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*“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.”*

Matthew 3:17

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020

### PASTORAL STAFF

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### COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:**

8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mondays following the 12:15 p.m. Mass (except on Holy Days of Obligation)

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### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

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**Wednesday:** 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?**

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

The liturgical season of Christmas Time comes to a close with this Sunday's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast proclaims to us what is known as a "theophany," *i.e.*, a revelation or manifestation of God in our midst. In this particular case, what is revealed is the divine Sonship of Jesus as, after His baptism, according to St. Matthew's Gospel, heaven is opened and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him "like a dove." As the voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," Jesus is anointed and appointed to His Messianic office, and His public ministry commences.

However, we as baptized Christians cannot help but remember that our baptism elevates us to the status of sons and daughters of God and gives us a share in Christ's mission, that of bringing the good news to the poor.

On this feast, we should all take a few moments to ponder the richness and depth of what it means to be baptized. Reflect on these statements which come from the General Introduction concerning Christian Initiation:

- "Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's people. This first sacrament pardons all our sins, rescues us from the power of darkness, and brings us to the dignity of adopted children, a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. Hence we are called and are indeed the children of God." (2)

- "Baptism is the sacrament by which its recipients are incorporated into the Church and are built up together in the Spirit into a house where God lives, into a holy nation and a royal priesthood. Baptism is a sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been signed by it." (4)

- "Those who are baptized are united to Christ in a death like his; buried with him in death, they are given life again with him, and with him they rise again. For baptism recalls and makes present the paschal mystery itself,

because in baptism we pass from the death of sin into life." (6)

Powerful words indeed! That is why we have highlighted baptism on this feast by beginning all the Masses with the Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water, except at the 10:00 a.m. Mass where we will have the privilege of actually celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism — these should be reminders to us of our own baptism.

Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics to know the date of their baptism, and to celebrate that day. Do you know yours? Mine is September 24!

After today, the Church returns to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, when the entire Paschal Mystery in general occupies our attention, instead of a particular lens or focus for that mystery (see the next section of this column). This segment of Ordinary Time will continue until February 26, Ash Wednesday — the date for which was announced in the chanted Epiphany Proclamation last weekend.

### *The Liturgical Year: Return to Ordinary Time*

So, as Christmas Time concludes and we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, we must remember that when we use the term "Ordinary Time" it does not mean "ordinary" in the sense of "run-of-the-mill" or "banal;" instead, the term "ordinary" derives from the word "ordinal," which means "numbered," as the Sundays in Ordinary Time are numerically ordered.

Spiritually, the liturgical time of these winter weeks should be anything but empty or unproductive; it should be a time in which our faith flourishes and grows, "greening," as it were, to echo the liturgical color green which is worn. During Ordinary Time, the entire Paschal Mystery in general occupies our attention, instead of celebrating that mystery through a particular lens or focus as we do during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter Time. One of the Prefaces (*i.e.*, one of the beginning parts of the Eucharistic Prayer) that the priest might use during Ordinary Time

summarizes well our focus during these six-and-a-half weeks before Lent begins; that prayer says, *“For in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.”* During this segment of Ordinary Time, our focus is the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry and our call to live, move and have our being in Him, to follow His example, and to make Him known in our life. The Collect (Opening Prayer) we will pray on January 26, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (the Sunday of the Word of God — see the information about that elsewhere in this bulletin), expresses this call: *“Direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of our beloved Son we may abound in good works.”*

Pleasing God and abounding in good works: the weeks ahead can be a great opportunity to make our discipleship visible not only through our words, but also through our deeds. Let’s make the most of these winter months of Ordinary Time by truly putting into practice the concrete acts of love and charity the Lord Jesus calls us to do!

### ***Sale of the Convent***

In my Pastor’s Annual Report this past fall, I mentioned that we were beginning the process of selling the Convent. That process has continued to move forward and the deal is still on, so I wanted to give you a brief update on this situation.

