

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



### THIS WEEKEND

**SATURDAY JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**  
4 pm + Anthony & + Angela

**SUNDAY JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>**  
9 am \*\* Speedy Recovery of Bob Bushell  
11 am + John Dziuran

### 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



Today's feast day invites us to respond to the calling of our baptism. God delights in us. We are one with the risen Christ and his Spirit is upon us.

In union with Christ we are called to act with compassion, justice and integrity in order to reveal God's kingdom to the 'nations'. (**First Reading**)

Fittingly, the **Psalm** for today's feast overflows with the imagery of water. The Holy Spirit breathed her wisdom across

*the primordial waters in the creation story.*

*In the **Second Reading**, Peter proclaims Jesus Christ (the 'Anointed One') as Lord of all.*

*Then in the **Gospel**, the Spirit descends upon Jesus when John baptises him in the River Jordan. This is another new beginning blessed by the Spirit. Jesus is anointed by God and begins his ministry to live out the good news that was proclaimed by Isaiah.*

*For we who call ourselves Christian, we are united with Christ through our baptism, we share in his priesthood and are tasked with transforming the world through living out his Gospel values of love, compassion and justice.*

*Let us pray that throughout the whole Church, there will be a spirit of renewal, enlivened and enriched by the gifts of the Spirit*

### ARCHDIOCESE

#### A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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.

### PARISH COMMUNITY

#### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2026

Donation envelopes are available at the church entrances. For a tax receipt, please include your name and full address.

If each of us gives what we can, our combined efforts will ensure our church remains a beacon of Spiritual care and hospitality, now and for future generations.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

### LADIES OF THE PARISH

Next meeting is Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> @1:00 pm in the hall. All ladies are welcome.

### LADIES SOCIAL PAINT NIGHT

The Ladies are having another fun paint night ~ we hope to see you out on **Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm** (weather permitting) in the parish hall. All Ladies of the parish are invited. No experience required and a \$5.00 donation is requested for supplies. If you would like to attend,

please register & **RSVP** to our hostess Diane Cooper@ [JosiesJoys@gmail.com](mailto:JosiesJoys@gmail.com).

Limited seating so please reserve your spot early.

### STAY INFORMED

Would you like to receive the parish weekly bulletin electronically? Sign up to have it sent to your email inbox every Thursday. Send an email to the parish office at; [st.joseph.church@rogers.com](mailto:st.joseph.church@rogers.com) with "subscribe" in the subject line.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

\*\* living or + deceased.

January	Time	Mass for
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	** Bob Fowler
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	** Margarida Melo
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	** Faith Alexander
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 am	** Maier Family
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	** People's Intention
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	** P. & P. Robinson
	11:00 am	+ Cullen Family Souls

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Blahy, Bob Fowler, Barry Giblin, Rhonda Grant, Jan Holland, Albert Pacelli, Mary Porter, Erika Rihel and all those living in our local nursing homes, manors, and especially for all the sick of the parish.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Parish Promissory Note (For the new hall)	\$ 359,000.00
E Transfers (2)	\$ 550.00
New Year's Day	\$ 215.00
Weekend Collection	1,189.00

**Thank You to all who are donating ~ through the parish, online & electronically.**