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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

PARISH INFORMATION



The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 10

Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

Monday, January 11

9:30 am Mass, Church (Peggy Tucker RIP)

Tuesday, January 12

No Morning Mass

Wednesday, January 13

5:00 pm Confessions, Church

6:30 pm Daily Mass, Church (Bridget Ceravolo Dobson RIP)

7:00 pm Faith Matters, Church

Thursday, January 14

9:30 am, Daily Mass, Church (Margaret Gibson RIP)

Friday, January 15

9:30 am Mass, School Only, Church

11:00 am Funeral Mass for Bridget Ceravolo Dobson, Online

Saturday, January 16

9:30 am Daily Mass, Church

3:00 pm Confessions, Church

5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Church

Sunday, January 17

Sunday Mass, Pro Populo, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am, Mass, Church

10:30 am Mass, Church

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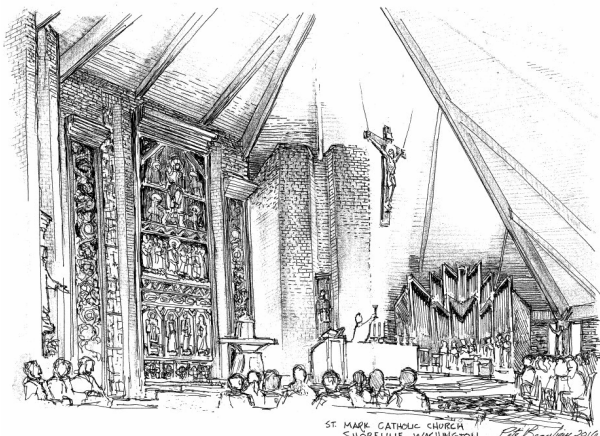
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Stewardship as of January 3, 2021 for
Fiscal Year July, 2020-June, 2021:

Weekly amount needed: \$17,310

Last Week Collection: \$9,435

Year to date needed: \$467,370

Actual given year to date: \$405,969

Difference: (61,401)

Online Giving:

Total givers: 89

Amount given online: \$6,903



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

- Father Jacob Maurer

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Cf. Mt 3: 16-17

Below is one of my favorite images of the **baptism of Christ**. I find that the image captures a sense of Christ's baptism that may not be entirely apparent at first: the great vulnerability that Jesus presents to John and us.

There is the physical vulnerability: the Jordan river couldn't



Baptism of Christ, by Grigory Gaagarin

have been warm - colder still after stripping down to the bare necessities! Here is Jesus, submissive to one whom He created, holding His arms over His frail

human body as He inaugurates baptism for all.

More profound is the humble vulnerability in how Jesus presents Himself to receive a sacrament for which He personally has no need. He does so on behalf of humanity, with whom He has forever united Himself.

The Beloved Son of God comes not to glorify Himself but to help us receive the Father's love. Joined to Him in baptism, made one in the Eucharist, He wants to glorify us so we also know that we are God's beloved children.

Last month I started a bulletin series to address common questions & concerns about COVID-19 vaccines. At the time of writing, there had not been any official publications from Rome or from the bishops.



Since then, the Washington State Catholic Conference, the USCCB, and Rome have all weighed in - **each offering support of receiving the available vaccines**, albeit with some important considerations & reflections.

Their writings and commentary are too much to include here, but they are all worth reading. My series will continue to be published in the bulletin, but I hope you will take the time to read these most recent publications from our bishops and from Rome. These have been given to us to assist in our understanding of our freedom & responsibilities with vaccines.

COVID-19 vaccine documents

Washington State Catholic Conference statement: "[The Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Charities and Health Care Support COVID-19 Vaccinations](#)"

USCCB document "[Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines](#)"

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith note: "[Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines](#)"



Dear friends,

Reassured by the Church that remote mediate material cooperation in evil is morally licit - that we may indeed take vaccines - we come to the question of whether or not we should actually take them. To this, the Church

has a nuanced but firm 'yes'! **We have a moral responsibility to vaccinate** not only in care for ourselves but for the safety of others, particularly those who are most vulnerable in society.

