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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

January 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Bible Verse for January 9: Col. 1:21-22

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he (Jesus) has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

Stewardship Reflection:

"John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus—the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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Mass Intentions:

| Monday | Jan. 10 | 9am | Tony Bettencourt + |
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| Tuesday | Jan. 11 | 9am | Livera Family thanksgiving |
| Wednesday | Jan. 12 | 9am | Virginia Marchetto + |
| Thursday | Jan. 13 | 9am | Mary Bolender healing |
| Friday | Jan. 14 | 9am | Ebert Dias + |
| Saturday | Jan. 15 | 9am | Joey Gabat + |

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022:

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| Saturday | Jan. | 15 | 5pm | Jane Gino thanksgiving |
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| Sunday | Jan. | 16 | 9am | Annie Janko health |
| Sunday | Jan. | 16 | 11am | Sheila Abanil-Espijon + |

Please Pray for our Parishioners who have Health

Challenges: Wade Baker, Margaret Boe, Bob Curley, Anne Dranchuk, Kathleen Ethier, Eugene Filiatrault, Paola Giacometti, Jean Hellier, Ken Hodge, Lilia Huff, Bruno Mannella, Iola Mannella, Diana Martin, Mabsie Merz, Patricia Peters, and Zachary Restiaux.

COVID-19: If you are **not feeling well** and have even mild symptoms such as fever, cough, tiredness, sore throat, headache, aches & pains, **please do not come to church.** Come when you're feeling better. We are all aware of how quickly the COVID-19 Omicron variant is spreading; so this recommendation is for your safety and the safety of others. Also **masks are mandatory** and practice social distancing. Let's all be careful and respectful of others.

Seeking 2-days a week employment:

Gloria, a parishioner of St. Joseph's, has very kindly and quietly volunteered to clean the upstairs washrooms the past few months. She is now seeking 2-days a week employment, either as a companion for a senior or doing light chores and preparing light meals. For further info, please contact Gloria at 778.997.6215. (Gloria is fluent in Spanish.)

The Letters of St. Paul - Paul Proclaims the Gospel:

St. Paul was one of the first to articulate and proclaim the Gospel. Focusing particularly on Romans, we will explore the major features of Paul's presentation of the Good News. Just as it did for Paul's original audience, this message has the potential to invigorate our lives. **Saturday, January 15** at **7:00pm**. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

St. Monica's Mission Holy Hour:

Many parents are grieving the loss of their adult child's faith in the Catholic Church. This Year of the Family is an ideal time of grace for parents to pray, fast, and sacrifice for their adult children's conversion. Through St. Monica's Mission, A Prayerful Journey of Perseverance and Hope, parents are invited to join our monthly Holy Hours on the Third Friday of the month at various parishes across the Archdiocese. **Friday, January 21** at **6:30pm**. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

Bible in a Year Podcast:

Do you want to hear God speak in your life? Do you want to understand Scripture better? Do you have questions about the Bible? Would you like to have read the WHOLE Bible? If so, this podcast is for you. Ascension's <u>Bible in a Year Podcast</u>, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Each 20-25 minute episode includes two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz, and guided prayer. Sign up at <u>rcav.org</u> to receive a monthly email with reflections and resources to encourage you on your journey. The podcast is self-paced, so it's never too late to start!

Into the Deep: What's New About Evangelization?:

In this presentation, Eric Chow will present on the New Evangelization: where this term comes from and what it means to us today. He'll share about Proclaim - a movement of the Archdiocese of Vancouver awakening disciples to proclaim Jesus in their homes and communities and stories of how disciples are seeing God move through their evangelization efforts. **Friday, January 28** at **7pm**. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

2022 envelopes can be found in the foyer. Please print your name & address on the first three weekly envelopes that you put in the donation box. **USE ONLY 2022 ENVELOPES**.

PREVIOUS YEARS' ENVELOPES ARE NOT TO BE USED - the number you had prior to 2022 may have been allocated elsewhere.