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Save the Day:

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - January 10th

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Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for your great support

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2020



" PLEASE, **DO NOT USE 2020 DONATION ENVELOPES** - IF YOU DO, **YOUR DONATION WILL BE CREDITED TO WHOEVER HAS YOUR NUMBER FOR 2021**" Don't forget to write, as clearly as possible, your complete name and address. **Thank you!**

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Recognizing this reality, I will try to keep my pastor's corner very short.

There is a simple question I would like to ask all of you - do you know when you were baptized?

Our baptismal day is probably the most important day of our human life here on earth. There are many dates we try to remember – often the very first we memorize is our birth day. But other days also take importance in our thoughts and memories such as a marriage, birth of children, etc. But over and above all of these is the Sacramental even of our being Baptized into the Catholic Church. On that day, we were grafted onto the vine, which is Christ the Lord. Through our baptism we are given the title of 'child of God' and are given the gift of eternal life, if we remain faithful to our baptismal promises.

So do you know the exact date of your baptism? If you know, then I encourage you to make that day very special (more than you would on your birthday). If you do not yet know when you were baptized, then find out – it's worth it!

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

p.s. With today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord *our Christmas season comes to an end and we now enter 'Ordinary Time'.*

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Faith Formation



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

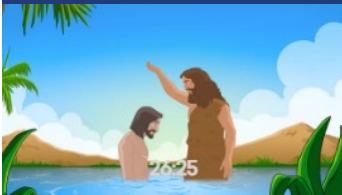
"He bowed his head in humility as an example, not because he suffered imperfections"

Who would not want a doctor who, before he cuts, lifts his shirt a little, shows his own scar, and says to the patient, "I had the same. It's going to be alright"? What soldier would not be just a little braver, stand a little taller, seeing medals for valor on his commander's uniform? We want our heroes, our leaders, and our guides to lead through personal example. **To have been there. To have done that. And we want our Savior to do the same. To empathize. To participate. To identify. To accompany. Actions resonate more than words.**

[Learn More](#)

*O Lord, your Baptism shows us that you are not remote. You are at our side. You know sin but are not a sinner. Give us the grace to renew our baptism through a frequent reception of confession and the Holy Eucharist. By receiving one, we strengthen the others. **By receiving You, we receive God Himself.***

Kids Pick



Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism

In this happy presentation, Brother Francis invites us to share in the realities of the Sacrament of Baptism and the union it provides us with God's

big family! Filled with instruction and inspiration, "Born into the Kingdom" is a great reminder of God's wonderful grace!

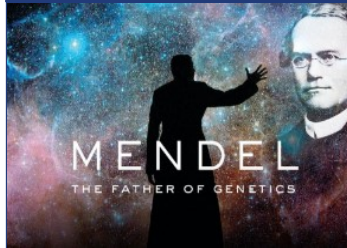
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1. Click on the links
2. Register using your email
3. Enter St. Mary's Access Code: **8b36b3**

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Pick of the Week



Mendel: The Father of Modern Genetics

This beautifully produced European documentary tells the story of Gregor Mendel, a scientist, Catholic priest and scholar renowned as the founder of genetics and discoverer of the laws of inheritance. He was also an astute observer of the sky and the stars, all

this as a monk and abbot of an Augustinian monastery. In the 19th century, he was ahead of the discovery of DNA and the human genome and showed that science and faith go hand in hand to understand Creation.

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Bible Verses



"You were baptized into union with Christ, and now you are clothed, so to speak, with the life of Christ himself." - Galatians 3:27

"In the same way, all of us, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink." - 1 Corinthians 12:13

"There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all people..." - Ephesians 4:5-6



