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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

**To Follow
Jesus Christ
and to Invite
others to do the same.**

IN-PERSON MASS AND OTHER GROUP GATHERINGS ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED UNDER PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORDER.

LIVESTREAM MASS TIMES:

**Saturday 5PM
Sunday 9AM**

followed by Drive-Up Communion

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
at Good Shepherd Church

Wednesdays 6:30PM - 7:30PM
Saturdays 10AM - 11AM

For Confession outside of these set times, please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

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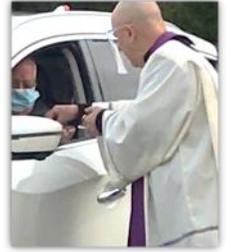


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PROCEDURES FOR DRIVE-UP HOLY COMMUNION



AFTER LIVESTREAM MASS

Reminders:

1. The Archbishop's dispensation of Sunday Mass continues. Therefore, we are not obligated to receive Communion. Rather, Drive-up Holy Communion is available for those who desire to receive.
2. Please stay home if you are a vulnerable member of the community or if you are sick.
3. Wear a face covering as per Provincial Health Order.

Before Communion:

1. Participate in the celebration of the liturgy by viewing our livestreamed Mass on  **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/user/SOSParish> in your home and come to Good Shepherd Church immediately after the Mass.

Saturday 5:00 PM Anticipated Mass
Sunday 9:00 AM Mass

The priests will be distributing Communion for an hour after the end of the Mass.

2. Please also try to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for Holy Communion.



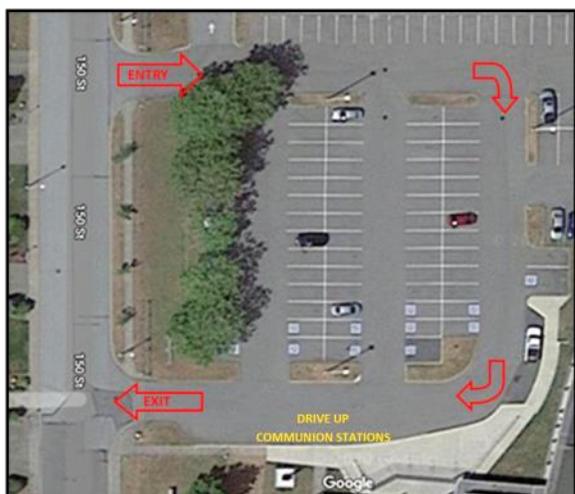
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Drive Up Communion:

1. You will be directed by traffic volunteers to enter the parking lot at the north gate and exit through the south gate.

See map:



2. Volunteers will direct you to drive up to the front entryway of Good Shepherd Church where two priests will be waiting at the Communion stations. Remain in your vehicle as the priests approach the vehicle to offer you the Eucharist.
3. You must receive in your hand. On the tongue is not permitted.
4. Those who intend to receive must extend their arms and open hands towards the open windows of their vehicle, saying their "Amen" when the priest offers them, "The Body of Christ".
5. You can say a silent prayer in your car for a few moments as you leave the premises.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

The feast today of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the festive season of Christmas and begins the Ordinary time of the Church's liturgical calendar. In the Gospel the voice of God the Father is heard: "*You are my Son, the beloved, with You I am well pleased.*" And after this episode Jesus begins his public life and ministry.

We might reflect that the grace of Baptism is a sharing in the life of Jesus by the outpouring of his Spirit, and we too become children of God and share in the same mission of Jesus, ie to go out to the whole world and make disciples of all, and baptizing them in the name of the Blessed Trinity. No small task for sure, but the mandate for the Church nonetheless.

We live in a world that is separated by way of geography and political boundaries, by way of language and cultural distinctions, and by way of values and religious beliefs. Like in the story of the Tower of Babel, we are a planet divided. And yet with the story of Pentecost, and the outpouring of the Spirit that enabled people from all corners of the world to understand the message of Peter about the person and teachings of Jesus, the conversion to Christ by the preaching of the apostles begins. And it continues on to this present day.

The ordinary life of every Christian is a call to bear testimony to the love of Christ in the words and deeds of our days, whether in our neighborhood, in our workplace, or in the social interaction we have with all those with whom we share our lives. The challenges that this spiritual obligation presents are formidable, because we live in a time that gives priority to each person's individual right to privacy and personal opinion. The idea that God intends us to all believe in the message and person of Jesus, to be baptized and become active members of his Church, to be united in the practice of faith and morals under the leadership of the Pope, seems an impossible state of affairs to accomplish.

And yet, that's the truth of our Catholic Faith, and it calls us to renew ourselves in that sacred mission, which also is enshrined in our parish's mission statement, ie "To Follow Jesus Christ, and to Invite Others to do the Same." Each year at this time we call out to our family, friends, and neighbors, and to people at large: "Come and see the inside of our churches, and be welcomed to join." It is a foreshadowing of the annual celebration of Easter in the Spring, not too far down the road, and the story of love at its best.

Have a blessed start to this new year,

Fr. Dion

This Sunday's Mass Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD by Bishop Robert Barron
January 9, 2005 [/www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

Baptism of Jesus was shocking and deeply embarrassing. Here's the one that the first Christians maintained was the Saviour, the Son of God, the spotless Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. So why was he seeking a baptism of repentance?