The Church is careful not to require any particular vaccine - and indeed allows for the varying calls of conscience among the faithful. The document *Dignitatis Personae* reminds us that "Of course, within this general picture there exist differing degrees of responsibility", prompting careful discernment in these decisions though always attentive to the health of the most vulnerable. Through the Pontifical Academy for Life, the Church reminds us that there is a **moral obligation to guarantee the vaccination coverage** necessary for the safety of others.

In short, we may not claim a blanket exemption from participating in the work of safeguarding others, though we rightly discern how we will do so with each vaccine. Given the nature of vaccines - that the more people are vaccinated, the more all are protected (even those who can not be vaccinated) - the Church strongly encourages all to receive vaccinations where possible so as to contribute to the health of all those around us. May we pray for wisdom in how we do our part.

Reference documents

Dignitatis Personae (On Certain Bioethical Questions), Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, 2008 - https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20081208_dignitas-personae_en.html

Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Fetuses, Pontifical Academy for Life, 2005 [https://www.pdcnet.org/C1257D43006C9AB1/file/B3945E0E17A0025085257D94004A597D/\\$FILE/ncbq_2006_0006_0003_0145_0154.pdf](https://www.pdcnet.org/C1257D43006C9AB1/file/B3945E0E17A0025085257D94004A597D/$FILE/ncbq_2006_0006_0003_0145_0154.pdf)

Note on Italian vaccine issue, Pontifical Academy for Life, 2017 <http://www.academyforlife.va/content/pav/en/the-academy/activity-academy/note-vaccini.html>

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Congratulations to Hannah McAllister, eighth grader at St. Mark Catholic Classical School, winner of the Knights of Columbus essay contest. The prompt was: Discuss the meaning of virtue and how you can live and embody the virtue of charity.

Thank you to all students who participated and congratulations Hannah.

“Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good.”

~Pope Francis



Daily Mass Cancellations

† Daily Mass at 9:30 am is canceled Monday, January 25

Support St. Mark Catholic Classical School There are several on-going ways to support St. Mark Catholic Classical School.

This week we spotlight AmazonSmile: AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when we shop on AmazonSmile the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to our school. Just go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0635560](https://www.amazon.com/ch/91-0635560) and shop like usual with no extra cost to you at all!

Catholic Schools Week will be January 31–February 6, 2021. St. Mark Catholic Classical School will host a virtual Open House Tuesday, February 2, 3:00–4:30 pm.

Explore the Website of the Archdiocese

Have you explored the website of the Archdiocese of Seattle lately? Go to the Home page at www.seattlearchdiocese.org.

The Catholic Church has a long-standing history of caring for our neighbors next door as well as those we will never meet. Click on the Pastoral Care tab and learn more, or to get involved!

Support for Marriages and Families

The Office of Marriage and Family Life at the Archdiocese of Seattle is there to help.

The OMFL offers resources for marriage preparation, supports marriage enrichment, promotes natural family planning, helps parents and youth understand marriage, and provides resources to break free from pornography. We don't have all the answers. Sometimes we don't even know what the right questions are. What we do know is that families face many challenges and need a Church that is there to help them. Share with us your questions and concerns--whatever they may be and we will work together. Please contact Deacon Eric Paige with any questions or your concerns at eric.paige@seattlearch.org or (206) 382-4864.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the ill...

Theodore Gormley, Betty Jean Scott, Mary Wittinger
Jim & Virginia Helbling, Margarita Andrijic

For the deceased...

James “Jim” Acheson
Bridget Ceravolo Dobson
Peggy Tucker

PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



Funeral Mass Announcement

Join us, virtually, in prayer for the repose of the soul of

Bridget Ceravolo Dobson

Friday, January 15 at 11:00 am
Mass will be live streamed on Facebook

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Nine Days For Life Novena

At every stage and in every circumstance we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities but to perfection in love.

