

Mass Intentions

A Reflection about Mass Intentions

Giving a "Mass Card" to the family of someone who has died is a traditional, practical, and consoling custom among Catholic people. Arranging to have a Mass offered for the repose of someone's soul respects the mystery of death and pays attention to the truth that we will all be judged by God, mercifully but justly, for what we have done and for what we have failed to do.

When we die, life is changed, not ended. Do you think that everyone is ready for immediate welcome into the kingdom of heaven? Perhaps some are, perhaps very few. Upon his death, who had more prayers and Masses offered for him than Pope John Paul II? We all have need for divine mercy, and we can benefit from the prayers of our friends. When we die, we will be fortunate and blessed if we have a Mass of Christian Burial and if we have people pray for us at other Masses in the months and years to come

--<https://seton-parish.org/news/a-reflection-about-mass-intentions-1>

Saturday, January 12th, 2019, 5:00PM

† Souls in Purgatory by Adeline Doyle

Sunday, January 13th, 2019, 10:30AM

For the healing of Darwin Cornelio by Shiela Cornelio..

Birthday Blessings for Jessica Reginales by the Reginales Family

Healing mass for Lourdes Quiocho by Melina and Bong Quiocho

Thanksgiving and birthday blessings for Rosanna Besner by Mr & Mrs Pedro Quiocho and family

Tuesday, January 15th, 2019, 10:30AM

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Wednesday, January 16th, 2019, 7:00PM

, † Cecilia Ordoná, † Fidel Cancio, † Patricio Rebujo by Jocelyne Ordoná..

† Elisabeth Olivier by Louis Olivier

Thursday, January 17th, 2019, 9:00AM

Blessings for Christopher By Maricon Martinez..

Friday, January 18th, 2019, 9:00AM

† Emilia Bulseco and Melinda Bulseco Simpson by Janet Bulseco and Bernard Burcena..

Saturday, January 19th, 2019, 5:00PM

Thanksgiving Blessings for Joelle Bolofer on her CPA Graduation

by Beng, Jonas and Bolofer family..

Sunday, January 20th, 2019, 10:30AM

† Elfie Jahnke by Virginia Luyten-Feledick and Betty Luyten-Friedman

Birthday Blessings to Angelito Quiocho by Melina Pasal and family

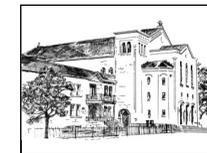
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January 13, 2019 — Baptism of the Lord

"Baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire"

Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life? Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

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 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."

—<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2019/jan13.htm>

Pastor
Fr. Gregory Nunez

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Anastasia Wargachuk
Administration
Dec 22-23, 2018—\$792.90
Dec 24-25, 2018 —
\$4,243.05
Dec 29-30, 2018 —\$910.80
Dec31, 2018/ Jan 1,2019—
\$833.70
January Flea Market—
\$2,193.00
Jan 5-6, 2019—\$1,106.85

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2019-01-13>

Mass Schedule

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am

(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday
(Rector)

@ 9:00 am

Adoration Fridays

9:30am to 11:30am

(Rector)

**Please note the Mass, on
Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday will be held
in the Rectory**

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings to

◇All who are celebrating
this week.

Happy Birthday to
Bernadette Roach and
Jessica Reginales

Thank you to

◇Mike, Ruth, Merly, and
all the volunteers who
work at the Church,
in the Rectory,
in the Soup Kitchen
and at the Flea Market

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Holy Days of Obligation

The Canadian **Conference** of Catholic Bishops has decreed that the Holy Days of obligation to be observed in Canada are: all Sundays of the year, **Christmas Day** and the **Feast of Mary, Mother of God**.

Collection Envelopes for 2019

Collection Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.
If you are interested in receiving envelopes, please contact the rectory, or place your name, address and telephone number in the collection basket.

Zumba

Every Sunday, from 1:30PM to 2:30PM, we will be gathering downstairs to exercise.
If you are interested in participating, please contact the rectory or speak with Stasi or Carole.

DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION AND FORMATION FOR LAY PEOPLE

Thursday Bible Study:

Will be held on Thursday, at 6:30PM, in Rectory

Meeting for Lectors, Lay Ministers and Choir Members:

will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Choir Practice

will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019, following the 10:30AM Mass

Acolytes:

Meeting will be held in the rectory, on January 12, 2019, at 9:00AM.

Faith in the family:

The next faith in the family will be on January 13, 2019

DATE(S) TO REMEMBER

Flea Market:

Saturday, February 2, 2019, 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Mass in Cameron Hall

Saturday, February 9, 2019, 5:00PM, followed by a light meal

Cultural and Culinary Celebration

February 16, 2019 —Flavors and Scents of St. John Brebeuf Parish, 7777 George St, Lasalle, QC H8P 1C8 Join us in the hall after the 4:30PM mass for a cultural and culinary celebration. We are aiming for the following countries: Africa, El Salvador, India, Italy & Poland. There are limited spots so please call Dawn at 514-366-0131 ext 223 as it will be first come, first serve.

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.