

St. John XXIII Parish

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PARISH BULLETIN | **Baptism of the Lord** | 12 January 2025

**“You are my Son,
the Beloved; with
you I am well
pleased.”** Luke 3:22



Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:15pm

Sunday Mass – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

Weekdays:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

Baptism – every Saturday of the month.

Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

Confession every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

Confirmation – for Grade 7 & up
registration for 2025 is in the months of
September and October 2024

First Holy Communion – for Grade 2 &
up registration for 2025 is on October and
November 2024

Wedding – call the office for appointment

Anyone who wants to become

Catholic – call the office for appointment

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Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David

St. Hilary Jan 13th

Pray for us.

**“The chief service I owe you, O
God, is that every thought and
word of mine should speak of you.”**



“And Voice came from Heaven; ***“You are My Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased.”*** Luke 3.22

On Christmas Night the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, in Bethlehem, was announced to us, through the Shepherd by the Angel of God: The Angel proclaimed; *“Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you Good News of great Joy, to you is born in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.”*

Last Sunday, when we celebrated Epiphany, the Child Jesus was revealed to the People of the Nations through the Magi by a Star! We read in the Gospel Reading; *“Then the Star stopped over the place where the Child was, they were overwhelmed with Joy. On entering the house, they saw the Child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage.”*

Today in the Gospel Reading, Jesus is revealed to us by the Father; A Voice came from Heaven; ***“You are My Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased.”*** *

In today’s Gospel, Jesus, the Son of the Most High, arrives in Judea drawn to the Baptism of John; A Baptism of Repentance!

The question that may arise in many is; **Why did He, the Son of God; He who was without Sin require a Baptism of Repentance?**

The understanding is true, that Jesus, the Son of God, did not require this kind of Baptism: No; Jesus chose to be baptized. But why then, get Baptized with a Baptism of repentance?

First and foremost, This Baptism was an affirmation of John the Baptist’s Mission. John’s Baptism was in the salvific plan of God. We hear in the Gospel of John, John the Baptist resist to baptize Jesus! Jesus insisted; ***“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”***

Second and more important; Christ’s Baptism marked a defining moment in his mission, in the plan of God, the Father. It is true that Jesus had no sins to repent, but submitting himself to Baptism of John, was an Act of acceptance of his Mission as the suffering Servant of God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church. # 536) Pope Benedict the 16th in his book, “Jerusalem of Nazareth, writes in Baptism Jesus ***“Loaded the burden of all ‘Human Guilt upon his shoulders in anticipation of the Cross,”*** (Jof N p 18)

The Baptism of Jesus was his Yes to the will of his Father.

This was why the approval sign had an equal magnitude; for the first time ever in history of human kind, there was a public manifestation of the Blessed Trinity; Three Persons in the One God; All active! Jesus himself was present in his human body, the Holy Spirit descending on him in a visible sign; the Dove, and the desire and love of God, the Father, expressed in His Voice; “You are My Son, the beloved; with whom I am well pleased.”

Christ’s Baptism is the model of our baptism. As in Christ’s Baptism, there are three aspects made manifest in our 1st Sacrament of Initiation; The Love of God draws us and in Christ Jesus makes us daughters and sons of God. We read in John 6:44 *“No one can come to me unless the Father, who sent me draws him to me.”* Also in St Paul’s Letter to the Galatians 4:6 *“And because you are sons and daughter, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, ... so you are no longer slaves but sons.”* Second, there is the anointing with the Spirit of God. And third, present, is the instrumental force of communion, we are baptized through the invocation of Blessed Trinity. Jesus, in his final instruction to his Disciples before he ascended to Heaven commanded; ***“Go therefore and make Disciples of all Nations, Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.... And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.”*** (Mt. 28:19-20) †



Compendium of the Catechism
of the Catholic Church
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

252. What names are given to the first sacrament of initiation?
1213-1216, 1276-1277

This sacrament is primarily called Baptism because of the central rite with which it is celebrated. To baptize means to “immerse” in water. The one who is baptized is immersed into the death of Christ and rises with him as a “new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17). This sacrament is also called the “bath of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5); and it is called “enlightenment” because the baptized becomes “a son of light” (Ephesians 5:8).

253. How is Baptism prefigured in the Old Covenant? 1217-1222

In the Old Covenant Baptism was pre-figured in various ways: water, seen as source of life and of death; in the Ark of Noah, which saved by means of water; in the passing through the Red Sea, which liberated Israel from Egyptian slavery; in the crossing of the Jordan River, that brought Israel into the promised land which is the image of eternal life.

254. Who brought to fulfillment those prefigurations? 1223-1224

All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. At the beginning of his public life Jesus had himself baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan. On the cross, blood and water, signs of Baptism and the Eucharist, flowed from his pierced side. After his Resurrection he gave to his apostles this mission: “Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

255. Starting when and to whom has the Church administered Baptism? 122-1228

From the day of Pentecost, the Church has administered Baptism to anyone who believes in Jesus Christ.