Keep in mind the reality is, for good or ill, that we do not need, nor will we ever again in the foreseeable future have a need for, that building, and although the building is in good shape now, it will need upkeep and repairs in the future. In addition, even if we wanted to keep it to use for ourselves, we cannot afford to do the renovations necessary to bring it up to code. Selling it represents a huge savings to us not only in terms of those items, but also in terms of monthly expenses, most especially insurance costs. So, with the consent of the Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee, I made the decision that the prudent thing to do would be to sell the

building. I have received all of the necessary approvals from the diocese in order to move the process forward.

We have a buyer who is interested in the Convent and who has been graciously patient with all of the layers of approvals we have to go through in the Church. The buyer wants to use the building for non-medical office space, so we anticipate no conflicts with its use and the teachings of the Catholic Church. We have engaged the services of Jamie Winkler, of Winkler Real Estate. Jamie has been a god-send to the parish; she has helped us with real estate matters in the past, and is acting not only as our commercial real estate broker for this transaction, but also as an expeditor who is handling and helping us navigate the many legal issues, and also acting as our person to work with the Village of Lindenhurst for all of its approvals. I would like to publicly thank Jamie for all that she has done and is doing so generously to assist OLPH and to help us be successful in these endeavors.

Obviously, the money we make from the sale of the Convent will be a tremendous help to us; it won’t solve our problems forever, but it will help to alleviate the financial pressure for a while, and it will allow us to do some much-needed renovation projects. We have a committee looking at some of those projects, which we are looking to do in conjunction with the celebration of the 150th Anniversary Year, so you’ll be hearing more about those.

Of course, prudence dictates that we should remember that nothing is definite until the papers are signed and we have the check in hand; there are still details to work out, but as of now, the project is moving forward in a very satisfactory way and all indications are it will be successful. I will continue to keep you informed through the bulletin concerning the sale of the Convent as developments arise.

### ***Be courteous: Arrive on time***

As you know, I write rather frequently, and we regularly run bulletin blurbs, about our behavior at Mass. Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the most important thing we do as Catholics, it’s good for all of us to examine our

“ritual behavior” from time to time, to ask ourselves whether we are really entering into the Mass and celebrating it in a way which is truly reverent, prayerful and appropriate.

Recall, for example, that over the past few months we have been emphasizing the need for silence in the church in the five minutes leading up to the beginning of Mass. We ask that when the bells ring at five minutes before the start of Mass, all conversations cease and we all give each other the gift of silent, prayerful reflection to prepare ourselves to enter into the sacred mysteries.

There’s something else we need to be aware of, too; it’s something that has been brought to my attention by the Ushers, and by others. Do we arrive at Mass on time? Do we consider Mass important enough that we make it a priority to arrive early? Remember, coming to Mass is something holy, unlike any other gathering; it’s not the same thing as showing up for a movie or a sporting event. Attending Mass is not about “me;” it’s about “us.” Therefore, it matters greatly that we be on time.

Certainly, a last-minute emergency can arise that forces us to come into Mass at the last minute, or even late; those kinds of one-time things happen to everyone. The truth is, though, that there are some people who are habitually late — as late as 15 minutes, believe it or not! Then, when they go into a pew, they cause a disruption for those around them. It’s not just one or two people at one Mass; unfortunately, it’s widespread with a number of people at almost all the Masses.

Perhaps we can all do some prayerful reflection on the way we participate in Mass, particularly asking ourselves: Do we arrive early? Are we careful to not be disruptive when we enter and take our seat? Are we silent before Mass begins so that we can prayerfully prepare to enter into the sacred mysteries? If we are habitually late, maybe we need to re-prioritize some things in our life so that we can arrive early enough to be on time, and so that the sacredness of the Mass remains a central priority in our life. It really boils down to a simple matter of respect: arriving on time

shows respect for God, for the Mass, and for everyone else there.

Then, of course, there’s the issue of being respectful by not leaving early...but that discussion is for another time...

