

HOLY MASS

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Baptism of the Lord.

READINGS: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 Psalm: 104
Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7 Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Saturday, January 9 - 4:00 pm
Offered for: Lori Martin Lazore – 1st Anniversary (Dec.29)
From the funeral collection

Sunday, January 10 – 10:00 am
Offered for: Noah Ransom Sr. (Anniversary),
and Sarah Ransom (Memorial Birthday)
Requested by Noah Ransom Jr. & Family

Tuesday, January 12 – 6:00 pm
Offered for: Cecelia 'Smitty' Ransom – Memorial Birthday
From the funeral collection

Wednesday, January 13 – 12:10 pm
Offered for: Mike Smoke – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Thursday, January 14 – 9:30 am
Tsionkwanonsho:te Adult Care
Offered for: Darrell Caldwell – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

Friday, January 15 – 12:10 pm
Offered for: Larry Richard King – Memorial Mass
Requested by the Family

Saturday, January 16 - 4:00 pm
Offered for: Russell 'Hoss' Mitchell – 8th Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Sunday, January 17 – 10:00 am
Offered for: Antoine Delormier – Memorial Mass
From the funeral collection

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please welcome our newest Church community member: Steele Gray.
God's blessings to him and his family.

The next Baptism Seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016, beginning at 5:30 pm at the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center. Please complete an information form and provide a copy of Birth Certificate(s), prior to attending.

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD -- THEOPHANY

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or Epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God.

In the Eastern Church, this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we became the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism, heaven was opened to us.

As the voice of God proclaims Jesus to be the "beloved," we can hear God affirming that same wonderful reality to all of us human creatures. There is a wonderful dignity in the life of every human person.

This Spirit, which descends upon Jesus, is not just about Jesus, just as our baptism is not just about our personal relationship with God. We are part of something bigger than ourselves. We are baptized into a community of faith.

The Spirit which Isaiah proclaimed is a Spirit that will "bring justice to the nations" – a Spirit that will bring social and political healing to the people of the world -- to open the eyes of the blind, to release people from the dungeon, to serve those in need, to care for those who are poor, sick, mournful.

Our baptism calls us into a profound relationship with one another and with all of creation. We see in the baptism of Jesus a challenge to review our values and ways of living and to recommit ourselves to the nonviolent, radical love of Jesus. "I have called you for the victory of justice ... a light for the nations."

REFLECTION

When were you baptized?
What does being a baptized Christian mean to you?
What are the values that Baptism commits you to live by?



The Lord's Prayer

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens. NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

Jubilee Year of Mercy – January 10 – The Baptism of the Lord

Fittingly, this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* is also the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for Luke's Gospel highlights God' mercy in finding the lost, healing the sick, restoring the broken, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving the sinner through Jesus' ministry. But before *doing*, Luke's Jesus is always praying. As practical moderns programmed to measure worth by productivity, we instinctively appreciate the Jubilee's call to embrace the practical challenges of our baptism. But today Luke focuses not on Jesus being baptized, but on Jesus praying after baptism. So must we pray to become the disciples we are called to be, that the Spirit empower us to do what disciples are called to do. Imitating Jesus' openness to the Spirit will enable us to cooperate with the grace that transforms us into "beloved sons (and daughters)... in whom the Father is well pleased," living out, in this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, the extraordinary potential of our baptism. *Peter Scagnelli, Copyright J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

PRAYER FOR THE SUFFERING

Lord, we wish to pray for all our brothers and sisters in need of healing today, especially Sheila Ransom, Beverly Garrow, Leonard Garrow, Allan Garrow, Debbie Bero, John Bigtree, Clyde Cree, Larry Pyke, Eddie Terrance, Mae Tarbell, Sandra Terrance, Andrew Mitchell, Robert Lazore, Leo Delormier, Marjorie Thompson, Francis Cree, Laurie Connors, and all in our nursing homes and hospitals.

In your mercy, grant eternal rest to O'Donald Basil Laffin, and to the father and father-in-law of Deacon Patrick Donahue. May those who are mourning experience your consoling Presence.

JUBILEE YEAR OF DIVINE MERCY

Jesus is waiting with merciful love to reconcile you to God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Experience the true peace of soul that only He can give.

Often each day, sincerely pray the "Jesus Prayer" --

*Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
be merciful to me, a sinner!*

The Fundraising Committee is conducting a Super Bowl Squares fundraising to benefit the Church/Rectory fuel expense. Please contact Minerva White or Debbie Thomas, if interested in buying or selling some squares.

Parish Ministry Meetings

@ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

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| Parish Council | Jan. 27 – 5:00 pm |
| Finance Council | Jan. 20 – 4:30 pm |
| Liturgy & Faith Ministry | Feb. 3 – 5:00 pm |
| Music/Choir Ministry | Jan. 16 – 9:30 am |
| Altar & Rosary Society | Jan. 10 – 1:00 pm |
| Maintenance Committee | Jan. 20 – 4:30 pm |
| Fundraising Committee | Jan 13 – 5:00 pm |
| Knights of Columbus | Jan. 21 – 7:00 pm |

Collections for weekend: Jan. 3, 2016

\$500.14 US \$694.90 CDN

Offerings for Christmas Decoration

\$296.00 US \$195.00 CDN

New Year's Eve & Day Collections

\$134.28 US \$213.30 CDN

Niawenko:wa / Thank you

* To the Lafrance Family for their generous donation of Christmas flowers which added to the beautiful decoration in the Church.

* To Marsha White, the photographer, during the Children's Christmas Mass – Dec. 24th, and Rite of Investiture of Altar Servers – Jan. 3rd.

Confirmation class: next classes are Wed., Jan. 20 and 27, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm. **First Communion class:** next class is January 14, 2016 – both at St. Kateri Center. All students are strongly recommended to attend Masses and classes.

Food Bank – Your continued generosity of food and baby items is greatly appreciated by all the families being served.