



Baptism of the Lord



MONDAY, Jan 11, 2010 - Ferial
12:10 pm - † John & Mary Wachko
 - Son John

 - *Agnes Baker*


TUESDAY, Jan 12, 2010 - Memorial
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
12:10 pm - Thanksgiving & Blessings
 - Anna Halek

WEDNESDAY, Jan 13, 2010 - Ferial
12:10 pm - † Victor Stepanuik
 - Family

 - *Michael Sinnott*

THURSDAY, Jan 14, 2010 - Ferial
12:10 pm - Thanksgiving & Blessings for Leslie Teresa Halek
 - Mother


FRIDAY, Jan 15, 2010 - Ferial
12:10 pm - Thanksgiving for Health
 - Anna Halek

 - *Gino V. Gegeten*

SATURDAY, Jan 16, 2010 - Ferial
5:00 pm - † Tadeusz Wojtowicz
 - Madeline Kohut & Christina Jachnowiec

 - *Lucia Mendoza Roque*

SUNDAY, Jan 17, 2010
9:30 am & 11:30 am - Holy Mass

 *Remembered on the Tree of Life*

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.
 Luke 3:21-22a

Lectors - **Group 4** will read next weekend
 Jan 17, 2010.

The old African-American spiritual "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" has one verse that goes, "Jordan's river is chilly and cold / hallelujah / chills the body but not the soul / hallelujah." We don't know what the temperature of the Jordan River was when Jesus stepped into it in front of John the Baptist. But Luke's Gospel relates that after he had been baptized and while he was praying the heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon him. A voice from heaven was heard, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

It is unlikely that any such explicitly miraculous events occurred at our own baptism, or any that we may have attended. But something just as momentous did take place when we were baptized. In our baptism we became intimately connected to God; we became God's own children, just as Jesus is the Father's beloved Son. And when we were baptized the Holy Spirit descended upon us -not as a dove, but as the Spirit of God that always dwells in our hearts. That connectedness to God never disappears. Even when we are guilty of the worst sins, God is with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, helping us to act more and more like Christ as we reaffirm our baptismal commitment.

While we celebrate the signs and wonders at the Jordan that herald Jesus' baptism and the beginning of his public ministry, we also recall that our own baptism begins the call to minister in this world. Our baptismal call is to act like Christ, to be his hands, and voice, and heart in this world. When we act like him, we can be assured we too will hear the Father's voice, "with you I am well pleased."

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Readings for the Week
of Jan 10, 2010

Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8/Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20/Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1c-11/Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
 Mark 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5/1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 John 2:1-11

Stewardship - January 10 – Baptism of the Lord

Baptism is the Sacrament of Faith. We are called to continue to grow in our faith in the midst of a community of believers. Stewardship is a way of living out what we say we believe. This means that we are willing to share a generous portion of our lives and our possessions with God, with our faith community, and with the world. Vatican II points out that all the baptized are “bound to show forth, by the example of their lives and by the witness of their speech” that **new life** they receive in baptism.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY
Join fellow parishioners in discussion of
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Five sessions in Lent
Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24
Five session in the Easter Season
Apr. 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12
Wednesdays
Afternoons 1:00-2:30pm
or
Evenings 7:30-9:00pm
in
St. Mary’s Parish Hall

Yellow Information Sheets/Registration forms and Envelopes are found at the back of the church as well as at the side exits. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 17. JOIN THIS GROUP TO NOURISH YOUR FAITH.**

What’s New & Upcoming

- Jan 10** CWL after the 11:30 mass
- Jan 10** RCIA resumes 2PM
- Jan 17** Last day to register for Little Rock Scripture Study
- Jan 19** Knight of Columbus at 7:00pm in d’Youville Hall
- Jan 26** Parish Pastoral Council 7:30 in the parish hall

Stewardship.....for Life!

Total offering for Dec 20/27, 2009:

Christmas	\$ 11,179.80
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 16,696.90
Sunday Loose	\$ 1,996.19
PAR Contributions	\$ <u>828.04</u>
Total	\$ 30,700.93

Total 2009 Bonus for the Cathedral: \$ 27,939.56

Capital Campaign for Dec 20/27, 2009:

Actual collection	\$ 2,221.02
PAR Contributions	\$ <u>161.00</u>
Budget per 2 week period	\$ <u>4,000.00</u>
Deficit	\$ 1,617.98

Total offering for the week ended Jan 03, 2010:

Weekday collections	\$ 223.55
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,842.77
Sunday Loose	\$ 2,143.80
PAR Contributions	\$ <u>414.02</u>
Total	\$ 10,624.14

New Year’s Collection: \$ 2,215.00

Capital Campaign for Jan 03, 2010:

Actual collection	\$ 610.00
PAR Contributions	\$ <u>80.50</u>
Budget per week	\$ <u>2,000.00</u>
Deficit	\$ 1,309.50

AGAPE TABLE

The Item for January is: Peanut Butter
Items may be placed in the container in the sacristy.

I would like to thank all of you for the many kindnesses shown to me over the Christmas Season. Your prayers, your gifts and good wishes certainly touch my heart and make Christmas so special to me. Be assured of God’s blessings for all of you and for all who participate in the various ministries and organizations in our Parish Community. I pray that all your days in 2010 will be richly blessed!

Love and Peace.....Fr. Michael

