

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

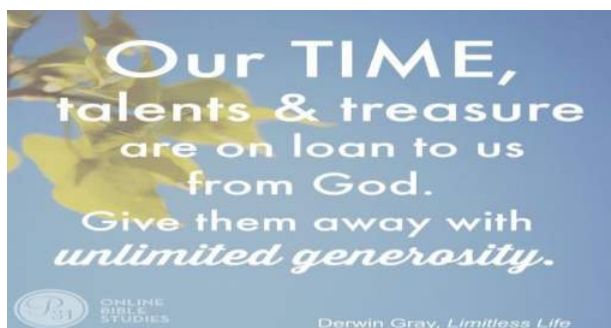
Mon Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9
 Mk 1:14-20
 Tue Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
 Mk 1:21-28
 Wed Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
 Mk 1:29-39
 Thu Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
 Mk 1:40-45
 Fri Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8
 Mk 2:1-12
 Sat Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
 Sun Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1
 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11



Bereavement

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of Theodore A. Lichon, Jr. Please keep Mr. Lichon and his family in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE



REFLECTIONS

To begin with, God surprised us all by coming to us in a human nature like ours in so many ways but one: it was linked mysteriously by a divine nature. Who is Jesus is easier to answer than what is He because of this dual nature in one Person. This well-known event of His baptism at the storied Jordan river presents a problem and raises questions. If one of the purposes of Baptism is to remove original sin, what is the Son of God Himself letting His cousin John the Baptist pour the water over Him? Where is the authenticity here? There are several answers.

First is Our Lord's intent to demonstrate His humility and become an example for us. Secondly, the baptism became a way for God to confirm that Jesus was His Son. Thirdly, the baptism enabled Jesus to join our humanity by sharing in our baptism. Finally, it was the way Jesus chose to inaugurate His mission among us as the obedient Son of God. We are quite conscious of the meaning of "inauguration" this month in the political life of our country. We could say, respectfully, that as Christmas was Christ's birth and arrival, so His baptism marked His first day at work.

Several years ago, one of our astronauts who walked on the moon was asked "What were you thinking about as you stood on the moon and looked back at the earth?" The astronaut replied, "I remembered how the spacecraft was built by the lowest bidder." We as Christians can rejoice that the work of salvation did not go to "the lowest bidder," but was performed by an infinite God. Every expectation will be met. There will never be a God love you and give you His peace.

source: Rev. Leonard G. Peterson
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The MISSION of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our VISION: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Jan 11 In Memory of George F. Hoppe
Sat 4:00pm (31st Ann), John P. Hoppe (3rd Ann), Robert G. Brunette, Sr. (19th Ann) by the Family

Jan 14 For the Relief & Release of the
Tues 7:45am Souls in Purgatory

Jan 15 For the Relief & Release of the
Wed 9:00am Souls in Purgatory

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jan 18 In Memory of Joni Ballou
Sat 4:00pm (Mem Rem) by a Friend

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week **for Healing for Denise Lemieux** by Mom & Dad



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? **Call Pauline Prew 568-5644** and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:
Financial update will be in next weeks bulletin due to early transmission of the bulletin.
Thank you

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Jan 11	Fuel
Jan 18	Catholic University
Jan 25	Latin America
Feb 1	Monthly
Feb 8	Fuel

ON-LINE GIVING

Thank you to those parishioners who utilize Parish Giving. If you have not done so already, please visit our website-stjosephri.org to enroll in on-line giving. (See “Parish Giving” icon-bulletins lower left corner of the home page.)



MASS INTENTIONS/ OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar **and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)**



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