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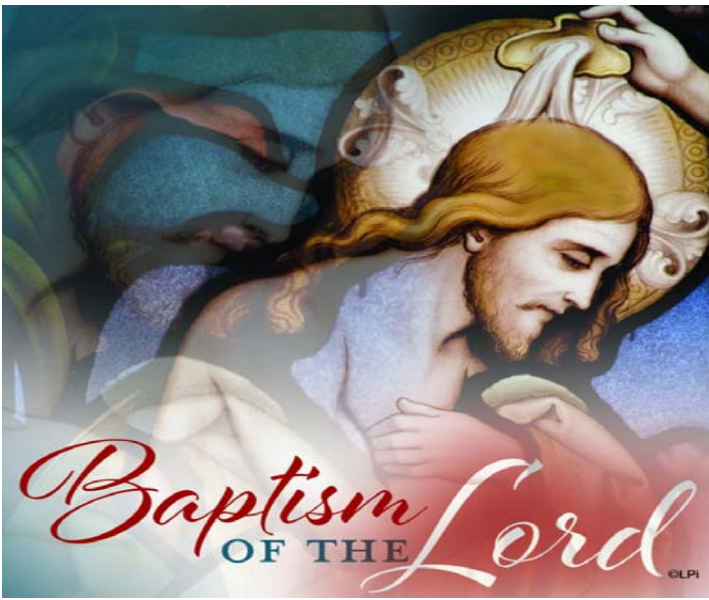
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 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
 Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:00 905-881-2786

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The Baptism of the Lord

This week, as we enter into this New Year, with hope of things to come and the potential a new start brings, the Church asks us to reflect on the Baptism of the Lord. For me there has always been a question about this gospel, why did Jesus need to be baptized?

Bishop Robert Barron provides some insight from his Word on Fire Bible, titled “Joining Our Sinfulness”, which I would like to share with you:

“The first thing we must keep in mind about the baptism of Jesus was that it was embarrassing. The first Christians maintained that this was the Son of God, the sinless Lamb who takes away the sins of the world, the Word made flesh. So why is he seeking a baptism of repentance?”

John the Baptist was working in the country north of Jerusalem, along the banks of the Jordan River, and his theme was unambiguous: repent. Those who came to him were coming to have their sins dealt with; they were admitting their guilt. So why Jesus?

As is usually the case with the Bible, there is an irony in the fire. Before ever a word passes Jesus’ lips, he is teaching, in fact communicating the heart of the faith, by this stunning reversal. In this gesture, God lays aside his glory and humbly joins us in our sinfulness, standing with us, assuming our burden, even if he himself had no sin.”

Even though most of us were baptized when we were a few months old, our baptism is not merely an event of the past; it is a present reality, a constant sharing in the divine life of the Risen Christ. It is a daily invitation to come closer to God and to be helpers in his work of saving the world. We are called to be servants of God in our own sphere of living and to make the world a better place. In our everyday lives, we may not have the ability to do great things but we have the power to do good things. We are told that Jesus went about doing good. What a beautiful way for us to make a public statement about our faith. Through good works, each of us, in our own way, completes the mission, which Christ began after his baptism. It is a day to ask ourselves if we are being true to the direction in which our lives were pointed at our baptism.

What great news this is, God gives us Himself standing with us in our brokenness. God talks to us in scripture, shows us through Jesus’ life on earth and through the lives of the saints, and then loves us by walking with us.

As I begin this new year, instead of focusing on my wants and desires for 2021, which I normally do, my reflections on the word of God this week have brought my attention to what God wants of me for 2021, to seek His path and will, knowing that it is a path laid before me from my loving Father. For Jesus not only points out where we should go, but walks with us and assumed our burden so that we might have eternal life with Him in heaven.

Reflect:
What does the Baptism of Jesus truly mean for you and for your life today as you begin 2021?

Alan Lee Hoy, *Youth Minister*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Nellie Parker
Tuesday	Soul of Lucia Pasquali
Wednesday	Soul of Marita Teresita Sayo
Thursday	Departed Soul
Friday	Departed Soul

Please pray for the sick in our community, especially:
Claude & Rebecca Hau, Stuart Wright, Benedict Pius,
and Lily Pinto

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

January 10, 2021

MASS

Public masses have been temporarily cancelled due to the current lock-down, which is expected to last until at least Jan 23rd. You are encouraged to view the many online/livestream/televised masses. A full list is available at www.archtoronto.org and Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate the livestreamed mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30am.

The parish will be open for private prayer Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon beginning January 4th to a maximum of 8 people at any one time.

REVISED OFFICE HOURS DURING LOCK-DOWN PERIOD

The parish office will be open Monday, Wednesday & Friday beginning January 4, 2021. The office hours are 8:30am to 4:00 pm for the duration of the locked-down period. Closed from 12:00-2:00 for lunch. The office is located at the NW entrance next to the garage.

If an urgent situation arises, please leave a voice mail at 905-881-2786 x 221 or email st.lukesparish@rogers.com

The parish building will be locked at all times so please call before arriving to arrange masses, pickup envelopes, missals or holy water. Upon entering the parish lobby, please wear a mask or face covering and wear it correctly – **covering your mouth, nose and chin** for the duration of time you are in the parish.

If for any reason you are unable to wear a mask or face covering, please do not enter the parish.

Reconciliations

During the lock-down, please contact Fr. Mark at ext 222 or Fr. Wen at ext 227 to arrange an appointment for reconciliation.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Beautiful knitted items are still available through the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please contact Helen at: 905-770-7823. Proceeds will go to the Georgina Community Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

2021 DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2021 donation envelopes are available. Please contact Lois at ext. 221 to arrange for pickup.

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St. Luke's Parish Council 4393

Join the Knights of Columbus or renew memberships on line at <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/about-membership/index.html>



CONTACT INFORMATION

In view of the current lock-down situation, we will be mailing out tax receipts for 2020. Please be sure we have your most current mailing

information on our files. If you have moved or even changed your email or telephone number in the past few years, please let us know at

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PRAY THE ROSARY
Lead by the Knights of Columbus

All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus - St. Luke's Council 4393 to pray the Rosary on Tuesday, January 19th at 8:30 pm sharp.

Join the zoom meeting at:

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