

BULLETIN: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10TH, 2021

DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9th

- 4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Joe Staab
7:00 p.m. Mass: Neo. Way: Suff. Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 10th (Baptism of the Lord)

- 8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: + Nick Fahey
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of OLP
1:00 p.m. Take Down Christmas Decorations

Monday January 11th

- 8:30 a.m. Mass: President Donald Trump
6:30 p.m. Sophia Institute: Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th

- 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Mary Lukassen

Wednesday, January 13th

OFFICE CLOSED: ALL DAY

Thursday, January 14th

- 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, January 15th

- 7:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 16th

- 4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Nick Fahey
7:00 p.m. Mass: Neocatechu. Way: People of OLP

Sunday, January 17th

- 8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: + Del Hemphill
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: + Rodolfo Diaz De Leon

OFFERTORY

December 24th - 27th, 2020

\$5,725.50

January 3rd, 2021

\$7,842.12

2nd Collection: Retired Religious Fund

\$2,780

Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer:

*Terence Sewald, David Prieur, Bob Yoder, Kaylee Remmich,
Joe Kranz, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Eddy Messer,
Deborah Messer, Erin Palmer, Scott Weaver, Luke Barden,
Foster Sauter, & Steve Wilmes*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

The Baptism of the Lord & Our Baptism

The solemnity we celebrate this Sunday brings us back to the event when Jesus was baptized by Saint John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan River. Without having any stain of sin to purify, he wanted to submit to this rite to show his obedience to God and the Law. When he became a man, he submitted to the laws that govern human life and those that governed the Israelite people. John, chosen by God to prepare for the coming of our Redeemer, zealously fulfilled his mission from God of preaching and stirring up a great movement of penance and repentance in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

With the baptism of Jesus, Christian Baptism was established, which was directly instituted by Jesus Christ. This became something universal for the church because on the day of his Ascension he said: "All authority has been given to me in Heaven and on earth, Go, (then), and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:13)

In Baptism we receive faith and grace. The day we were baptized was the most important day of our lives. It is in receiving supernatural gifts through our baptism that we actually have a hope of pleasing God. Human nature on its own cannot do the works of God or bear any fruit worthy of heaven, this can only happen if a person receives the help and grace of the Holy Spirit. (Rm 8: 6-10).

Christ gives us grace not for ourselves, to be "individual" Christians but to be part of his Mystical Body. From Baptism, the Christian is part of a people, and the Church is presented to him as the true family of the children of God. "God, however, does not make men holy and save them merely as individuals, without bond or link between one another. Rather has it pleased Him to bring men together as one people, which acknowledges Him in truth and serves Him in holiness." (Lumen Gentium [LG], 9). Baptism is the door through which one enters the Church (LG, 14).

Through baptism, "(Christians are) reborn as children of God (and) must confess before men the faith which they have received from God through the Church. The dove, the Holy Spirit is what Christ received before he began his ministry of preaching and bearing witness. This is what we have also received in Confirmation, the strength to be witnesses for God.

God bless you, Fr. John Green

PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ **2nd Collection for Retired Religious: Thanks for giving!**
“We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year,” says a Catholic sister. “Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters.” Thank you for donating to last week’s second collection.
- ❖ **Fr. John will be away during this week:** This is will be for a time of retreat that is normally attended during this time. There will be a communion service on Thursday & Friday.
- ❖ ****NEW** Child Care/Kid’s Ministry:** There will be childcare available this weekend during the 9:00 a.m. mass. The room to drop off your children will be the quiet room.
- ❖ **Food donations:** Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the black bins in the parish hall. The Knights of Columbus bring those donations to the Strasburg Food Bank throughout the year.

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **Meeting in the Rectory:** The monthly meeting will be this Sunday, January 10th, in the basement of the rectory at 10:10 a.m. Come Join Us!
- ❖ **Annual Sock Drive:** Socks will be collected in the next couple of months for the Emergency Room at University Hospital. Please bring NEW socks — for adults only.

YOUTH EVENTS & UPDATES

- ❖ **SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**
Classes resume: January 10, 2021.
- ❖ **NEXT RCIA & RCIC class:** *January 21st: 7:00 - 8:30 pm*
- ❖ **ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!!** (for K- 2nd grade)

THIS WEEK (Baptism): <https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1/season:1/videos/born-into-the-kingdom-the-miracle-of-baptism>

Next week: The Opus Joyous Show
The Catholic Voyagers



Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness.

Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed.

Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom His every word and every revelation exist.

He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world!

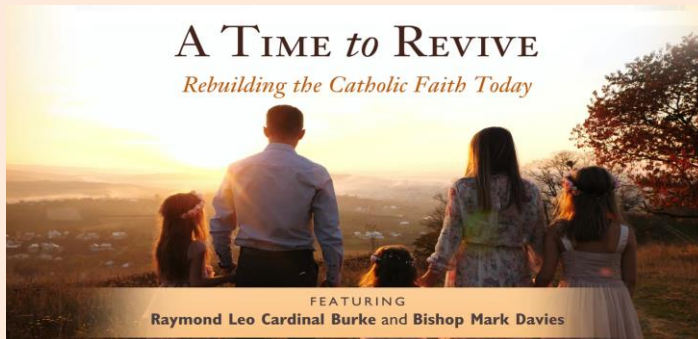
St Gregory Nazianzen (330-390) Father & Doctor of the Church

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Pick of the week:

<https://watch.formed.org/a-time-to-revive>

A TIME to REVIVE
Rebuilding the Catholic Faith Today



FEATURING
Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke and Bishop Mark Davies