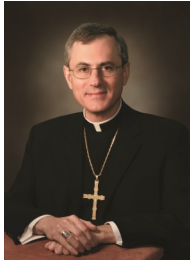




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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

“The theme of Christ’s epiphany — of Jesus inaugurating his divine mission on earth — reaches its fulfillment in the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today’s Gospel story, Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee after the baptism preached by John. In contrast to John’s baptism with water, Jesus is said to baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Luke 3:16). When Jesus is baptized, the voice from heaven booms out and names him: “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” This affirmation is the defining moment for the prophet from Nazareth. It is God’s declaration of love to God’s new Israel; it is God’s naming to supreme accountability; it is God’s surprise for the world of the proud and powerful.

Through his baptism by John in the muddy waters of the Jordan, Jesus opens the possibility to us of accepting our human condition and of connecting with God the way we were intended to. Jesus accepts the human condition, and this includes suffering and death. He stretched his arms out in the Jordan River and on the cross. In the Jordan, Jesus received his commission. On the cross he completed it. Jesus’ baptism by John in the Jordan identifies him deeply with the people he has come to redeem.

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. Our baptism is a public, prophetic and royal anointing. We receive the life of the Church and are called to sustain that faith life. Faith is about concern for others. Faith is a public — not private — responsibility.

Baptism is a call to a prophetic career. How we live that out may vary from person to person. The ways may not be as dramatic as the adventures of an Isaiah or a John the Baptist, yet they are in that same great prophetic tradition. To be prophetic is to become involved and to get our hands and feet dirty. Through our own baptism, we can become a light to others, just as Jesus is a light to us, and to the world. Our own baptism fills us with a certain boldness, confidence and enthusiasm, reminding us that the Gospel must be proclaimed with gratitude for its proven beauty.

When we slowly discover the demands of that faith, and where the way of repentance leads, when we can tell good from evil; when we search for what God wants to do in our lives and ask him to help us accomplish it; when we learn as much as we can about God and his world; when we come near to God, then — at that moment — the person for whom the heavens opened is revealed also to us.

May today’s feast of the Lord’s Baptism be an invitation to each of you to remember with gratitude and renew your own baptismal promises. Relive the moment of the water that rushed over you. Pray that the grace of your own baptism will help you to be light to others and to the world, and give you the strength and courage to make a difference in the world and in the Church.”

Excerpt from Fr. Tom Rosica, Biblical Reflection for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Jan. 8, 2013

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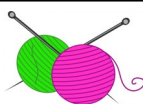
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Thank you to all our Volunteers who have helped us in the parish office this past year - bulletin stuffers and money counters. Your time and talent are so much appreciated. May 2019 be filled with many blessings for you. RoseMary and Patty



Prayer Shawl ministry will gather on Thursday January 17 in Room 105 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, weather permitting. Newcomers are always welcome to join us.



Knights of Columbus **15th Anniversary Dinner**

Our parish's Knights of Columbus council invite everyone to celebrate this important milestone, Saturday January 19th.

Mass at 6 pm followed by dinner in the Parish Centre.

\$25/person, roast beef, chicken, veggies, salad, and dessert. Cash Bar. Door prizes.

Tickets will be sold after all masses next weekend, January 12th & 13th or by calling Roger Khouri, 519-280-1643, or at the parish office.

Thanks to all for 15 great years and looking forward to many more!



Planning Ahead ***Studying the Gospel of Luke***

Beginning on February 28th we will offer a weekly bible study (7 Thursday evenings) on the Gospel of St. Luke. Evening sessions will start at 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. More information to follow. For now, save those dates!



2019 Offertory Envelopes and Pre-Authorized Debit

The 2019 offertory envelopes are available in the Parish Office. The office is opened Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. Please take a few minutes to pick them up if you have not already done so. Did you know that you have the option of pre-authorizing your offerings? To set up your gift, please contact RoseMary Cleary at the parish office at: 519-432-3475, x. 222 or by email: basilica@dol.ca for a form to be completed and submitted together with a "void" cheque. Take advantage of the convenience of automatic withdrawals while saving paper and parish resources! Whether you choose to give with an envelope or pre-authorized debits, we THANK YOU for supporting our parish.

Cathedral Choirs Open Choir Rehearsal

Room 104 - Parish Centre

Come join the Cathedral choirs for an open rehearsal. Drop in to listen, socialize, and sing! Beverages and goodies provided. Come see what choir is all about and consider joining. Contemporary Choir: January 30 at 7pm; Children's Choir: January 31 at 6pm; Cathedral Singers: January 31 at 7pm.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **Wednesday January 23, 2019 @ 7:30pm** **St. Paul's Cathedral** **(Queen's Ave & Richmond, London)**

Each year the Christian community gathers in prayer with the confident hope of healing all that is divided in Christ's Body. We do so to answer Christ's call that "All be one" (John 17:21). This year, Bishop Fabbro, CSB, has asked us to gather with the Anglican Diocese of Huron for a time of prayer and fellowship. All are welcome.