256. In what does the essential rite of Baptism consist?

1229-1245, 1278

The essential rite of this sacrament consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water over his or her head while invoking the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

To read more click the link: [Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 11-Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass + The Parishioners

Jan 12- Sun 9:00AM +Dennis Edquiban

12:15 PM + _____

5:30 PM + _____

Jan 13 -Mon,7:00PM + Fr. Rudy Imperial

Jan 14 -Tue, 9:00 AM + _____

Jan 15 -Wed 7:00 PM Intention of Mary Ylagan

Jan 16- Thu, 9:00 AM _____

Jan 17-Fri,7:00PM Intention of Marieta for Lita & Rosedelia

Jan 18- Sat, 9:00 AM +Perfecto & Aurora Edquiban

7-day Vigil Lamp Intention –Jan 11-17, 2025

Sanctuary---

Virgin Mary- Healing of Mary Ylagan

Chapel ----

WORD OF THE WEEK

“BAPTISM”

--The Catholic sacrament of Baptism is a sacrament of initiation. Through Baptism, individuals are freed from sin, reborn as sons of God, and incorporated into the church. It is administered by washing with natural water and invoking the Most Holy Trinity.

Every Person not yet baptized is able to receive Baptism. CCC1246-1252

Everyone who is to be baptized is required to make a profession of faith. This is done personally in the case of an adult or by the parents and by the Church in the case of infants. Also, the godfather or the godmother and the whole ecclesial community share the responsibility for baptismal preparation (catechumenate) as well as for the development and safeguarding of the faith and grace given at baptism. CCC1253-1255

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention - January 2025 - FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

“Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.”



Our Patron Saint...



"This is the rosary of Mary, considered in its various elements, which are linked together in vocal prayer and woven into it as in a delicate and rich embroidery, full of spiritual warmth and beauty." Pope John XXIII

St. Hilary Jan 13th

Hilary is best known for his defence of Christianity against the 4th-century Arian heresy, a position that questioned the nature of the Trinity. Hilary was born in Poitiers, Gaul (France), circa 320 and was already an adult, married and a father when he converted to Christianity. Chosen bishop of Poitiers about 350, Hilary offered a valiant defense of Christianity. In 356, on the advice of Arian bishops, the emperor exiled Hilary to the East. His continued defence of orthodoxy created such problems for the Arians there that they convinced the emperor to send him back to his own diocese. His stay in the Eastern Church enriched his theological writings, and he continued his confrontation with the Arianism until his death circa 368. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851. He is a patron saint of lawyers.

Living with Christ, Jan 2025 edition

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

-before the Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

Parish Ministries & Programs

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors—Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

If you are interested to join, please email us at stjohn23do@archtoronto.org and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us." St. John XXIII

IN THE NEWS !!!



Pope Francis meeting the coordinators of "Congres Mission" in the Consistory Hall (VATICAN MEDIA Divisione Foto)

Pope: 'We must share the joy of the Gospel to bring hope to the world'

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-01/pope-we-must-share-joy-of-the-gospel-to-bring-hope-to-the-world.html>



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM HIS EMINENCE FRANK CARDINAL LEO
Friday, December 20, 2024



LAUNCH OF THE JUBILEE YEAR IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
Tuesday, December 31, 2024



BEHOLD: THE MAKING OF A CARDINAL
Friday, January 10, 2025

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS ARCHBISHOP LEO

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

****click the link above to read the full text of the news****

Announcements!!!

- ✚ **Confirmation 4th Session January 25th, Confirmandis & Parents please come on time;**
- ✚ **If there are changes in your name or address, please email the Parish Office so we could update your record before printing the Tax Receipt.**
- ✚ **For new Parishioners, please fill up the Parish registration form and submit to the parish office.**





JUBILEE 2025

What it is and How to Participate

What is a Jubilee Year?

- A Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration.
- The word “jubilee” comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which refers to the ram’s horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.

Old Testament origins

God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves and the forgiveness of debts.

This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, every one to his own family estate. (Lev. 25:10)

Like the sabbath, which took place on the seventh day of each week, the jubilee was a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another.

Tradition continues in Christianity

- Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300, granting the full remission of sin for those who confessed their sins and made a pilgrimage to St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.
- The Church first celebrated jubilee years every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years.

Recent Jubilee years

- **1950:** During this Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.
- **1975:** This Holy Year of reconciliation was proclaimed by Pope Paul VI.
- **1983:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed a special jubilee year in 1983 to celebrate the 1,950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- **2000:** Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.
- **2015:** Pope Francis declared an extraordinary jubilee for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council. The jubilee was dedicated to mercy.

To be continued next week

From: [Jubilee 2025: What it is and How to Participate](#) | Catholic Life - The Roman Catholic Diocese of La Crosse





The official prayer of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year allows the faithful from all over the world to use the same words to express gratitude to God and request the grace of forgiveness.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscus

