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The Baptism of the Lord, Year B, 7th January 2024

You are my Child, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'

Today's feast of the Baptism of Our Lord follows on from the Epiphany. It can be seen as a second manifestation of Christ, as the heavens are opened before the whole world. Through Christ's baptism, in which the entire Trinity is present **(Gospel)**, the world is made into a second creation.

In the **First Reading**, from Isaiah, we hear how God's word will bear fruit in us. The one we see being baptized in the Gospel is the Word and, by carrying out the Father's will perfectly, all creation is restored.

This is why we can join with the Psalmist: 'With joy we shall draw water from the wells of salvation'!

St John develops this theme (**Second Reading**) when he says that because Jesus overcame the world by water and blood, so we, with the Spirit living in us, can be saved.

This coming week, let's strive to deepen our trust in the Father, who is our salvation; to nurture our faith in the Spirit, who works in us to ensure we do not return empty-handed; and to strengthen our joy in the Son, through whose incarnation and baptism we are made into God's children.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9 am Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm Tuesday 9th Jan 9 am

Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am 4 pm - 4.30 pm or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

Office is closed on Monday



In his intention for January 2024, Pope Francis prays:
"In January, we pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of the different rites within the Catholic Church."

Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

Altar Servers Ministry

Be The Light Ministry Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

Catechetical Ministry PREP Winnie Bernardo

Catholic Women's League President : Cecile Cartago

Knights Of ColumbusRobert Yang

Legion Of Mary Fidel Carolino

Ministry Of Hospitality Coordinator: Jose Cruz

Ministry Of Lectors
Coordinator: Armando Cordova

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

BAPTISM: Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: http://rcav.org/m-prep/

CONVALIDATION: If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack ANOINTING OF THE SICK**: Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

 $\textbf{FUNERALS:} \ Please \ contact \ the \ office \ before \ making \ any \ arrangements \ with \ the \ Funeral \ Home.$

MASS INTENTIONS: Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

Parish & Archdiocesan Events

1. Seeking Volunteers for 2024 for The Parish

The parish is always seeking volunteers for the various Ministries operating within the parish. We are especially encouraging young people to become altar servers. The only requirement is that they have received their First Holy Communion.

Anyone who is interested in any of the Ministries, or would just like more information, please talk to Fr. Tomson or the Ministry coordinator.

2. Sun Jan 07 - Epiphany Sunday - CWL Coffee Services after 11 AM Mass

3. Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meeting next Sunday, January 14th, at 2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

4. The funeral of Celestina Beraldin will be on Wednesday, January 10th. Mass will be at 10:30am. Prayers will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday, Jan. 9th.

5. Tuesdays Mass 9th January.

This week Tuesday 9th January Mass is moved to 9:00am.

6. New Year's Workshop on Building Habits - Free Webinar

About this Event: If you are struggling to see how it might be possible to grow in your spiritual life, if you feel stuck in your walk with God, if you want to go deeper but you don't know how, you will discover much in this workshop. **Fr. John's** simple recommendations will not overwhelm you or require you to give up every spare moment in an already busy life.

These habits will give you a framework on which to grow if your spiritual life has become a place of exhaustion and not rest.

This free workshop will include a presentation and some Q & A time to show you how to start the new year and set you up for long-term spiritual resiliency.

Location - Online Zoom. Date and Time Thursday, Jan 11, 2024 12:00 PM

<u>Register - Free</u>

A Reminder to please pick up your 2024 Sunday Offering Envelopes and calendar located at the back of the Church next to the side door. Your envelopes number will be different from this years number, please start using your new envelopes on January 1st 2024.



Francis spoke these words at a time when most people already considered him a saint. In his mind, there was no plateau in life where he could feel he had "made it" and could coast into heaven from then on.

He did not compare his love with that of other men but with that of Christ; hence, he always saw an infinite expanse into which he could still go, becoming more and more like his Lord. God has already blessed you with his life and given you the gift of faith and faithfulness. Each time we begin anew, we enter a new phase of life intent on enriching our relationship with God. You are not entering upon something different from the Christian life or something better than the life of other Christians.

In your spiritual life, you must be satisfied to progress gradually. Usually you will not notice your growth. Sometimes it may even seem you are growing backward as you discover your weaknesses and failings. But trust in God. Allow God to lead you through your spiritual companions, through the reflections of this book, through your own study and prayer. Week by week, you will turn your attention from one aspect of the spiritual life to another.

It's like painting a picture: a touch here, a dab there, and gradually the masterpiece emerges. When you finish this year of reflection, study, and prayer, you will be just beginning a deeper and more fruitful life with God. No deep understanding of Jesus, Francis, and Clare can be reached without God's direction through prayer.

Make each action part of your prayer life. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead you not just to mental knowledge but to a deep spiritual understanding that will result in your conversion. Conversion is the ongoing process of learning to live the gospel way of life given to us by Jesus and revealed to us by Francis and Clare.

Prayer

Lord, you promise to make all things new. That includes me. As I begin this journey to discover St. Francis's way to you, I ask you to begin to renew my faith, my hope, and my love.

Amen

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Saints for January

January 3rd

The Story of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in



Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus "that name that is above every name" (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15thcentury Franciscan.

Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church. Reflection

Jesus died and rose for the sake of all people. No one can trademark or copyright Jesus' name. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary. Everything that exists was created in and through the Son of God (see Colossians 1:15-20). The name of Jesus is debased if any Christian uses it as justification for berating non-Christians. Jesus reminds us that because we are all related to him we are, therefore, all related to one another.

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Mission

Holy Spirit Parish is a community demonstrating that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the $\,$ 3. We see a parish with relevant, active and Roman Catholic Church through Word, sacrament and service with certain 4. We see a new parish hall built in the next hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life

Vision

- 1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.
- 2. We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.
- well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.
- 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.



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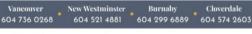


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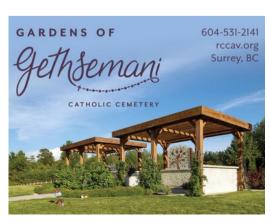














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