

Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019

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The Fire and Water of Baptism

There are three parts of the process of Baptism I'd like to highlight. See if this is how you experience your baptism.

First: It's a lifestyle change. Understand that for us, to be baptized as a Christian means to undergo a lifestyle change in the depths of our body, mind, and spirit. We actually take on the new life of Christ—as St. Paul says, "No longer just me acting, but Christ in me." If that isn't a dramatic lifestyle change, I don't know what is! Once our life becomes "Christ in me," we look at the world through the loving and compassionate eyes of Jesus. We try to imitate his actions, and spread his love far and wide.

Second: It's a lifeTIME change. When we were baptized, we entered into a stream of life that's got a history to it. It's the sacred tradition of all those women and men through the ages, who have tried to be faithful to following God through Jesus Christ. Baptism means we're claiming our part in that history, like saying "I do" in the wedding ceremony. And we carry the tradition with us: when we die, we leave behind either a continued stream of goodness and love, or a legacy of missing links and wasted opportunities.

Third and finally: It's a Genetic Change! Yes, we actually get a whole new DNA, because baptism bonds us to a new Body—the Body of Christ. Think of it—baptism means never having to be alone. Every creature has already been loved into existence by God. Christian baptism indelibly links us to each other in a way that allows us to act as one body in Christ. So we reach out to bring Christ's love to the world—to every suffering creature. But being linked means we stand arm in arm, or maybe heart to heart, with others who have made this choice.

Parish Schedule

Jan 14 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Bruce Daffe †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:30AM-1PM Confessions 10 AM & 7 PM WALKING WITH PURPOSE 1 PM Senior Socials 7 PM PFG Meeting
Jan 15 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Fr. Jim Fagan †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1 PM St. Theresa's Circle Meeting 7 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7 PM Parish Prayer Group
Jan 16 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Dan Gibbons †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 9 AM CCS Auction Craft Planning Mtg 10 AM Legion of Mary Meeting 6:30 PM PREP & RCIA
Jan 17 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Buboy Rivera</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10 AM WALKING WITH PURPOSE 10:30 AM Mass @ Brookside Lodge
Jan 18 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Leonie Faucher †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 2-3:00 PM HOLY HOUR
Jan 19 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Bep & Nick Van Leeuwen</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Otto, Darryl & Ashley †</i>	8:45 AM MEN'S FAITH STUDY 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions 10 AM PREP Catch up Reconciliation 4:00 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Youth Night—Toonie Movie Night
Jan 20 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Aurora Garcia †</i> 4:00 PM Spanish Mass	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 9 AM—1PM K of C Pancake Breakfast 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 5:30 PM Hispanic Community Fellowship 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Cory Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Catharina Noble, Vera McAleese, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Filippina Signorelli, Mary Kennedy, Rosa Santos, Buena Lipat Carandang, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Peter & Carolyn Goertzen, all sick & shut in of our parish & all in need of our prayers. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Stewardship Reflection

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'"
(Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) Please pray for all the PREP students that had their 1st Reconciliation. A reminder that there is a 1st Communion meeting for parents on Feb 6 @ 6:30 pm and a Confirmation Retreat for students on Feb 8. Please read your PREP emails. Thank you, Karla.



Come and join us this Sat, Jan 12 after 4:30pm Mass for a Toonie Movie Night. Food and fun provided! We are still searching for committed Catholic adults (18+) to help grow our ministry. We are looking for people with enthusiasm, a commitment to serve others & dedication. Email pbyouth@telus.net if you or anyone you know are interested.

PRECIOUS BLOOD YOUNG ADULTS group is a parish-based community of 18 to 30 year olds who seek to draw closer to Christ and his church through prayer, friendship, discussion, study and service. Email preciousbloodyoungadults@gmail.com for more info on events and to participate.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Our topic this week is Eschatology: The study of end things—Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell. Join us in the Cenacle Room Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 to 7:45pm. All welcome to sit in.

TUESDAY NIGHT PARISH PRAYER GROUP will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 15 in the Columbus Room. For more information about this group, please contact Fr. Paul Chu or email him at pchu@rcav.org.

MEN'S FAITH STUDY We have resumed meeting on Saturday mornings, 7:45 –8:45 am in the Parish Centre. Email Darren Friesen @ darrenxfriesen@gmail.com for more information or to participate..