Nine Days for the Protection of Life is a novena beginning on January 21. Each day will be accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Things we can do to prepare: take a break from television and movies and spend that time praying; fast from one meal; offer some other sacrifice, prayer or act of penance.

For more information, and to get involved, please visit <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2021-english/>

USCCB Online Resources

Did you know that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides reflections on the daily readings from the Mass, podcasts of the Mass, Liturgy of the Hours and so much more?

Find the reflections at <https://www.usccb.org/offices/new-american-bible/daily-reflections-video>.

The podcast where we can listen to the daily readings is at <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio>.

Liturgy of the Hours can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours>.

And there is so very much more to explore!

St. Mark Parish Faith Matters Program

Faith Matters will continue Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 pm (following the 6:30 Mass) **in the church and also streamed online for those who cannot attend.** Everyone is welcome, please join us! Instead of a formal topic, we will have an open question session. Deacon Kirk will take questions from those attending. If you cannot attend, but have a question, simply email it to kirka@saintmarkshoreline.org.

Finding Calm in the Storm

Stressful current events and unforeseen set-backs can sometimes make life feel downright chaotic. We can look to our Catholic faith for ways to create calm and stability. Our archdiocese has created several online streaming programs to assist us. For attaining calm explore the programs offered at <https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/find-calm>

Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial

The next Community Rosary at the Affirmation of Life Memorial will be Sunday, January 24 after the 8:30 am Mass, at about 9:40 am. Please come! Masks and social distancing are still required. If you do not yet feel comfortable attending in person (we understand!) please pray the Rosary on your own or with your family in support of pro-life efforts.

We can also pray the Rosary with Archbishop Etienne anytime convenient here: <https://vimeo.com/424251219>

Frequently Requested Numbers

Boy Scouts: Dennis Halpin (206) 365-1971

Knights of Columbus: Greg Insley (206) 271-4599

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline: (206) 767-6449

Queen of Heaven Guild: Sylvia Ebert (206) 419-3115

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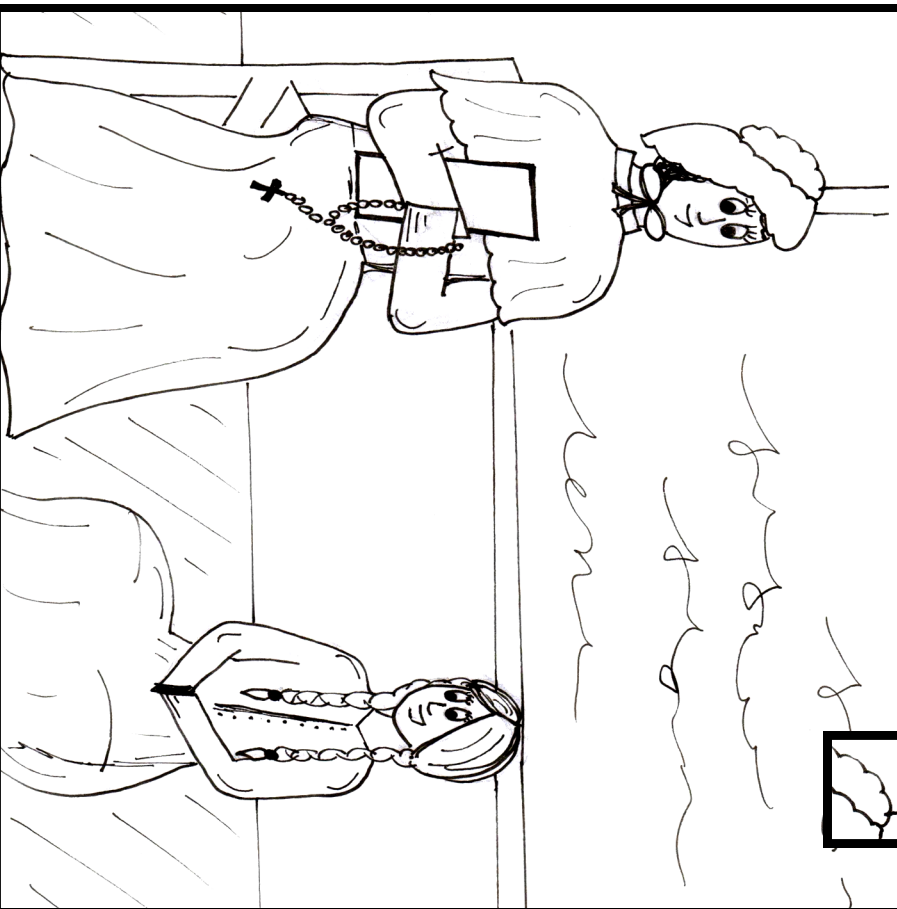
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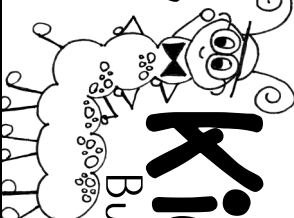
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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton lived in America. She helped start Catholic Schools to teach kids about God. Where do you learn about God?



