

St. Joseph Parish

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022



*A voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*

Luke 3:22

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Indoor Vigil

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

By the East Church

Door parking lot





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

This weekend our Church concludes the celebration of the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord! We are given the opportunity to reflect on the call and mission of our own Baptism and the many baptismal moments that the Lord has given us to recommit ourselves to love and service in the name of Jesus Christ!

We are all aware how the omicron variant has become the dominant strain of the COVID-19 virus and how swiftly it is moving through our global community. Some of our parish and school families have been afflicted with Covid and please pray for them and all those who have tested positive that they may be restored to the fullness of health. Please remember to pray for all our healthcare workers on the front lines who are trying to help the sick. Once again, I would like to encourage you to get vaccinated and/or receive the booster shot to protect yourself, your family and the community. Please remember that if you are ill or have any symptoms of Covid, do not come to Mass. We continue to follow all of the sanitation and safety guidelines and protocols to protect you and your families.

Even as the pandemic continues to bring uncertainty, the Baptism of the Lord reminds us that this year should be filled with hope and promise. Here at Saint Joseph's we will seek to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect his care and mercy to those in need throughout our community.

We have been able to reach some of these goals during the past year with your extraordinary generosity. Through Electronic Giving and our Faith Direct program, your weekly offertory envelopes, online donations to various ministries, and pledge payments to Call to Renew and Together in Mission we have been able to sustain a vibrant parish community. I will be sending out a letter of gratitude to every family expressing my gratitude on behalf of the parish for your generous donations this past year. For those of you who made donations through Faith Direct, you will receive a 2021 tax letter directly from them this month. For those of you who gave a weekly offertory gift, the parish will provide you a tax letter by the end of this month. If you made a pledge payment for Together in Mission or Call to Renew, you should receive a tax letter directly from those organizations. Many of you already received a letter upon receipt of your pledge payment. If we can assist you in anyway, please call the parish office at 562-594-4657, ext. 2.

May the good fruits of your Baptism continue to be at work in your lives!

Baptism Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



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A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 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 that 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 at turning points 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.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today’s Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a “social influencer.” People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today’s Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist’s ultimate goal: “One mightier than I is coming.” The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the “beloved Son.” John the Baptist could be considered the “patron saint” of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn’t John’s teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people’s attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11
Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25,
27–28, 29–30
Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7
Luke 3:15–16, 21–22



Safeguard The Children



Check your child's backpack

As you and your children prepare for their return to school after Christmas break, make sure they are not carrying too much around in their backpacks. Backpacks that are too heavy can cause problems like neck or back pain, or poor posture. The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends that a child's backpack weigh no more than 5-10% of the child's body weight. Help your children by ensuring that they wear their backpacks correctly, with both straps over the shoulders, and that they are only carrying what they need. If you have concerns about the load your child is carrying, reach out to a teacher or school staff to discuss what should and should not be coming home every day. For more information, visit nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/backpack-safety-for-kids



Movement For A Better World

“True charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need.” Pope Francis

Home Furnishing Special Needs: Our Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution angels provided feedback of almost 100 basic home furnishing items in need by our supported families; refrigerator repairs, beds, tables, dressers, immanent loss of utility service, etc. We have begun to fulfill these needs as a parish. Are you able to help us in this urgent ministry? Please call Tim Clark to learn about the types of opportunities, (562) 431-4385.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark.

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of
the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of
this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing
and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



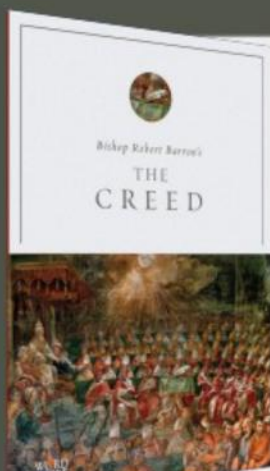
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Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program

THE CREED



Recent decades have witnessed a surge of the religiously unaffiliated, especially among young people. Many former believers have simply turned their backs on Christianity and no longer accept its teachings. But what are those teachings?

In *The Creed*, a new film series blending documentary conversations and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality, theology, and liturgy in both the East and West.

Explore the meaning of “belief” and whether it contradicts reason; the creative love of God the Father; the shocking mystery of his Son’s Incarnation, and the great drama of his Crucifixion and Resurrection; the life-giving power of the *Spiritus Sanctus*, or “holy breath,” shared between them; and the mystical reality of the Church, which calls all of humanity out of the world of sin to receive forgiveness and participate in Christ’s divinity—not only in the next world but here and now.

The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we pray at every Sunday Mass. Born at the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth Century after intense debates, this formal statement of faith is the foundation of both eastern and western Christianity. And to this day, most Christians around the world would subscribe to it.

Please join us as we explore the Creed with Bishop Robert Barron in a new study beginning Thursday, January 13 at 7:00pm. To register, please email mike@stjosephlb.org or text 562-370-0769 to reserve your materials. The cost for the study materials is \$15. Registration is open until Friday, January 7th so please reserve your seat and materials as soon as possible. Sessions will be held using Zoom and the details will be provided to those registered prior to starting.

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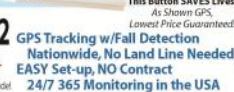
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