

BAPTISM OF JESUS – JANUARY 9TH, 2011



In this Sunday's gospel there is a tension between John and Jesus. Jesus comes to John for baptism; John wants to "prevent him." Jesus says, "let it be so for now"; John does what Jesus asks and baptizes him, suddenly "the heavens were opened to him" and the Spirit of God came upon Jesus to reveal who he is—the beloved Son.

How often as baptized followers of Jesus do we experience tension between ourselves and what Jesus is asking us to do? In giving ourselves over to Jesus the tension is resolved, the power of the Spirit is unleashed, and the identity of Jesus is revealed to the world.

In whom is God well pleased? In the first reading, "my chosen" one who "bring[s] forth justice." In the gospel, this chosen one is revealed as the "beloved Son" who "went about doing good" (second reading).

With mutual self-giving, the sign that reveals the meaning of Jesus' baptism could happen. Our own baptism also calls us to mutual self-giving. Baptism is about more than being washed of sin; it is about being committed to the kind of self-giving that happens with the Spirit's indwelling. We give ourselves for the good of others and this is Spirit-filled gospel living. This gospel calls us to open ourselves and even seek Jesus' coming. *His* presence enables us to live by gospel values.

Here is the paradox of gospel living: by self-giving we are self-fulfilled. By self-giving we embrace the mystery of being plunged into his dying and rising, pledging ourselves to lives of goodness and holiness. In face of the great good God gives us—being pleased with us as beloved daughters and sons—whatever tensions we might encounter in being faithful to the Spirit's indwelling seem small, indeed.

2011 ENVELOPES Thank you to those who have collected their new envelopes. For those who have yet to pick up theirs, you can find them in the vestibule. If you are coming here regularly and do not have a set, we are happy to provide you with one. Please call the parish office to get your envelopes and give your support to your parish.



You want to write your name and address on the envelope for the first few weeks of January so that we can check to make sure the credit goes to you. Thank you.

CWL MEETING Our next meeting is on Saturday, January 15th, after the 9:00 am Mass. Any new ladies in the parish are welcome to attend.

FORTY HOUR DEVOTION OUR PARISH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ANNUAL SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE ARCHDIOCESE ON **TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH TO THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH, FROM 9:30 AM TO 7:30 PM.** THE SIGN-UP SHEET IS AT THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH. **CAN YOU COME AND SPEND AN HOUR OR MORE WITH THE LORD.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

2011 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are still available at the rectory office. Each copy is \$46.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

Also, Thanks for your donations to our Winter clothing drive!

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION Please mark Saturday, February 12th in your calendars. That is when we will have the annual Chinese New Year dinner at Holy Name Parish. Come celebrate the year of the Rabbit. Good food, fun and door prizes. More info to follow.

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	Jan. 10	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Yvonne Taylor.
Tuesday	Jan. 11	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Gloria McDonagh.
Wednesday	Jan. 12	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of the Congregation of Notre Dame.
Thursday	Jan. 13	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the souls of Nicholas & Maria Fedyk.
Friday	Jan. 14	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of G. Parry.
Saturday	Jan. 15	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the living and deceased members of the Legion of Mary. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Simon Piang Yam Wong.
Sunday	Jan. 16	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Tim Yee.

TIME AND TALENT Here is a great opportunity for any gifted parishioner with the piano and/or organ and voices to share your gifts by becoming part of the 11:00 am adult choir. Let your musical talent shine for the greater glory of God and joy of our faith community. For more information, of how you can share your talent, please call the rectory.



CATHOLIC DIRECTORY The new books for 2010-2011 are available at the rectory office. Cost is \$15/book.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 17, 2010

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-To Spread the Love of God-
-To Help the Poor-

Dear Fr. Wong and Dear Parishioners:

Thank you for the caring way you do. Your generosity is an indication of your great love for the Child Jesus and for everything that He represents. For your wonderful Christmas gift of \$2000.00, we are so very grateful.

The offering that you are presenting Him, in favour of His missionaries and His poor, must make Him very proud of your involvement in helping to further His Kingdom in the glacial and far-flung regions of the Arctic.

