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Baptism Of The Lord

January 10th, 2016 janvier

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:

First 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.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

The signs and wonders that accompanied Jesus' baptism are meant to confirm in our hearts that Jesus is the Son of God and savior of the world..

After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. A voice from the heavens was heard, saying: “*You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*” Understanding this, may we strive to live out our faith in Jesus all the more fully.

The first reading tells of the chosen servant of the Lord whom the Lord will raise up to be a light for the nations and bring forth the victory of justice. The second reading reminds us that God shows no partiality, and that everyone who places their faith in Jesus and lives according to his teaching can be saved. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan river.

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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Old Palms If you still have your Palms from last year's Palm Sunday, you can bring them to the Church and place them in the basket at the back till January 24th. They will be burned and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday.



Ordinary Time

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

SAINT ANTHONY, The ABBOT - *January 17, Patron of: Gravediggers*

ANTHONY was born in the year 251 in Egypt. Our Lord spoke to him saying: "If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell, what thou hast, and give to the poor.

He gave away all he had tried and stated learning how to live a holy life. He lived in the desert, where he lived the life of a hermit for many years. He devoted himself to prayer and penance. For more than twenty years Anthony was tempted by the devil, but he overcame temptation by prayer and sacrifice. Many people flocked to him for advice. He consented to guide them in holiness. He started the first monastery, so people call him the father of monastic life and the patriarch of monks.

His miracles drew so many people so he left and went into the desert again, where he lived by hard work and prayer. In 305, Anthony founded a religious community of hermits who lived in separate cells. He died in 356 at the age of one hundred and five.

Prayer

Lord God, You gave St. Anthony the Abbot the of grace of serving in the desert in prayer with You. Aided by his intercession, may we practice self-denial and hence always love You above all things.



Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers

The Knights of Columbus, St. Anne Council, on behalf of St. Jean Baptiste Parish and the Morinville Food Bank, would like to Thank you for your generous support again this year.

You have helped to make a Christmas a better time for 105 families in the Morinville area. The smiles on the faces of the young ones at the sight of the parcels of food and gifts have left a lasting impression on those who delivered the hampers. Your support is very much appreciated.

The Knights of Columbus recognize your commitment to this worthy endeavor that ensures the success of the Christmas Hamper Project. Therefore it is with sincere gratitude that we wish you the peace, love and joy of the Christ Child in 2016.

Holy Year of Mercy Pope Francis has declared this year the Holy Year of Mercy. We are looking at having a faith sharing group on Wednesday evenings during Lent for approx. 1 hour. We will be using the Faith Sharing guide by Pope Francis. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you are interested as we need to purchase books. The books will be approx. \$12.00 If you are interested please sign up so we can have the books can arrive before the session starts on Feb 17th. Any questions you can call the Parish Office.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Jan 9 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Baptism Of The Lord
Jan 10 Sun - dim	9:00 am	RIP Madeline Cornelis – August & Celina	
	11:00 am	RIP Henry Cote (5 th Anniv) – Sylvia Cote	
Jan 12 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Alice Wickey – Jerry & Carol	St. Marguerite Bourgeois
Jan 13 Wed - mer	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Florence Vranas – Brian Steffles	
	7:00 pm	(Church) RIP Carol Jean – Mom & Dad & Family	
Jan 14 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Michelle Goulet – Leon & Cecile Schayes	
Jan 15 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Paul Boissonnault - Shirley	
Jan 16 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 17 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Special Intention for August - Family	
	11:00 am	RIP Armand Tailleur - Family	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Louise Dubois, Leo Brochu, Bubbles Bouvier.
All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



Fundraising for the Future

Our Parish is getting an early start on fundraising for our future parish hall. In this time of transition and planning, the Hall Future Committee that is working towards our goals now puts forth some fundraising ideas. Our first fundraising is the sale of **grocery gift cards** available at all the Masses twice a month, and at the Parish Office. You are invited to buy these cards to use them to pay for your groceries to help our parish – you still get your Airmiles, etc. All proceeds will go towards our new parish hall as that project advances. Thank you for your consideration, **Gift cards are on sale this weekend .**



Please Pray for...

✚ **Therese Prefontaine**, who passed away on December 23rd, 2015

Her Funeral Mass was held on January 9th at St. Emile Parish in Legal

Therese is the mom of Dolores Girard and Aunt to Irene Huot of our Parish.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

COLLECTIONS – QUÉTES January 1st – \$ 3325.00 January 3rd \$ 2638.00 THANK YOU! MERCI!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- Jan 11th, Monday 8:00 am

- Church

Parish Council Meeting

- Jan 12th, Tuesday 4:00 pm

- Office Boardroom