Man of the Year. As yet, there is no sponsor for the February luncheon. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, please contact Jim Gernetzke at [jimgernetzke@noslumine.com](mailto:jimgernetzke@noslumine.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the celebration of the 2022 Catholic Man of the Year. Free parking available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc). Our next luncheon is March 4, 2022, where Father Stash Dailey will return and present his series for the next four luncheons entitled "REBUILDING A CHRISTIAN CULTURE." Fr. Dailey will represent part one of the series "St Joseph: Model of Penance and Discipline" at the March 4, 2022 luncheon.

**Walking with Moms in Need Update:** When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus (Jn 14:6). With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may all our parishes work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need of spiritual, emotional, material, and/or financial support. Send your parish champion's contact information to Erin Cordle at [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org).

#### UNVEILED NEWARK, OH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

**Unveiled: Discovering the Great Mystery in Your Marriage Now offered in-person AND virtually via livestream!** Discover how the great mystery of Christ's love can restore passion, purpose and intimacy in your marriage. In *Unveiled*, a retreat led by the John Paul II Healing Center, you'll engage topics grounded in Church teaching, such as:

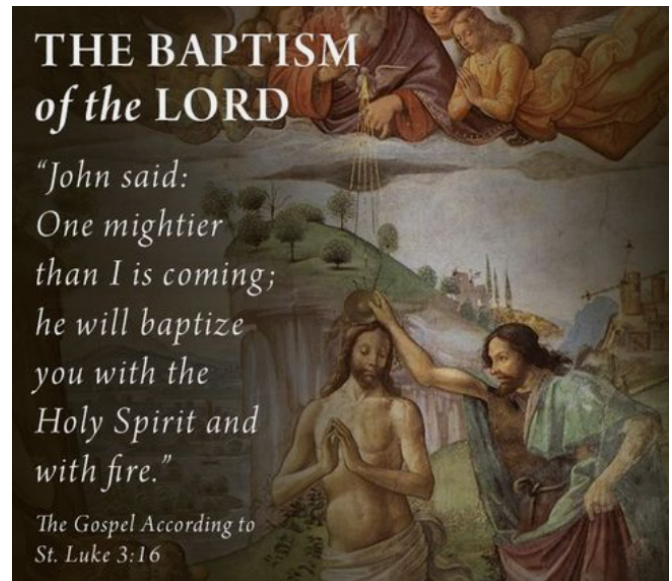
- Discovering True Love
- A Whole New Look at Your Wedding Day
- Cultivating Intimacy and Unity in Your Marriage
- Understanding Your Marital Conflict
- Healing and Reconciliation in Your Marriage
- Restoring Sexual Passion and Intimacy in Your Marriage

This retreat is open to singles discerning marriage, dating and engaged couples, and couples who have been married for many years! **St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church is hosting this Unveiled retreat February 3-5, 2022.** Learn more and register for this amazing experience at: [www.jpilhealingcenter.org](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org). Scholarships available. Email [UnveiledNewarkOH@gmail.com](mailto:UnveiledNewarkOH@gmail.com) for more information. **This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office and St. Gabriel Radio.**

**Respect for Life Mass:** The annual diocesan respect life Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron of the Diocese, Monday, January 24, 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Cathedral. The Greater Columbus Right to Life annual Roe remembrance will be held at the Ohio Statehouse at noon following the Mass.

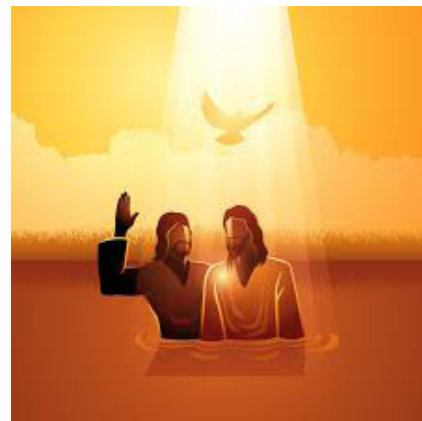
**January is Poverty Awareness Month:** During January, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic Community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! In addition to the calendar, longer daily reflections are also available. All of these resources are also en Español. You can sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during **Poverty Awareness Month!** Please go to <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/poverty-awareness-month> for links to all available resources.

**Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord:** Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This ends the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation, or epiphany, which occurred on His Baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.



**"If the darkness of the night overwhelms you, if the hurt you carry inside cries out, 'You are not worthy.' God responds and tells you, 'I love you just as you are. I became little for YOU. Trust me and open your hearts to me.'"**

**~ Pope Francis @Pontifex**



**After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."**

**Luke 3:21-23**

#### 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, God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Sunday, Jan 09, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## Monday, Jan 10, 2022

### Give every child a chance

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children—live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at [nationalchristchild.org](http://nationalchristchild.org).

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

## Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022

### Pray the way to a more perfect union

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally "being on the same page," able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. "Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity," notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught."

## Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022

### Here I am, Lord

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his "Jesus, the very thought of thee" hymn: ". . . how kind thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who

find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show;/ The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307).

"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

## Thursday, Jan 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, "Hammer of the Arians," has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can "defend" the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.'"

## Friday, Jan 14, 2022

### I feel your pain

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: "To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's *faith*; its *importance* in their decision-making; their connection to a *community* of like-minded believers; and the recommended *action* related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309).

"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'?"

## Saturday, Jan 15, 2022

### The stone rejected

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. "It can no longer simply be said," writes the pope, "that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin." Non-traditional families need to be offered "understanding, comfort, and acceptance." We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, "stones to throw at a person's life." Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310).

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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