Adoption Awareness:

How to Adopt & Support Those Who Do **Friday January 25 @ 7pm** **St. Peter's Cathedral Parish Centre**

The London Area Right to Life is hosting a speaker event for those interested in adoption either for themselves or in support of others. Hear Lorelee Siemens share her experience of going through the adoption process twice, the unique needs an adoptive family has and answer your questions. Advance tickets \$5 or \$10 at the door. To reserve your seat, e-transfer \$5 to info@right2life.ca (password LARTLA) or contact 519-659-3334.

Follow the daily tradition of Christ and Christians throughout the ages silently praying to God. We seek to become aware and freely open to the Divine Presence within each of us, as children of God, no matter what our tradition. We have come to know that this openness can be found as we simply and gently remove distractions and thoughts by silently repeating a word or phrase. In our weekly one hour meeting, we begin with a 20 minute silent meditation. This is followed by listening to a topic related to why we meditate for about 20 minutes. Then for approximately 20 minutes, we share our ideas about the topic or discuss ways we can help one another improve our practice.

Christian Meditation

Mondays, 7 PM to 8 PM

St. Peter's Parish Center: Room 104

This group at St. Peter's was started in 1989 and is part of a larger worldwide community. For more information visit www.WCCM.org or call or text Bern's cell at 519-851-5055. Come exactly as you are-you are welcome!

The weekday readings at Mass this past week have been a springboard for reflection on many things that can take us into a new year. Some of us are in the annual habit of considering making resolutions for the new year. This can be helpful, as we reflect on what has been part of the past year, and what will be in store for the year to come. Being aware of all that is happening in my life - the good and the bad - and what needs to change, is always an opportunity for growth. However, when I make resolutions, they are usually personal - *I* decide what I'm going to do, and often they are things I should be doing anyway. What if someone else did the choosing for me? What if, when I reflected on God's presence in my life, my family and friends and the people of the world, and in the midst of all that, listened attentively each day to God's Word in Scripture, I allowed the Word of God choose me - that is, let some phrase or word of scripture jump off the page as an inspiration for making changes in this new year? This week, we heard from the First Letter of St. John "*Let what you have heard from the beginning remain in you.*" We celebrated the beauty of patient waiting during Advent. We are concluding this weekend the Christmas season as we begin a new year. What have we heard from our attentive listening to Scripture? What is challenging us this year? In what areas of my life is God calling me to change and grow? Jesus - The Word made Flesh - speaks of life, light and love. He invites us to make that present in our everyday life as well - now and beyond the celebration of Christmas. Are we up to the task of listening and attuning ourselves in to the Word found in Scripture? I know the invitation will never be to remain complacent or keeping the same mindset I'm in. It will be a call to ongoing renewal. I wish all of us a wonderful journey.

The readings also drew our attention to the gradual process of coming to faith in Jesus - a process that lasts a lifetime. The gift of faith is meant to be shared - a word of encouragement, a gesture of forgiveness, a promise of prayer and hope, a deed that is supportive, kind and affirming. Preaching is not always done after the Gospel reading at Mass. It is always done after we leave Mass in the midst of all those situations God leads us into in order to experience this life with the assurance of his presence.

A prayer from St. Augustine: "*Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. You know all our desires, so bring to perfection what you have started and what the Holy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.*"

Fr. Jim Mockler



Retrouvaille

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Helps couples restore their marriage, rebuild a loving relationship, improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Feb. 1-3, 2019 at the Michaelite House. For more information contact Greg & Anita Turner London/ St. Thomas Retrouvaille Coordinators; (519) 243-0687; anita88greg@gmail.com; helpourmarriage.com.

CELEBRATION OF WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday, January 14 - 12:05pm

Gordon Cochrane; Richard Zientara;
Valerie Pumputis

Tuesday, January 15 - 7:30am

Donald Tobin; David Magee; Valerie Pumputis

Wednesday, January 16 - 12:05pm

Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Fr. Dan Zorzi; Valerie Pumputis

**Thursday, January 17 - 7:30am
(St. Anthony)**

Alphonsus Lambie; Danilo Herrera; Kathleen Brunton

Friday January 18 - 12:05pm

Intentions of Rey Courtland; Barry McKeon;
Alexander Hebert

We remember in prayer all those who are sick, and all those who have died, including John Gilbey, Emmanuel Francis Joseph, brother of Fr. Philip Joseph, and Patrick Wycks, and comfort for those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Rev. Michael Parent; Deacon Thomas MacLeod;
Sister Mary Boere, Pastoral Minister;
Rev. Jude Ogbenna; Rev. Martin Nyland;
Deacon Reginald Quesnel; Deacon Mark Castanier

READINGS - SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 2019

First Reading - Isaiah 62.1-5

The bridegroom will rejoice over the bride.

Psalm - Ps. 96.1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10ac (R.3)

R. Declare the marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

One and the same Spirit allots these gifts to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel - John 2.1-12

Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR - JANUARY 6, 2019

Total Offertory	\$ 9,109.10
Envelopes (302)	\$ 6,807.00
Loose	\$ 2,302.10
Average per Envelope	\$ 22.54

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture Series

On Monday, Jan. 28 at 7:30pm, the St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture Series will be hosting the following lecture: "G.K. Chesterton and the Gift of Gratitude" with special guest speaker Herman Goodden. The talk will take place in the St. Peter's Seminary auditorium and is sponsored by the seminary faculty. Parking and admission are free.

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