### *What goes up must come down!*

Alas, the time has arrived for our Christmas decorations to come down, and we are doing that today, Sunday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m., immediately following the last Mass of Christmas Time. If you are free, why not stop by to give us a hand? (Remember the old saying, “Many hands make light work”?) We would appreciate it, and it’s fun to join in the communal spirit! Young people can pick up some service time for school or for Confirmation; I’ll be happy to sign off on that for you. Back in December, our Christmas decorations went up in record time because of all the great help we had, and I hope the taking down of the decorations will go as smoothly.

### *In conclusion...*

Together, let’s aim high in Christ. Together, let’s bring out the best in each other. Together, let’s be the best we can be in Christ.

And let’s always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



## **A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH**

As we come to celebrate Mass together each week during these winter days, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another.

**Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).

**Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

**Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.

**Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

**Mass Attendance:** **MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!** There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.



**HELP  
WANTED!**

**HELP TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & DECORATIONS  
TODAY!**

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations this **Sunday, January 12th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** We could use as many helpers as possible to make the job go quickly and easily. Just come on down and lend a hand! Thank you.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length. So come and pray...

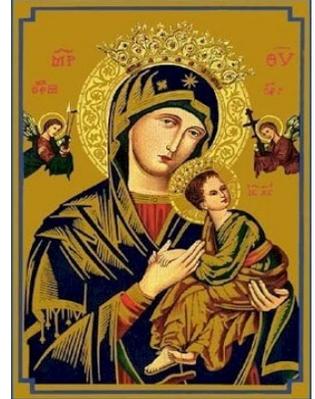


**Saturdays  
and Sundays  
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

*"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"*

**-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175**

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother, concluding with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, January 13—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, January 20—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, January 27—12:45 p.m.**

### **BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

### **REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Unity of Heart and Voice: The Liturgy of the Hours as the Church's Daily Liturgical Prayer

Day after day, hour after hour, the Christian faithful (lay people, religious and ordained ministers) unite their hearts and voices with Christ and his Church as they pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Come explore the hidden treasures found in this ancient form of prayer at a special workshop led by **Chris Ferraro**, co-author of a recently published book *Guide for Celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours*. This workshop will explore the structure of the Liturgy of the Hours and will emphasize the many ways that this form of prayer helps us to encounter Christ.

**Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 21, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

*Both workshops will be held in the church*

*If you find yourself yearning for a better prayer life, don't miss this opportunity. There is no charge to attend but there will be an opportunity to purchase Chris's book for \$12. Books may also be purchased online [www.ltp.org](http://www.ltp.org)*

### GUIDE FOR CELEBRATING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS



CHRISTOPHER J. FERRARO ANTHONY RUFF, OSB

## ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS BEING FORMED



### *Are you missing something?*

Every year on Pentecost, a group of adults complete their initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through Confirmation, the baptized are joined more perfectly to the Church and strengthened in their faith. Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation should receive it before being married. Prospective godparents and sponsors for youth Confirmation must also have received this sacrament.

Preparation for receiving Confirmation as an adult includes ten hours of classroom meeting, weekly attendance at Mass and additional study through Catholic instructional material such as the Formed multimedia platform. Classes meet in the evenings, usually twice a month, with some outside reading and preparation required. A fee of \$20 covers the cost of books and materials.

Classes begin on Monday January 13, 2020. For more information contact Deacon Robert Becker at [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org) or by leaving your contact information at the rectory.

## NOVENA FOR LIFE

### 9 Days for Life 2020

*OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794 will have available the weekend of **January 18/19**, on the pew ledges, prayer cards for the "Novena for Life." Please take one and recite this prayer for nine days, beginning Sunday, January 19th.*

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD—JANUARY 26, 2020****Sunday of the Word of God  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 26, 2020**

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This was announced in his inspiring Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis: Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God*, the full text of which can be found at [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu\\_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930\\_aperuit-illis.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html). This year, its inaugural year, this Sunday will fall on January 26, 2020.

In the *Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass*, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church:

*In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.*

*Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives.*

*The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie (Preamble, 7).*

In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis explained that devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. So, the Holy Father declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. He urged local communities to find their own ways to mark the Sunday of the Word of God with a certain solemnity.

