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### *The Baptism of the Lord*

January 12th, 2025



Gospel Images

*After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

Matthew 3:16-17

**Our mission :** We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. 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 | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

#### HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
 or by appointment

#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"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/2015/01/12/the-baptism-of-the-lord/>



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## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 13 JANUARY**

9:00 AM + ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY  
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALLES  
FAMILY  
+ GUIDO CARFAGNINI

**TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY**

9:00 AM + DOMENICO MAIORAMO  
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY  
+ JENNIE DODSON

**WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY**

9:00 AM S.I. FR JAMES BUSSANICH  
S.I. FR ISAAC THAYARIL

**THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY**

9:00 AM + ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY  
+ WILLIAM JOHN THOMSON

**FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY**

7:00 PM + ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

**SATURDAY, 18 JANUARY**

9:00 AM + SIMON D'CRUZ  
+ RICHARD PEDROZO  
5:00 PM S.I. SHARON QUINTAL  
+ PETER FERNANDES & EMMANUEL  
QUINTAL  
+ WINSTON MITCHELL

**SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY**

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
10:15 AM S.I. JAIME FERNANDES  
+ MILDRED CARANDANGCUSI  
+ ROSA & JOAO MOURA  
12:00 PM + ANGELITA VERA-CRUZ  
+ RODOLFO JAVIER JR.  
+ JOE WOODLEY  
7:00 PM S.I. FR DEREK ALI

### 2025 THE JUBILEE YEAR

Archbishop Francis Leo has chosen St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. In honour of St. Gregory's being chosen Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here to celebrate Mass on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. For those who would like to come early to have their Confession heard, Confessions will be at 5:30pm.



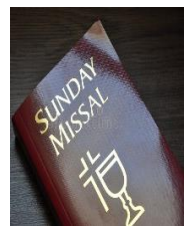
Our Seniors' Mass and Lunch will be held on **Wednesday January 22**. We will begin with **Mass at 11:30 a.m.** followed by the luncheon. This event is open to all seniors of the parish. Please join us for some faith and fellowship. **If you are planning to attend, please contact: Mary Ellen Stinson at 905-666-3752 or by email at [mellen.stinson@gmail.com](mailto:mellen.stinson@gmail.com)**



The CWL will have a General Meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All ladies of the parish interested in joining or learning more about this ministry are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

We're so glad so many of you have picked up a Missal for this year! Unfortunately, we are not able to use old missals from previous years so you are invited to simply recycle them at home. May the new missal for the year help you enter ever deeper into the Mysteries of our Faith!



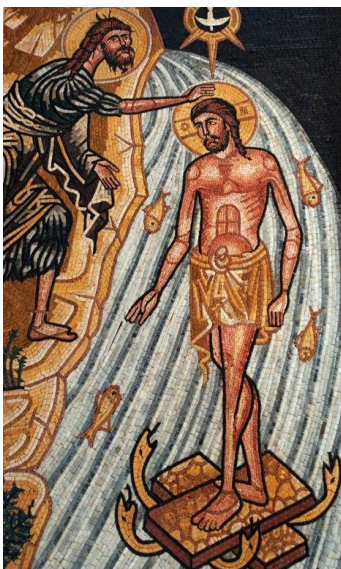
### VOCATIONS



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. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

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Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2024**

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$67,558
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$17,085
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$5,263
SHARE LIFE	\$99,000	\$91,508
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$1,565,876



**Jubilee 2025**

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

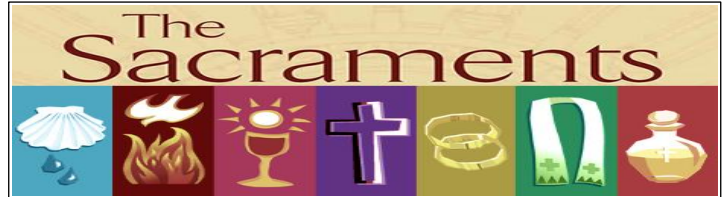
Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will share eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



The youth will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts as a fundraiser to support the youth going to camp. A box of a dozen original glaze donuts is \$15. **Pre-orders alongside payment will only be available after Mass the weekend of January 25/26.** We can only accept cash or cheque as a form of payment at this time. If you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino at [youth.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:youth.sfds@gmail.com). We thank you all so much for your continued support and prayers of the youth. Life Teen youth group for students in High School returns on Saturday, Jan 18 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. For students currently in Gr's 6-8, Edge will return on Friday, January 24 from 7:30pm - 9pm.



**FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION**

Happy New Year! It has been so nice to see all of the children preparing for their sacraments at Mass throughout the Christmas Season. The children will continue to prepare for their 2 very special sacraments in January. Please see below for the class start dates and please review the sacramental schedule on the back of your child's passport for their upcoming First Reconciliation date and 2nd passport review.

First Reconciliation/Communion Preparation classes at our 6 Parish schools:

These classes will begin the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please note that Mrs. Selda will be preparing all of the grade 2 children in our 6 Parish schools in class.

RCIC Classes at the Parish:

Classes will resume on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Parish, for all of the children attending Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools and for the children in grades 3-6.

God Bless, Mrs. Selda

**CONFIRMATION**

To all of our students in the parish, welcome back to school! I hope you all had a very Happy New Year and I wish you all again a blessed, safe, and healthy New Year!

**Our Confirmation classes will begin this week Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> or Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep note of the class day which your child has been assigned.** If you did not pick up your confirmation book, your child will receive it on the first day of class. These books are yours to keep. **Remember to bring your own pencil or pen as we unfortunately don't have a sufficient supply to provide our confirmandi.**

Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, **please DO NOT use the accessible parking** unless you are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation.

We look forward to learning and growing in our faith together as we journey to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in May.

God Bless, Noah Aquino



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