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The Baptism of the Lord

January 9th, 2022



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

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am | 12:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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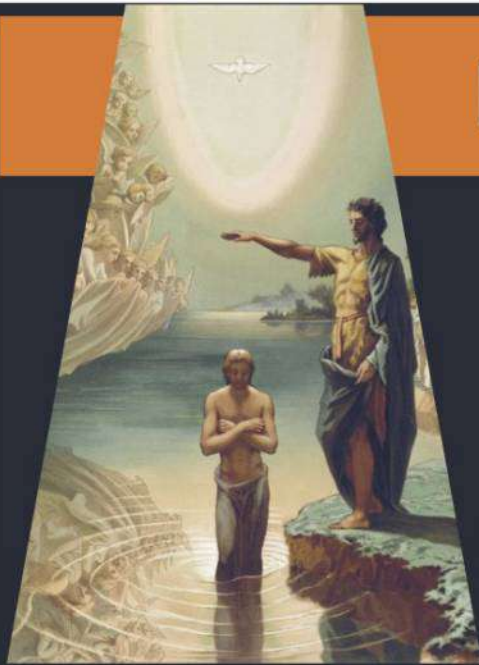
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Baptism of the Lord



*You are
my Son,
the Beloved;
with you
I am well
pleased.*

Luke 3:22

At his
Baptism,
Jesus is called
the Beloved.

In our lives,
we are also
called the
beloved of
God.

We too are at our best when we remember
that we also are beloved, and act accordingly.

Source of excerpted quotes: "Word Made Flesh Daily Reflections for Advent 2021" (Les Miller)



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 10 JANUARY

9:00 AM + MURRAY ADDERLEY
+ FRED ANDREWS

TUESDAY, 11 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
S.I. MICHAEL BROWN
+ ROMULO Y. UMALE

WEDNESDAY, 12 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR STANISLAUS
GNANASEKARAM
S.I. LUKE RON PASAJOL
+ BARBARA BODINGTON

THURSDAY, 13 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
+ MARGARITA BARRERA BALABAGNO

FRIDAY, 14 JANUARY

7:00 PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY, 15 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. ANGELA ZEPHYRINE
+ BEN & CATHERINE YOUNG

5:00 PM + ROGER FISCHER
+ LINA TEDESCO
+ HILTON JAMES & LINDA LONDON
+ CLARENCE ROGERS

SUNDAY, 16 JANUARY

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
9:45AM S.I. DAVID & KIM KOTES AND FAMILY
S.I. HARDWICK & COLLEEN NOBLE
S.I. TEMI TALABI
11:00 AM S.I. SAM & RITA JATOE
+ KAY CHIN
+ DAPHNE CHUNG
12:15 PM S.I. JENNIFER DELARAMA
+ SOCORRO ANGELES

VOCATIONS

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased". Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca



Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them



MASS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Weekday Masses are 9:00 a.m. These days will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Our Sunday Mass Schedule is:

Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am; 9:45am; 11:00am; 12:15pm. This will be on a first come first serve basis.

You are required under the Durham Region By-law and Cardinal Collins to wear a facemask inside the church building. **If you are ill, we ask that you stay home.**

Please arrive early, as there will be designated pews for you and/or families to be seated by an Usher. As you leave, there will be an offertory donation box by the Baptismal Font into which you may place your donations.

Confessions will be held on Fridays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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.

SVDP BUNDLE SUNDAY



Mark your calendar - Our next **Bundle Sunday** is on the weekend of **Jan. 15-16, 2022.**

Visit our NEW website:

www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why does Jesus need to be baptized by John the Baptist? If John's baptism was for repentance for sin, and Jesus was sinless, why'd he do it?

Although Jesus is sinless (Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22), he does this to initiate Christian baptism. Jesus' holy presence in the water sanctifies it and gives it the ability to wash away sin. Rather than being cleansed himself by the waters, Jesus gives the waters the power to cleanse.

Is John's baptism, then, different from Christian baptism?

John's baptism was a visible token of turning from sin and preparing for the Messiah. It was not like sacramental Baptism, which confers forgiveness and imparts God's very life to the soul.

I've heard that this event manifests the Trinity. How so?

At Jesus' baptism, the Father speaks ("This is my beloved Son..."), the Son is baptized, and the Holy Spirit descends as a dove. Interestingly, St. Mark's gospel tells us that the heavens are "torn open" when the Spirit descends on Christ (Mk. 1:10). The Greek word translated as "torn open" is *schidzo*. The Jewish people used to implore to come down and show His face. In the heavens being torn apart (*schidzo*), God is saying to His people, here is my presence in Jesus.

What's the big deal about this word?

We get the word "schism" from *schidzo*. It literally means "to tear asunder". The only other time it is used in St. Mark's gospel, it describes the curtain of the "Holy of Holies" in the Jerusalem temple being torn (*schidzo*) from top to bottom when Jesus dies. The Holy of Holies is where the Spirit of God dwelt in the temple.

So, what's the connection?

St. Mark is connecting Jesus' baptism with his death. He did not need to be baptized - nor did he have to die, for he was sinless. But he willingly chose to enter into both baptism and death - in fact, his baptism was the beginning of his journey to death. When we are baptized into Jesus' baptism, we are forgiven of our sins, and freed from eternal death. And as Saint Paul writes in Romans 6:4, our baptism also fills us with the power of Jesus' resurrected life: "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."



FIRST COMMUNION

Happy New Year! We pray all of our families are well. With the new provincial restrictions, we are presently in discussions about how we can safely still prepare the children for their sacraments. We are hopeful that the children will still be able to receive their First Reconciliation on February 26th. We are looking into using the home based First Reconciliation program that we have used over the last couple of years of this pandemic. This program would be for the children attending our 6 Parish schools and all other groups. We will send out an email shortly with an update and possible book pick up dates. We pray that we will still be able to have some in person preparations once the children return to in person learning. We pray that all of our sacramental families are happy, healthy and safe.

CONFIRMATION

We would like to wish all of our Confirmation families a happy and healthy New Year! Confirmation preparation classes will begin this weekend, January 9/10. If you have not yet picked up your book, please email Noah immediately. **A kind reminder that classes will be virtual and the link has been sent out.** If you are healthy and able, please continue to attend Mass in person every weekend. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Noah.



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every **Friday from 6 to 7pm**. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?



Happy New Year everyone! I pray you all had a safe and joyous celebration and winter break. **Edge** will be starting on **Friday, Jan 14** and **Life Teen** will begin on **Jan 22**. Both Edge and Life Teen are now **virtual** until further notice. A link was emailed out to registered families. **To register**, please visit sfdsyouth.wixsite.com/sfdsyouth. For questions or concerns regarding Youth at the parish, please contact Noah Aquino. We hope you can join us!

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