John the Baptist was operating along the Jordan River north of Jerusalem and he was offering a baptism of repentance. He was inviting sinners to come to him, to repent of their sins, to stand in the water, and he would baptise them and wash them of their sins. And Jesus comes to him. It's recorded in all four Gospels and it is clearly witnessed to. Jesus begins his public ministry by seeking a baptism of repentance. The strangeness of it can be heard

in the Baptist's own words. As Jesus presents himself, John looks at him and says: "*I should be baptized by you and yet you are coming to me!*"

And so, the public life of Jesus gets off to this odd start. But as it's always the case with the bible, there are lots of ironies in the fire. The Bible loves to play with these twists and turns of irony!

Yes, the Gospel writers insist that Jesus is the sinless Son of God; and yes, they insist that he is the Word made flesh, the one who takes away the sin of the world; there is no ambiguity about that. But what the Gospel writers want to show you is how strangely this God operates. He lays aside his glory. He lays aside all his prerogatives. He lays aside any sign of distinction and he slips quietly into the cold muddy waters of the Jordan River. No one particularly notices him as he got in the water. More to it, he stood side by side in those waters with sinners. Imagine now the people coming to John the

Baptist - some run-of-the-mill sinners of course, but I imagine also some pretty serious sinners. People who were spiritually lost were probably coming to John seeking peace. And there, Jesus slips in quietly, unobtrusively and stands right in the midst with all these grubby sinners. And even humbly submits himself to the baptism of John.

Look at most of us who like to make something of a public splash. We all like to look pretty good. And yet, the first move of Jesus' public life is to look about as bad as you can look. That's the point that is the irony of the story. The first move of the *Word made flesh* when he breaks upon the public scene, the first move of the sinless Son of God is to make himself look

like a sinner, is to stand shoulder to shoulder with us sinners.

This is the whole revolution of Christianity. That God would come down and enter into our condition, identifying with us to the point where he would appear among us as a sinner, and yet that's the way the public life of Jesus begins. The

sinless God going into God-forsakenness. St. Paul says "*Christ became sin*" (2 Cor 5: 21). Why? "*so that WE might become the righteousness of God in Him.*"

It is very important to note that He is not a sinner - if he was a sinner then all of Christianity falls apart! But the sinless One identifies with the whole attitude and predicament of the sinner so as to bring God's love and forgiveness even down to that place.'

Christians, God has come in Christ to forgive our sins. That's why he's come. He teaches - yes. He heals - yes. But at the heart of the matter, and this culminates on the cross, He has come to forgive our sins. How wonderful that it is on the lips of Jesus all the time. How wonderful that it is at the heart of his public ministry. He has come not for the healthy: "*I've come for the sick. I've come for the sinner.*" (Mark 2:17)



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At the last supper, Jesus said: *“this is the cup of my blood the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, it will be shed for you and for all”*. Why? *“so that sins may be forgiven”*. That’s why he’s come and it’s signaled here in his baptism. He comes to stand humbly and salvifically with us sinners.

There are beautiful words from the First Reading today that accompanies: *“a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench”*. (Is 42: 3). That’s a description of the Messiah when he comes.

“A bruised reed” is a reed that has been cracked, broken. The temptation is to say that it’s useless, it’s hopelessly broken, just crack it in half and throw it away! No - when the Messiah comes, he has come to repair. He has not come simply to cast aside all of us sinners who are offensive to God. No, He has come to heal these broken reeds.

Then the image of *“a smoldering wick he will not quench”*. To take the time to cultivate even that little bit of flame of a smoldering wick, you have to cup your hands around it and spend the time. That’s what the Messiah has come to do. Not to put out the smoldering wick, but to try to lure it back into life. We are all meant to be on fire with the divine life. In our sin, we are like these wicks that are about to go out. But Christ has come to enter right into that experience and try to nurture that life back. God doesn’t just pass judgment from on high. He doesn’t extinguish the smoldering wick but he enters into this state of ours in all humility with the desire to bring us back to life.

When John objects as we heard, Jesus said *“we must do this to fulfill all righteousness”* (Mt 3: 15). The word righteousness echoes up and down the Bible. It means “setting right”. Sin is the loss of righteousness. That means our relationship with God has been broken. The great revelation of the New Testament is that righteousness is not primarily our task. It is primarily God’s task. It is a grace of God that we are set right. It is done through the gracious humility of Jesus coming into our sin and setting us right.

After he is baptized, Jesus came directly out of the water. Suddenly the sky opened and he saw *“the Spirit of God descend like a dove and hover over him, and behold, a voice from the heavens said “This is my beloved Son. My favour rests on him.”* (Mt. 3: 17) This is the first great theophany of the Trinity. That God is one and that God exists that is the great claim of the Old Testament remains true. But here now we see fully displayed, the dove, the Holy spirit, the voice of the Father and the humility of the Son: all three Persons revealed to us. Why and How? Precisely in this moment of humble love.

Who is our all-powerful God? He is the one who loves even to the point of death. The one who loves even to the point of identification with the sinner! God’s fullness is revealed when the Incarnate Son slips into the muddy waters and stands right with us in love. That’s when God is fully revealed.

And that’s the power of this great Feast of the Baptism of The Lord.

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~ St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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Sunday, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Monday, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Thursday, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Thursday, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Friday, 1:00pm-2:00pm

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Sundays 9:30AM

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