K of C GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER This week's balance for the benefit of the Building fund is at \$4,900.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 13 after 9 & 11 am Masses. Come meet your brothers and sisters in the Parish and fellowship with one another. Breakfast is by donation. Proceeds will go towards Julianna Squires, a parishioner and missionary for NET Ministries.



ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for our meeting on Tuesday, Jan 15 @ 1 PM. Find out what we are about and what we do.

2019 DONATION BOXES AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

Please pick up your donation boxes for next year's offerings. Please let Rosana in the Parish Office know if you can not find your box.



Read the Bible in One Year

Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.

WEEK 48

SUN	Ezekiel 25-26; Sirach 32:1-13; 1 John 5
MON	Ezekiel 27-28; Sirach 32:14-24; 2 John 1
TUE	Ezekiel 29-30; Sirach 33:1-15; 3 John 1
WED	Ezekiel 31-32; Sirach 33:16-33; Revelation 1
THU	Ezekiel 33-34; Sirach 34:1-13; Revelation 2
FRI	Ezekiel 35-37; Sirach 34:14-26; Revelation 3
SAT	Ezekiel 38-39; Sirach 35; Revelation 4



HOLY HOUR & FIRST FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

on **January 18 at 2-3 PM.** Spend an hour of your time in the loving Presence of our Lord so as to receive the graces which flow from the Eucharistic Jesus.

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament."

St. John Vianney

AROUND THE PARISH

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on January 15 at 7 PM. Let Father Paul know if you have any topics you would like the council to discuss.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR NEEDED Our Parish is in need of a coordinator for the Vacation Bible School Program. This is a 5-day, 9-12 interactive program for children 4-11 years old that runs during the summer. For more information or if interested to volunteer, please call the Parish Office.

VESTIBULE EXPANSION Please continue to pray and support this endeavour. Thank you to everyone who supported our 2018 Project Advance campaign and donated to the Building Fund. We will continue to raise funds for this project with donations to the Building Fund or to the 2019 Project Advance as well as our Knights of Columbus' Gift Card program. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. God bless.

TAX RECEIPTS will be prepared soon and will be available for pick up by January 28 at the Parish Centre. If you have had a change of address in 2018, please make sure that you have updated the Parish office with your new address.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations to the Christmas Hamper program and all your support throughout the year! We served 34 families this Christmas. God bless you all! We are also looking for new Vincentians to join our team. If interested, please let Rosana or Lucia in the Parish Office know.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

HOLY CROSS OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, Jan 31. Prospective families are invited to see what makes Holy Cross Regional Secondary School unique. Listen to the Band, conduct experiments in the Science Lab, learn about different athletic opportunities, and so much more. Applications for the 2019/20 school year will be available at this event.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Jan. 18-25; theme for the year is "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Dt. 16:18-20) and was prepared in churches in Indonesia. Join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song and witness to unity as followers of Christ. For a schedule of services and more info visit www.rcav.org/christian-unity.

VACATION LIVE-IN FOR BOYS On the weekend of Feb 8-10, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

MASS OF ANOINTING FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 Slocan Street, Vancouver on Monday, Feb 11 @ 11 am. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered. All the sick and caregivers are invited to attend. Refreshments will be offered in the school gym. Plenty of parking is available. Call 604-524-3427 for more info.

ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY is accepting applications for 2019-20. Deadline for submission is Feb 15. To apply, please visit the website www.sjp2academy.com or contact the school : T- 604-560-8210 or Email: mdeslauriers@sjp2academy.com.

HOW TO SURVIVE IN MARRIAGE WHILE RAISING CHILDREN Join other parents in our Archdiocese to discuss some of the challenges parents have in keeping marriages strong and healthy. Registered Psychologist Denis Boyd, M.A. will lead this discussion at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall, 1345 @. 73rd Ave., Vancouver on Feb. 20 @ 7-8:30 pm. Email Sara Ho (sara_hyho@yahoo.ca) for more information.

PRO-LIFE VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER/DANCE St. Matthew's Pro-Life Ministry hosts this dinner/dance and silent auction on Sat, Feb 23. Tickets are \$35/person. Contact Genevieve @ 778-956-7348.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7546
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	Natural Family Planning Services: Billings Method: David/Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancover.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org