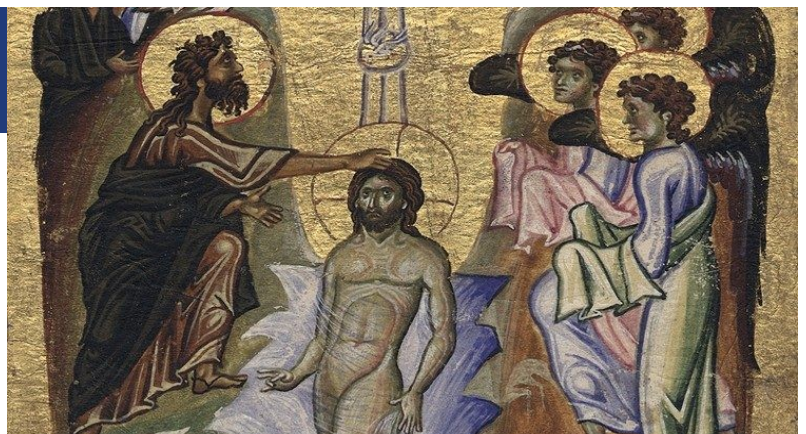
Gospel Truth: Baptism of the Lord

This Feast of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own Baptism. We too were reborn in Baptism. In Baptism the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism.

We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year. (Angelus 12 January 2020)

- Pope Francis

*Baptism of the Lord by
John in the Jordan (©
BAV Urb.gr.2, f.109v)*



"One mightier than I is coming after me.

*I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints



St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton - January 4th

A Protestant New York socialite and mother of five who became a Catholic religious sister, she founded the first community of women religious in the United States. Her feast day is celebrated on January 4.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born into a prosperous New York Protestant family in 1774, on the cusp of the American Revolution. As she quickly learned, *material prosperity cannot fill the heart*.

The small group of women, led by "Mother Seton," arrived in Emmitsburg, Maryland in 1809. There, in that year, *the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first congregation of religious sisters founded in the United States*, had their beginning. The sisters opened a free Catholic school for impoverished girls – the beginning of Catholic education in that new country. The school was followed by an orphanage and countless other works of religious,

educational and cultural formation for the poor. Mother Seton remained the sisters' superior until her death at the age of forty-six. She had sought God, as she said, in the simplicity of her heart.

[Learn More](#)

God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry." - St. Francis de Sales

Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

- Loyola Press

3 minute Prayer Retreat



Forgive Us Our Trespasses

If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

- Matthew 6:14

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30 Days of Pausing in the New Year

Pausing in the New Year #1

You have to know where you are before you can know where you are going. Start off your 30 days of pause by taking the Taking [Your Spiritual Pulse](#) to determine how much you are currently pausing. - The Order of Carmelites

Pausing in the New Year #2

Buy a small notebook. Each day this week, make at least one notation in it that starts, "I never noticed..."

Pausing in the New Year #3

Go to your garage. Find something that you have moved at least three times. Give it away—to a friend, St. Vincent de Paul, or the charity of your choice.

Pausing in the New Year #4

Write a letter to someone you love. With real paper, pen, envelope, and stamp.

Pausing in the New Year #5

Grab a box of crayons. If you feel overwhelmed at any point today sit down for a 10-minute coloring break.

Pausing in the New Year #6

Click on the video below or this link to watch a brief [video](#) for today's pause.

Pausing in the New Year #7

For today, give up your cell phone, email, and internet.

For more... [click here](#)

Live Your Faith

Struggle Is Necessary - Fr. Mike Schmitz



[Learn More](#)

It may sound counterintuitive, but choosing the harder path may make our life easier. Here's why:

When caterpillars go into their cocoons for hibernation, they struggle against the barrier of the cocoon for months on end, trying to get out. It's only when their wings have developed and they're strong enough to fly that they are able to break free and escape. If a caterpillar were to somehow get set free from its cocoon before it was strong enough to escape on its own, it wouldn't be able to fly, and would eventually die.

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"

Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, or religious. If God is calling you, please contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Taller Virtual "Como Mantener una Relación Saludable"



Invitamos a todas las parejas a recibir un Regalo de Año Nuevo

**19 Enero 2021
de 7:00pm a 9:00pm**

Para mayor información **contactar a:**

Mario y Beatriz Escobar
Tel: 647-668-5067

Email: mario.beatriz.escobar@wwme.org



The Making of a Jewish Nun

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION
FOR HEBREW CATHOLICS

Raised in a conservative Jewish home in New York, Mother Miriam came to faith in Yeshua as Messiah after many years as a business executive. Then, later on, after being convinced of the "beauty, goodness and truth" of the Catholic Church, she came into full communion. Mother Miriam is a dynamic speaker, teacher, radio personality and writer who is now the founder of a religious order that promotes the faith in families and schools. In this evening she will share her amazing journey from Judaism to being a Jewish Catholic Nun. All are welcome.

For more information on Mother Miriam, see: <https://bit.ly/otherMiriam>.

No registration is required but contact AHC Toronto for the Zoom link at: ahctoronto@gmail.com.

Great News! St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry

**Young Adult
Ministry**

We are starting, virtually for now, our St. Mary's Young Adult ministry.

What's the goal? **To be on fire AGAIN with love for Jesus**, your untrodden pathway to HAPPINESS.

Who can join? **Young people between ages 19 and 35!** Those interested should contact Fr Patrick, our Associate Pastor: patrickezimoracce@gmail.com.

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School



Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School is now accepting Grade 9 registrations for the 2021/2022 school year. Please visit the following website to view registration details and get started. [Click Here](#)

Knight of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus provides and opportunity for Catholic men 18 years and older to become better Catholic men through helping others and sharing their Catholic faith.

For more information please contact:

Jim Caldwell (647) 468-1559 or

Fernando Gonzalvo (416) 270-7882.

MASS Intentions for the Week

All masses below are private and can be seen via Live-Stream via our YouTube or Facebook channels

Monday - January 11th
St. Peter of Caesarea

9:00 am - Mass

Special Intention For

- Daelen

Tuesday - January 12th
Sts. Antonio Maria Pucci, Arcadius

9:00 am - Mass

- CWL living and deceased members

Wednesday - January 13th
Sts. Hillary of Poitiers, Remigius

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday - January 14th
St. Felix of Nola

9:00 am - Mass

Friday - January 15th
Sts. Paul, Mauro & John Calibita

9:00 am - Mass

- Socorro Rivas †

Saturday - January 16th
Sts. Marcellus, Priscilla

9:00 am - Mass

In the middle of difficulty
lies opportunity.
— ALBERT EINSTEIN

"Tearful Smiles"

During the Christmas/holiday classroom party, a boy comes up to me with a gift bag (obviously re-used) and says: "Here teacher...my mom got this present and she didn't want it and she called everyone in our family and they didn't want it either so she said to just bring it to school and give it to you!" I love how they tell the truth! If their parents only knew how much they really tell us

- Angela Watson

FAMILY CORNER

How to Enter the New Year
By Vinita Hampton Wright



If you're reading this, you lived to see the new year. This is no small matter! Your life makes a difference in the universe, whether or not you embrace your God-given power. May this prayer accompany your initial steps into the future.

God of all time,
help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,
help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.
May we cast off the small, vindictive god
our fears have made.

May the grace and peace of Christ bless you
now and in the days ahead.

- Loyola Press

You Can't Go Back to the Way Things Were
by Bishop Barron

He reflects on the wonderful story of the journey of the Magi. Many marvelous spiritual lessons can be distilled by examining the devotion these wise men had for the Christ child. They teach us to follow and trust in the Lord's leading, to honor him with the best of our gifts, and to muster the courage to face down opposition to our King.



[Learn More](#)

Who is God calling you to be in 2021?

1. A year from now, looking back on 2021, what would you be most excited about accomplishing?
A) I trusted God and stepped out in faith despite my circumstances? B)... C)...
2. Which of these statements is most like you?
A) I have a strong desire to follow God's calling for my life, but sometimes I am afraid to because of my past experiences B)... C)...
3. Which of these do you most want to be like in 2021?

And more...

[Learn more](#)

Office Schedule

Closed Until Further Noticed

Church Schedule

**Church Open
for Private Prayer**

Monday to Friday	9:30am to 8:00pm
Saturdays	9:30am to 11:00am
Sundays	12:30pm to 4:00pm

Livestream Masses

Monday to Sat.	9:00am Mass
Sundays	9:30am Spanish 11:00am English

Confession Times

Fridays	6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturdays	9:45am to 11:00am

Only 10 persons will be allowed at any one time – this will include the priests hearing Confessions.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).

'Resilience'

Is the word for 2021 because it implies **hope, faith and possibilities**. Towards the end of December, it has become a tradition for major wordsmiths to Choose one word that sums up the shared experiences of the year.

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