

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11th, 2020. 5:00PM

† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, January 12th, 2020, 10:30AM

† All Souls in Purgatory by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan and Family

† the deceased member of the Carlin Family

Thanksgiving and Birthday blessings mass for Jessica Sandra Reginales  
By Reginales family

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, January 15th, 2020, 7:00PM

Healing Mass Mrs. Erlinda de Chavez by Lilia Bagoyo

Thursday, January 16th, 2020, 9:00AM

For the intentions of Mrs. Elisabeth Langenbach

Friday, January 17th, 2020, 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving in honour of the Holy Family by Cleofe Nicolas Bulan and Family..

Saturday, January 18th, 2020. 5:00PM

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Joel Davantes  
by Victoria Davantes and family..

Sunday, January 19th, 2020, 10:30AM

† Guisippina Gisondi

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**Anniversary and Birthday Blessings** Let us include in our intentions prayers for all anniversary and birthday celebrants.

**Happy Birthday to** Jessica Reginales, Jean Fournier and Bernadette Roach

**Thank you to** Mike, Maria G., Ann, Ruth, Beng, Jackie, Alfie, Cora, Ogaga, all of our volunteers and all of our benefactors who supports our parish.

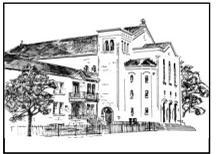
**Thank you to** Our Flea Market volunteers, vendors, visitors and all who stopped by our Flea Market.

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## **January 12, 2020 — Baptism of the Lord**

Sunday (January 12): **Jesus humbly submitted to baptism by John**

### ***Jesus' baptism - beginning of a new creation***

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

### ***Heaven will open for those who bow before the Lord***

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father tells us:

"Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him."

Do you want to see your life transformed in the likeness of Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

### ***The Holy Spirit transforms us in the likeness of Jesus***

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit - and he anoints us for mission as ambassadors of his kingdom of righteousness (moral goodness), peace, and joy (Romans 14:17). We are called to be the "light" and salt" of his kingdom that radiate the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us (Matthew 5:13,15-16). The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us that many others may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and with the fire of your love and goodness. May I always find joy and delight in seeking to please you in doing your will just as you have delighted in the joy of pleasing your Father and doing his will."

<https://cruxnow.com/commentary/2019/01/feast-of-the-epiphany-expresses-gods-tenderness-and-affection/>

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff  
Anastasia  
Wargachuk  
Administration

Dec 14-15—  
\$1,078.15  
Dec 21-22—  
\$1,173.45  
Dec 24-25—  
\$2,479.25  
Dec 28-29—  
\$511.70  
Dec 31-Jan 1—  
\$692.80  
Jan 4-5—\$1,096.15

**ST WILLIBRORD**  
**PARISH**

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's  
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm  
**(Rectory)**

Wednesday:  
7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am  
**(Rectory)**

**Friday: 9:00am**  
**(Rectory)**

**Adoration**  
**9:30am to 11:30am**  
**(Rectory)**

**Please note the  
Mass, on Tuesday,  
Thursday and Fri-  
day will be held in  
the Rectory**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22**

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

*Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.*

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2019/01/12/the-baptism-of-the-lord/>

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**DATE(S) TO REMEMBER**

**Sacramental Preparation:** Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 9:00AM in the Church (enter side door)

**Acolytes Meeting:** Saturday, January 18 2020, at 9:00AM, in the rectory

**Flea Market:** Saturday, February 1, 2020, 9:00AM to 3:00PM



**Raffle Draw Winners**

**Fist Prize, \$1,000.00: Di-Tech (c/o Jonas Bolofer)**

**Second Prize, \$500.00: Ruth Laxina**

**Third Prize, \$250.00: Fruan Tabamo**



Thank you to all who bought or sold raffle tickets. The date of the draw was December 28, 2019. Thank you for supporting the parish's outreach programs, such as the Soup Kitchen, Christmas Baskets and emergency food bank.

Save the date: Saturday, May 30, 2020

**Marian Pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré.**

We are in the planning stages of a day long pilgrimage to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré with a tour of various attractions in Quebec City and Ste Anne Canyon. Box lunch will be provided, please advise if you have any dietary restrictions.

If you are interested please rsvp by contacting the rectory as places are limited.

For all who died as a result of senseless violence, especially the 176 people, on the Iranian flight, who lost their lives this past week and. Let us pray for their family, friends, co-workers, as they struggle with their profound sadness and loss.

*Father, we bring before You those that have had the devastating experience of having someone close to them that they know and love, suffer a sudden, violent and needless death. Lord how we grieve for those that are having to experience this right now, and we pray that in Your grace You would look down with pity and mercy and meet them right at their point of need.*

*Lord, You are the one Who was sent to heal the broken-hearted and comfort those that mourn and are heavy-laden. You are the One Who promised that Your grace is sufficient for every eventuality – even for those having to face the sudden and violent death of someone close to them. Draw near to them we pray and lift them up into Your arms of love and carry them during this time of suffering and grief for You have promised that underneath are Your everlasting arms.*

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and on weekends.

**BAPTISM** Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish

Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite.

Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

**MARRIAGE** Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.