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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 09, 2022





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we commence the first period of Ordinary Time through the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Advent/Christmas season. During Christmas Time we celebrated Jesus as a member of the Holy Family, through his Baptism we hear Jesus proclaimed as the Son of God, The Son of the Father. Jesus inaugurated his public ministry by coming forward for baptism and we start our faith journey through baptism.

Most people have no recollection of their own Baptism as they were baptized as infants or young children, yet Baptism is something that effects the whole of our lives. We are called through Baptism to live out our Baptismal commitment and witness to it in the world. This is why we are called a Church of the Baptized - this was one of the great insights to emerge at the Second Vatican Council. Baptism is the first of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. The other two, Eucharist and Confirmation, are the completion of Baptism and are necessary for the Full Initiation of Catholic Christians. Requesting baptism for a child involves duties and responsibilities. This is why in the United States we ask parents and families to reflect on their decision to have their children baptized by participating in a Baptismal Preparation Program. Baptism is not just a Rite of Passage, it involves commitments regarding the Transmission of the Faith and Religious Practice.

This past week has been a very eventful week in the progression of disease during the pandemic. The primary Christian Value of respect for life should animate us in regard to this issue. Our faith calls us to respect one another through observation of preventative and precautionary health measures and also to strive to engage in respectful and constructive civic dialogue. We should continue to pray for one another and particularly pray for the gifts of wisdom, tolerance and mutual understanding for all who exercise leadership in the Church and in the world. We should reflect on the call of the Late Alex Trebek broadcast last year when he urged us "to be kind to one another".

"Over all these Clothes put on Love." Colossians 3 :14

Fr. Des.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS



While this prayer has always been attributed to St. Francis, the author is actually unknown. The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.

Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Amen.



The Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your
protection, implored your help
or sought your intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins,
my Mother. To you I come, before
you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Finance Council is providing a regular look at contributions.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021

Stewardship	\$ 34,725
Building Fund	\$ 2,191
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 1,935

Thank you for your generosity!



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<https://osvhub.com/st-francis-of-assisi-parish-1/funds>

WEEKLY READINGS

Sun:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Mon:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:1420
Tue:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:2128
Wed:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:2939
Thur:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:4045
Fri:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:112
Sat:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:1317
Sun:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



Christmas Eve Family Mass-4:00pm



Christmas Eve Mass-10:00pm



Christmas Eve: Lessons & Carols-9:00pm



Christmas-9:30am

All Masses available to view at <https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL MASSES:

Social Distancing will be observed. Masks are still required, as is hand sanitizing prior to receiving Communion. Limited seating! As contact tracing is no longer required, all the doors of the church will be open for entering and exiting the church.

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:15pm – Mass in the church
- Sunday at 7:30am – Mass in the church
- Sunday at 9:30am Mass in the church

The 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed as usual (<https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>).

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon, Weds and Fri at 12:10pm, in the church



A ST. FRANCIS HOMECOMING *Gala 2022*

Homecoming 2022

our 14th Annual St. Francis Parish Gala,
has been rescheduled for
Saturday, August 27, 2022
at Sacramento's Hilton Hotel Arden West.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our yearly celebration of community.

The Gala's auctions and raffle are among the parish's primary fundraisers of the year. If you have donations of new or gently used items please contact Clayton Whitehead. You can reach him at gala@stfrancisparish.com or (916) 208-6992.

Home is where the heart is, and St. Francis Parish is our HOME.
Watch for details in the months ahead.
We look forward to seeing you.

Gardening Ministry - Can You help?

WINTER Gardening Help NEEDED

On Saturdays at 7:00 am

If interested, just show up on any Saturday at 7:00am and meet with Felipe at the front of the church.

**IT IS OUTSIDE ONLY WORK, BUT
MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE
REQUIRED!**

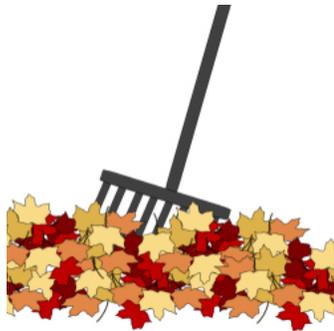


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THE POPE TWEETS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 2019

*Baptism is the best gift we
have received. Through it, we
belong to God and we
possess the joy
of salvation.*

Franciscus

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Jan. 10 (Mon) -
The First Week in Ordinary Time
Begins



Jan. 13 (Thurs) -
St. Hilary



Jan 15 (Sat) -
Blessed Virgin Mary

The Baptism of The Lord

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

January 8-9, 2022

Gathering:

River of Glory

Dan Schutte

Refrain
Ri - ver_ of glo - ry, springs_ of our birth, flood of God's rich-es poured on the earth.

— We are born from_ the dark - ness_ and clothed in the_ light!

— We are bathed in_ the glo - ry of God!_

Fountain of mercy, grace flowing free,
streams of salvation, spilling with love from a tree! **(Refrain)**

Here there is haven, healing and health,
joy for the asking, love in abundance of wealth! **(Refrain)**

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Gloria:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.*

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Psalm: Psalm 29 “The Lord Will Bless God’s People with Peace”

Michael Joncas

The Lord will bless God's peo - ple with peace.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Baptism of The Lord

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN+

Preparation of Gifts:

Wade in the Water

African American Spiritual, M.D. Ridge

Wade in the wa - ter, — wade in the wa - ter chil - dren now. —
Wade in the wa - ter, — God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. —

John was a preachin' by the shores of Jordan stream;
"Repent of your sins and let the water wash you clean." **(Refrain)**

Jesus came to be baptized by John; and when it was done
a voice from the heavens said: "This is my beloved Son." **(Refrain)**

My Favor Rests upon him", said a voice from above.
The crowd saw the Spirit in the form of a snow-white dove. **(Refrain)**

Come to the river where the living water rise:
if you want to follow Jesus, you must come and be baptized. **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Communion:

Behold the Lamb

Martin Willett

Those who were in the dark
are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die are grateful for God's gift,
thankful for God's love.

Refrain



Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; _____ and
all, all who dwell in God _____ shall come to know _____ his glo-ry. _____

Peaceful now, those whose hearts
are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word
and the love we share. **(Refrain)**

Gentle one, Child of God,
join with us at this table.
Bless our lives, nourish all who hunger for this feast;
shelter them with peace. **(Refrain)**

God of all, give us light.
Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow;
cradle us with love. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Joy to the World

Marty Haugen

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

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