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The Baptism of the Lord

January 10th, 2021



Juan Fernández Navarrete - Baptism of Christ

Our mission at St. Francis de Sales is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing of peace without being judged. If discouraged, you will rejoice in hope. If alone, you will find companionship and Christian love. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

**Please see Bulletin
 Insert for current
 Covid-19 Schedules**

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St. Francis de Sales Parish

"Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry."

"Jesus did not need to be baptized but, "by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. "

"... the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany.... His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world."

Source of Quotes: <https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2019/01/12/the-baptism-of-the-lord/>



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

8 December 2020 – 8 December 2021

Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint Joseph, illustrious Descendant of David, Husband of the Mother of God, Foster-father of the Son of God, in dream you received from the Almighty the task of taking Mary as your wife and Jesus as your son, conceived from the Holy Spirit, and of caring for them in the difficult beginnings of the New Covenant.

Intercede for us so that your example may remind us to care for the presence of Jesus and Mary in our lives, in the trials of today's world. (Excerpt from Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, CCCB Publications)



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 11 JANUARY

+ EUGENIO & BIENVENIDA
+ DANIEL SUTON

TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY

S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR STANISLAUS
GNANASEKARAN
+ BARBARA BODINGTON

WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY

KWOK SUI CHAO

THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY

AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, 15 JANUARY

S.I. AGATA MALICKA

SATURDAY, 16 JANUARY

+ VENIA FERNANDES
+ WINSTON MITCHELL
+ CONSTANCE & GRACE VAZ

SUNDAY, 17 JANUARY

+ FRANCESCO MORELLO
FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

DAILY INTENTIONS

The Cardinal has granted dispensation to the lay faithful for missing Mass on Sunday. In lieu of receiving an Eucharistic Communion, the lay faithful can pray for a Spiritual Communion.

Please note that each day, when a private Mass is offered by Fr. Joe and Fr. David, the above intentions are mentioned at the celebration of the Eucharist.

If you would like to book a Mass Intention please email the parish office at denise.ford@archtoronto.org. Please include the full name for the Mass intention, and include your name and phone number.

ONLINE MASSES

Mass is being celebrated and is available for live stream from St. Michael's Cathedral. It can be viewed online at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmikescathto. If you cannot watch it live, you can view it later in the day at www.youtube.com/archtoronto



Please remember to pick up your box of 2021 offertory envelopes. If you require a box, please contact the parish office. **PLEASE DISCARD ALL OLD ENVELOPES.**

COMMUNION SERVICES & PRIVATE PRAYER AT THE PARISH

St. Francis de Sales parish will be open for **private prayer from Monday to Thursday from 11am to 1pm**. We are only allowed to have **10 individuals at a time including clergy and staff/ volunteers in the Church**. Please be mindful of the time you give to private prayer in the parish as there are other people who would like the opportunity to do the same.

Starting **9 January**, we will be having Communion Services. Only 8 people are allowed to attend each 10 minute Communion Service. Please note this is not the celebration of Mass. To attend this Communion Service, you will have to register on Eventbrite. To access Eventbrite, please visit our website at www.stfrancisdesales.ca This Communion Service is limited only to Saturday evening and Sunday at specific times. This does not extend to the other days of the week. For the times of the Communion Service, please see Eventbrite. If you are late for your Communion Service the entrance door to the parish will be locked and you will have to register for another date and time. Out of love for neighbour, we encourage you to register not more than once every two weeks to allow other parishioners to attend.

The entrance to the Church has changed once again. You will now be required to enter through the front door.

The Sacrament of Confession will be offered on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm in the North and/or South Rooms.

These times for Communion Service and Private Prayer are subject to change based on restrictions in Ontario and by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please keep checking our parish website for continual updates.

MOTHER'S GROUP

St. Francis De Sales Catholic Mother's Group: Grab a cup of coffee and find your favourite place to relax and join in on the next SFDS mother's group meeting happening online! We will meet on Wednesday, January 13th @ 8PM. Come and join in for time of prayer and reflection this new year, as we have the opportunity to chat about different topics that affect Catholics moms trying to raise children in the Catholic faith. For the meeting log in details to join in, please feel free to contact lisa@catholicmomsgroup.com or a_ferns8@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US ON INSTAGRAM @sfdasjax FOLLOW OUR YOUTH MINISTRY INSTAGRAM @sfdsyouth



QUESTION AND ANSWER

On 10 January we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. If Jesus was sinless, why did He need to be baptized by John the Baptist?

Jesus did not need to be baptized by John the Baptist; He had no sins to repent of. Jesus was giving his divine "stamp of approval" to John's program of repentance. The baptism which John was offering was not Christian baptism but a pre-figuration of Christian baptism. John's baptism only offered repentance while the baptism of the Church offers the forgiveness and the divine life of God.

The River Jordan was an important place for Jesus to begin his public ministry. In the Old Testament, Elijah was taken up into heaven on a fiery chariot from the River Jordan. Before going up into heaven, Elijah gave his successor, Elisha, a double portion of his spirit. The River Jordan, then, was a launching pad for Elisha's ministry (2Kings2). Elisha miraculously cleansed a leper, raised a child from the dead and multiplied barley loaves to feed a crowd.

John the Baptist stood at the River Jordan dressed in camel's hair and a leather girdle -the identical clothing of Elijah. When John baptises Jesus, Our Lord would go on to do even greater works than John the Baptist. Like Elisha, Jesus also cleansed lepers, raised a child from the dead and multiplied barley loaves to feed the multitudes.

At the River Jordan, Elijah transferred his ministry to his successor, Elisha and it was also there that the new Elijah, John the Baptist, passed the baton to Jesus who then began his public ministry as the new Elisha. While Elisha had to ask God for a double portion of Elijah's spirit to perform these miracles, Jesus, because He is God, was able to perform these miracles under His own power.

Although Jesus was privately anointed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary, Our saviour was publicly anointed at the River Jordan in the presence of the people. This anointing of the Spirit confirmed Jesus as the King Messiah of Israel. The Father's voice mimics Isaiah 42:1 *"Behold my servant...in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him."* This anointing of Jesus also confirmed Him as the Suffering Servant as Isaiah foretold who would take upon Himself the sins of the world.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2020

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$42,759
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$11,964
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$2,929
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,359,578

ONLINE DONATIONS

Dear parishioners,

If you are not able to attend, but still wish to donate, here are the ways in which you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- Mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish or drop off to the parish locked mailbox by the office door, or drop off in the donations box at Mass.
- Online donations can be made at www.archtoronto.org. Simply click on the donate now icon, select St. Francis de Sales parish from the drop down menu and the fund you wish to donate to. This can be done as a onetime donation or as an ongoing monthly donation. It will give you a place to choose that option.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving. You can obtain a form from the parish website. Mail the completed form and a voided cheque to the parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.



Happy New Year everyone! I pray you all had a safe and joyous celebration and winter break.

Edge will be starting on **Friday, Jan 15** and **Life Teen** will begin on **Jan 23**

We are wrapping up the first semester, and in order to get an Edge t-shirt, **you must register for both semesters and pay a total of \$30.**

To register, please visit

sfdyouth.wixsite.com/sfdyouth. For questions or concerns regarding Youth at the parish, please contact Noah Aquino.

We hope you can join us!

Visit our website: www.stfrancisdesales.ca

ST. AUGUSTINE'S LAY SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM PRESENTS...



PRESENTER:

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23
2021

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