Here at OLPH, we'll celebrate the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God by incorporating these elements into all the Sunday Masses the weekend of January 25-26:

- † The music selected for all Masses will include reference to the Word of God
- † A special Gospel Procession with the Book of Gospels and incense will take place during the singing of the Alleluia
- † The Book of Gospels will be specially enthroned in the sanctuary after the proclamation of the Gospel
- † The homily will include reference to the Word of God in the life of the Church and in living the Christian life
- † Everyone will be invited to come forward to venerate the Word of God immediately following Mass

It is hoped that through our attention to the Word of God on this Sunday, we might all deepen our appreciation for and connection to the Sacred Scriptures found in the Bible. In this way, we hope that these words of Pope Francis might become a reality in lives of all OLPH parishioners, and in the life of our parish as a whole:

*The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words. At times, there can be a tendency to monopolize the sacred text by restricting it to certain circles or to select groups. It cannot be that way. The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people.*





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Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday: CLOSED  
Saturday: By Appointment

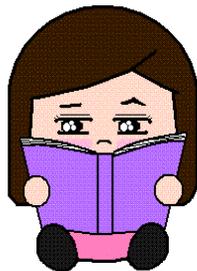


On Wednesday January 15, Level 7 will meet in the auditorium at 5:30 p.m. for the meeting on Chastity!



On Saturday January 18, Levels 3-5 will be taking Midterms! Be sure to study hard and come prepared!

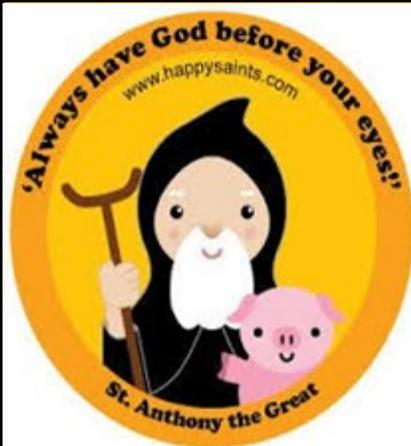
STUDYING IN PROGRESS!



On Saturday January 18, Level 2 will watch a Communion video in the auditorium.



Thank you to our Level 8 students from Deacon Robert Becker's class for spreading Christmas cheer to those in our community who needed it! We are all God's hands and feet!



### Happy Saint of the Day! St. Anthony the Great

*St. Anthony the Great is a very interesting man. His parents died when he was young, leaving him with his family fortune and in charge of his younger sister. When they were in church, he heard the Word of God and gave away all of his land. He put his sister in a convent and started living a simple life full of humility, hard work, fasting and prayer. The closer he came to God, the further away he went into the desert. People followed him, and this started the first monastery!*

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## Food Pantry List!

- COFFEE**
- HOT CHOCOLATE**
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- FRUIT JUICES**
- CANNED MEATS**
- CANNED FRUIT**
- BAKED BEANS**
- JELLY OR JAM**
- TOILETRIES**
- PAPER PRODUCTS**

Thank you  
for your continued generosity.  
Cut out this list and bring it  
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1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!



*Thank you to all those parishioners who participated in our Advent Giving Tree to help make Christmas a little brighter for those who otherwise would not have had a gift especially for them. Thank you also to all in the Parish Ministries who helped make this wonderful program a success!*



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### HOMELESS MINISTRY

#### DONATIONS:

We can use gift cards (Visa, Amazon, etc.) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping for the items most often needed.

We have a **DESPERATE** need for:

**New packages of men's underwear S-3XL**

**New packages of men's socks**

**Hats and gloves**

**Clean, gently used men's jeans,**

**hoodies, waterproof coats and sneakers**

*Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.*



Our **COMMUNITY MEAL** is

**Sunday, January 12**

**Come pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass then join us in the cafeteria for "Sunday Dinner" at 1:00 p.m.**

Offerers are needed to help with cooking, serving, setting up. Please contact Gail Tonnessen: 631-957-1449; gtonness@optonline.net

### MIDDLE AGES

*Are you a lady in your 40s, 50s, or 60s?  
Are you looking to meet other women who share your interest in spirituality, socializing and social action?*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, January 21**

Making peanut butter sandwiches for Mercy Inn

**7:00 p.m. in Room 24**

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net

### SENIOR MOMENTS

#### **GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE**

*The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.*

Our next meeting:

**Tuesday, January 14**

**9:00 a.m. in Room 24**

## RESPECT LIFE

*A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become good just because it's accepted by the majority. — Booker T. Washington*

## DONATE TO THE BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE!

#### **When can I drop off a donation?**

We accept donations any time the Boutique is open. Our hours of operation are M, W, F 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1st & 3rd Saturdays 1:30—3:00 p.m.