At the approach of Christmas, we wish you the fullness of His presence in your life. He the Child of the Manger who comes to share our history and make Himself one of us. During this wonderful season of the birth of our Saviour, we will be in communion with you in a very special way.

Please accept our best wishes during this sacred time of the year. May the New Born fill you heart with His love, and may your life be one of hope and peace. Throughout the New Year, we will ask Jesus to take very good care of you and your loved ones.

May your dreams and aspirations be fulfilled in Him.

Sincerely in Him,

+ Bishop Reynald Rouleau, O.M.I.

MANDATING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

At the 9:00 am Mass today, January 9th, we will mandate the new and current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

BULLETIN AD We may have a few advertising spaces that will be available at the back of our weekly bulletin. The cost is \$200 for the whole year, which begins in February and goes to the end of January 2012. Please reserve your space ASAP and send us a business card size of your advertisement. Thank YOU!

MADONNA HOUSE Will resume Mornings of Recollection on Saturday, January 15. Join us from 9:30 am to Noon for a time of quiet reflection and sharing. Bring your rosaries and bibles. St. John the Apostle parish hall, 5457 Trafalgar St., Vancouver. Call 604-267-1757 or email: madonna2@shaw.ca for more info.

GENERATIONAL HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE RETREAT

On January 28—30 at IC, Delta School Gym. The IC Prayer Group presents Fr. Denis Phaneuf from the Saskatoon Diocese, with Moira Noonan from the Diocese of San Diego, who will teach us about the many disorders and problems which are typical to families from generation to generation. The teaching is scripturally based and calls for healing and deliverance prayer. The retreat will commence with a Healing Mass on Friday at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Call Lennie at 604-597-8227 or email lennieptl@telus.net tickets and for more info.

Scripture Readings

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-38;
Matthew 3:13-17



Jan. 10, Mon., Hebrews 1:1-6; Ps. 97;
Mark 1:14-20

Jan. 11, Tues., Hebrews 2:5-12; Ps. 8; Mark 1:21-28

Jan. 12, Wed., Hebrews 2:14-18; Ps. 105; Mark 1:29-39

Jan. 13, Thurs., Hebrews 3:7-14; Ps. 95; Mark 1:40-45

Jan. 14, Fri., Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Ps. 78; Mark 2:1-12

Jan. 15, Sat., Hebrews 4:12-16; Ps. 19; Mark 2:13-17

THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD—THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Come and discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness and our destiny with him in heaven. Fr. Alan Boisclair will present an 11-week course starting January 12th at St. Andrew's Parish, Vancouver, or January 13 at Christ the Redeemer Parish, West Vancouver. The cost is \$60. The cost includes the textbook: "Man and Woman, He created them. Visit www.rcav.org/tob for more info.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK Friday, February 11th, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass of anointing will be celebrated by Arch. Miller at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 S. Slocan Street, Vancouver.

OPEN HOUSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL:

ST. PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL Everyone interested in attending the school for the 2011-2012 academic year is invited to the Open House on Sunday, January 30th at 1:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to pick up the Application Package. Deadline for accepting completed applications is February 26, 2011. For more info, go to www.stpats.bc.ca

VANCOUVER COLLEGE Is holding its annual Open House on Thursday, January 20th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the school. There are openings in September for K, Gr. 4, 7 and 8 and at other grade levels as they occur. Any questions, call 604-261-4285 or email rcogswell@vc.bc.ca

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

We all share in the baptismal priesthood. The Second Vatican Council: "The laity derive the right and duty to the apostolate from their union with Christ the head; incorporated into Christ's Mystical Body through **Baptism** and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, they are assigned to the apostolate by the Lord Himself. They are consecrated for the royal priesthood and the holy people not only that they may offer spiritual sacrifices in everything they do but also that they may witness to Christ throughout the world" **DECREE ON THE APOSTOLATE OF THE LAITY (3)**. Stewardship is rooted in our baptism. How are you using your gifts in response to your baptismal call?

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg