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Baptism of the Lord

January 13th, janvier

2013

Baptême du Seigneur



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English
Sun. 9:00 am English
11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm
Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am
10:30 - 10:50 am
or upon appointment

Baptism:

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass. Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.



Baptism defines us as Christians.

Baptism was important in the ministry of Jesus. At its beginning, Jesus was baptized by John. Here God revealed Jesus as his Son and the Spirit descended upon him. At its conclusion, Jesus commanded the Apostles to make disciples of all nations through Baptism. It is in Baptism that we become sons and daughters of God.

Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be

baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the divine Son.

Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God.

Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969 we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, and on the following Sunday. All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority and the power of Jesus.

In today's calendar the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the wedding at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In the United States (*and in Canada*) we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holy day of obligation, it is celebrated on Jan. 6. In the United States (*and Canada*), the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany.



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January 18-25

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are now also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a longstanding practice by a number of Christian Churches and ecclesial communities in Canada to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in order to include two Sundays, which in 2013 will be January 20-27.

The universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Jan 12 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Baptism Of The Lord
Jan 13 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Leon Boissonnault – Adolphe & Family	
	11:00 am	RIP Eloise Borlé – Mary Labonte	
Jan 15 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Dorothy Kieser - August & Celina Kieser	
Jan 16 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Henriette Labonte - Family	
Jan 17 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Denis Bachand – Solange & Family	St. Anthony
Jan 18 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Joan Pouliout – Maurice & Denise	
Jan 19 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 20 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Roger Vansevenandt – Isabel & Family	
	11:00 am	RIP Priscilla Houle - Adrien	



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

All those who are sick or struggling in any way; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world;

Also, for our new Bishop Paul Terrio and the Diocese of St. Paul.

Envelopes for 2013

There are still some envelopes at the back of the church for pick-up. If you are not registered to the parish or do not have envelopes, and would like to receive a new box, please fill out the Registration Form available at the back church and place it in the collection basket.

School Newsletters

The school newsletters are available at the back of the church.

Way of Holiness

The Way of Holiness prayer and retreat center is an oasis for those seeking refreshment, renewal, healing and growth in holiness. It's a place for spiritual formation, for prayer and for empowerment to live a life for Jesus Christ. The Way of Holiness is located just twenty minutes outside of the Jasper National Park near Hinton, Alberta. If you would like more information there is a newsletter as well as a calendar of retreats that are happening for 2013.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES

Restoration \$ 1985.00
January 8th \$ 3739.25

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A Quick Journey Through the Bible

AN 8-PART INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE TIMELINE

Has Your Bible Been Collecting Dust? Discover a Practical Plan for Reading it.

The Bible is more than a book; it is the incredible story of salvation history—God’s glorious plan for leading his people to an intimate relationship with Himself. Come learn the riches of the “greatest story ever told.”

In the *A Quick Journey Through The Bible* Study, you will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible—getting the “big picture” of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday mass readings come alive like never before.

Have You Begun to Read the Bible Only to Stop in Disinterest?

If you have ever wanted to read the Bible, but stopped in frustration or confusion, then the *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* study is for you. This study makes reading the Bible not only easy, but even exciting. Often the problem with reading the Bible is that it was not written as a linear story. So, when people start to read it, they quickly lose the narrative thread. Not any more, thanks to *A Quick Journey Through The Bible*.

* We will begin on **Jan. 17th at 7:00 pm Downstairs Rectory.**

We hope to have an adventurous journey together and we are looking forward to do it with you!

Thank You

To everyone who contributed in any way to our celebrations over Christmas season, who graciously gave donations. Also, thank you to those who sent cards and gifts to Father Ignacy and the Parish Staff, for all the wishes and prayers and all kinds of goodies.

We appreciate that and say again big “Thank You!”



UPCOMING EVENTS

* Legion Breakfast	- January 13 th , Sunday 8:00-12:30 pm	- Legion Br.176 (10120-101 ave)
* Dust Angels	- January 14 th , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
* Bible Parish Study	- January 17 th , Thursday 7:00 pm	- Rectory Downstairs
* RCIA	- January 17 th , Thursday 7:00 pm	- Rectory Downstairs
* KC Breakfast	- January 27 th , Sunday 9-12:30	- Rendez-Vous Centre

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK! “Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it”.

Have a good week!