Catholic Kids Bulletin



January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord
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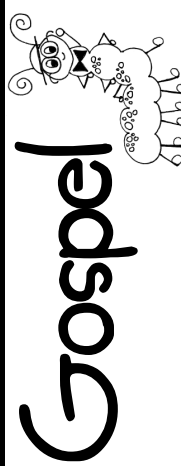
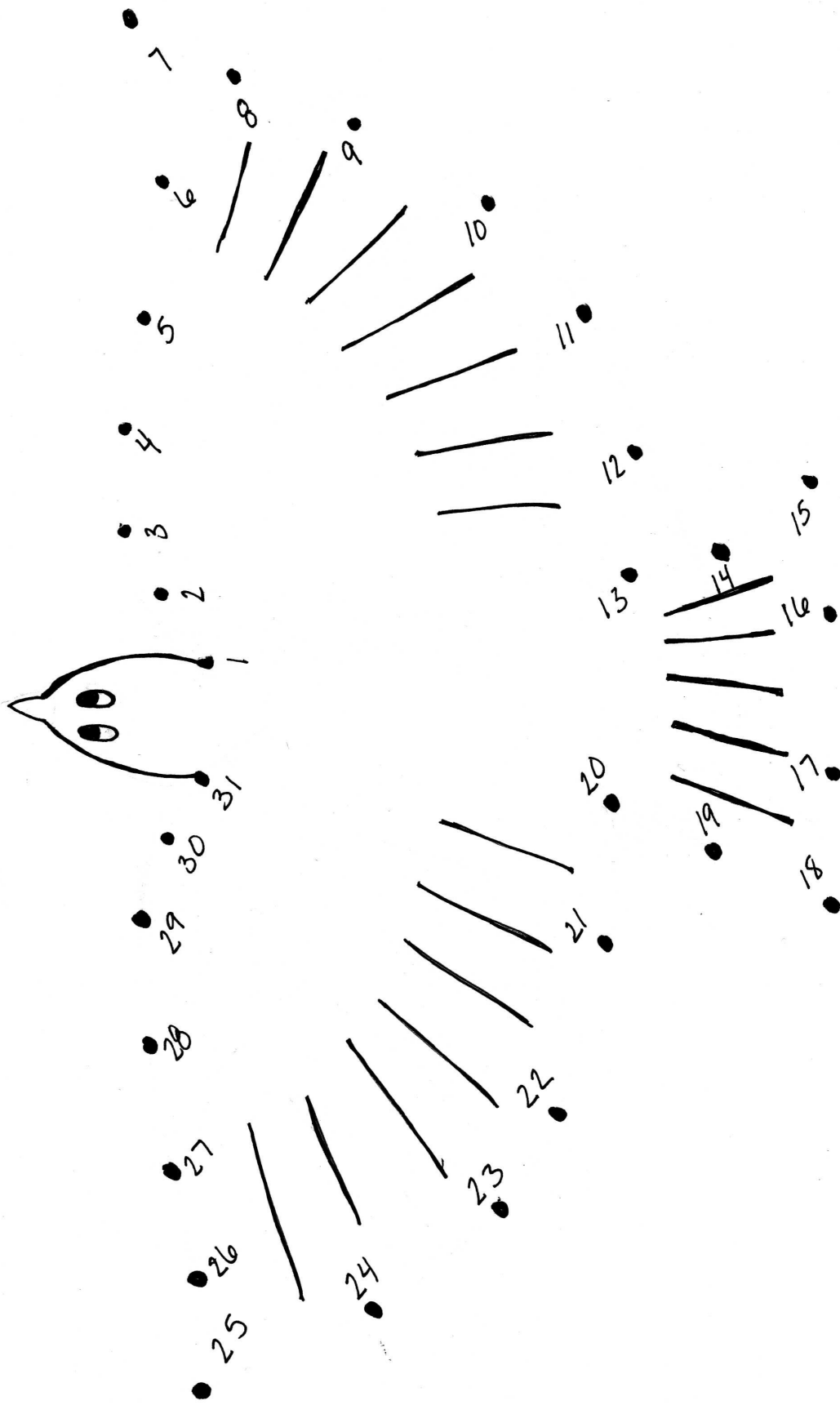
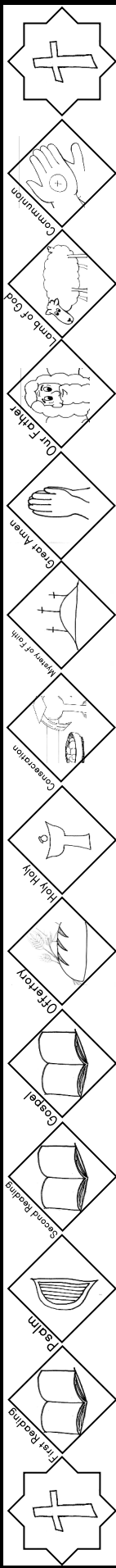
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bless his
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Today we remember Jesus' baptism. Ask your family to tell you about your baptism.



Gospel

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the river. When He was baptized, God appeared as the Holy Spirit and said that Jesus is His Son.



And to be Christ's Body is to carry on the mission of Christ in the world.

When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, it is not the bread and wine alone that are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We must be transformed as well. When we present our gifts of bread and wine, along with any collection, we symbolically place ourselves upon the altar, that we may become (along with the bread and wine) the Body of Christ. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we become what we receive — we are incorporated into Christ's Body. St. Augustine said to his congregation, "So, if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the apostle telling the faithful, You, though, are the body of Christ and its members (1 Corinthians 12:27). If it is you that are the Body of Christ and its members, it is the mystery meaning you that has been placed on the Lord's table; what you receive is the mystery that means you."

And to be Christ's Body is to carry on the mission of Christ in the world. This mission at its core is to proclaim the Word of Christ, to celebrate his sacraments, and to extend his love through lives of charity.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle
Read the whole pastoral letter at NWCatholic.org

The Saints and the Eucharist

How beautiful is the Mass, especially when celebrated in a cathedral filled like ours on Sundays, or even when celebrated simply in village chapels with people full of faith, who know that Christ, the King of Glory, Eternal Priest, is gathering together all that we bring him from the week: sorrows, failures, hopes, plans, joys, sadness, pain! How many things each one of you, brothers and sisters, brings to your Sunday Mass! And the Eternal Priest gathers them in his hands and by means of the human priest who celebrates lifts them up to the Father.



St. Oscar Romero
(1917-1980)

For Reflection

What do I bring to the altar today? What joys or sorrows, what successes or failures, can I offer to God in love and thanksgiving?

Do I have the courage to ask God to transform my life as he transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ?

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