#### **What do you accept?**

We have limited space in the Blue Door, so we can only accept clothing in new or very good condition, household items (dishes, glasses, serving pieces), decorative items (frames, candles, artwork, etc.). **Nothing electric, no toys, games, stuffed animals, books, bedding.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are also UNABLE to accept holiday items AFTER the holiday has passed as we no longer have space to store these items until the next year.

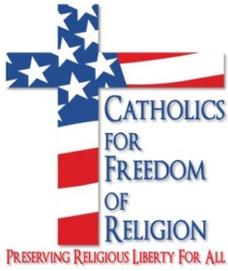


*Entrance to Blue Door Boutique is located by the driveway between the Village Museum and the Convent.*

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*blue*door  
**BOUTIQUE**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
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1st & 3rd SAT 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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**Reducing Anti-Semitism on College Campuses**

During a Hanukkah reception on December 12, 2019, the President signed an executive order aimed to reduce incidents of anti-Semitism on college campuses. The executive order classified the Jewish people as a nationality in the U.S., rather than just a religious group. Under this new classification, universities must respond to anti-Semitic discrimination or risk losing federal funding under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act: "No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."(1)

Anti-Semitism on campus has been a problem throughout U.S. history, prompting groups such as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to produce guidelines for what Jewish students should do when they are mistreated.

Only 2% of the population is Jewish, with the ADL recording close to 2,000 anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. in 2018, and they are rising. "We've worked hard to push back against anti-Semitism, and succeeded in improving hate crime laws, and yet we continue to experience an alarmingly high number of anti-Semitic acts," said Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL's CEO and national director.(2)

The executive order comes at a time of strong anti-Israel sentiments on many college campuses and amid the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East.

"We are grateful...for this important action that not only recognizes but also provides a course of legal action against the scourge of anti-Semitism that has for far too long been festering on our nation's college campuses," said Orthodox Union President Mark Bane. "Those who seek to use our academic institutions as places to stoke anti-Jewish sentiment are now on notice: There will be consequences for their racism."(3)

(1) *washingtonexaminer.com*, 12/11/19; (2) *abcnews.go.com*, 4/30/19; (3) *washingtonpost.com*, 12/11/19; *latimes.com*, 2/1/19; *wreg.com*, 12/11/19; *1.cbn.com*, 12/11/19)

"I thought the memory of the Holocaust would shame those boasting anti-Semitic opinions. I was wrong."

—Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and writer

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**2020 Theme**

**January 24, 2020**

**Life Empowers:**

**Pro-Life is Pro-Woman**

*Once again OLPH is blessed to have a bus to take us to the peaceful March for Life in Washington, DC. on January 24th. We'll begin with Mass at 5:00 a.m. The bus will leave immediately thereafter. The bus returns around 10:00 p.m. (depending on traffic). A donation of \$25 is requested.*

Contact: Kathy or Charles Feldman 631 - 225 - 9864

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# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at [jsg375@gmail.com](mailto:jsg375@gmail.com) to begin the process.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

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*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.*

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*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.*

## PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

#### **Second Announcement:**

*William Ortega & Andrea Salvati*

### **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:*

*Elizabeth Lemma*

*Lynn Snyder*

*Herbert Anderson*

*Joseph Gervasio*

*Louise Marsden*

*John Marsden*

*Pauline Lomot*

*Susan Groenewoud*

*“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”*

### **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

*Marjorie Santoli*

*Joe Juliano*

*Robert Scott*

*Linda Baffa*

*Richard DeVilla*

*John Pius*

*Maren Tormey*

*Joann Puleo*

*Anna Commarato*

*Lauren Mule*

*Gian Marino*

*John McPhail*

*Mary Martin*

*Joan Giarratano*

*Nettie Deasy*

*Carmen Meyer*

*Rose Garofalo*

*Joe Chiusa*

*Alma Kalt*

*Louise Pauzano*

*Loretto Dinardo*

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

## **PASTORAL CARE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



***“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*** Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The **Bereavement Support Group** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the **OLPH Support Group Program**, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## MONDAY, January 13— WEEKDAY (FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME) (*Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*)

6:30 For the Repose of the Souls of the  
McCarthy Family

12:15 Joan Airoidi

## TUESDAY, January 14— WEEKDAY

6:30 Marian Quinn

12:15 Clair Thomson

## WEDNESDAY, January 15— WEEKDAY

6:30 Timothy O'Rourke

12:15 Agostino Pecoraro

## THURSDAY, January 16— WEEKDAY

6:30 Helen Lavorata

12:15 Ronald A. Higgins

## FRIDAY, January 17 — SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT

6:30 Anthony Catapano

12:15 William Rand

## SATURDAY, January 18 — WEEKDAY

8:00 Ann DeGirolamo

## Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 Dominick M. Barone

## Sunday, January 19 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 For the Repose of the Souls of the  
McCarthy Family

10:00 The Living & Deceased Members of the  
Christian Mothers & Guild

12:00 Fortunato & Yolanda Cardillo

5:00 For the People of the Parish

## Monday, January 13, 2020

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
2:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Business Meeting	Room 24
7:15 p.m.	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's Rm.
7:30 p.m.	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee	St. Lucy Room

## Tuesday, January 14, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Senior Moments	Room 24
6:45 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Holy Name Society	Room 24
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Room 18
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Hours Workshop	Church

## Wednesday, January 15, 2020

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Religious Ed. Classes	School
5:30 p.m.	Level 7: Meeting on Chastity	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Van Run	Room 12
7:45 p.m.	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

## Thursday, January 16, 2020

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
6:00 p.m.	VBC Planning Meeting	Room 3
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep for Parents	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

## Friday, January 17, 2020

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
10:00 a.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent

## Saturday, January 18, 2020

8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
12:00 p.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Room 22/24
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Blue Door Boutique	Convent
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

## Sunday, January 19, 2020

9:00 a.m.	Blood Drive	Rm. 16-18
9:15 a.m.	RCIC	Room 18
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Young Men's Spirituality	St. Mark's Rm.
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO,

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida” le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Liturgia Viva del Bautismo del Señor - Ciclo A

Domingo, 12 de enero de 2020

#### BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR (A)

Hoy Jesús se bautiza en el río Jordán;

el Padre le reconoce como a su Hijo querido;

y el Espíritu Santo le prepara

para su misión de servicio.

Que el Espíritu de filiación y servicio de Jesús esté siempre con ustedes

#### Primera Lectura (Isaías 42,1-4,6-7): He aquí mi siervo querido; mi Espíritu mora en él.

El profeta Isaías anuncia que el Espíritu de Dios guiará a su siervo fiel a traer al mundo justicia y amor compasivo y respetuoso. Esta profecía se cumple en Jesús. Su misión es también nuestra misión.

#### Segunda Lectura (Hechos 10, 34-38): La Buena Noticia de Salvación es para todos

El apóstol Pedro nos dice que el Espíritu de Dios moraba en el Señor Jesús, y que su Buena Noticia de Salvación se destina a todos.

#### Evangelio (Mateo 3,13-17): Éste Es Mi Hijo Predilecto

El bautismo de Jesús en el río Jordán es la ocasión para darse a conocer como el Salvador prometido: el Padre le llama su Hijo querido; el Espíritu Santo le guiará.

Hemos terminado las fiestas navideñas y en este domingo nos encontramos con el Bautismo de Jesús ya adulto. El Bautismo es un cambio radical en la vida de Jesús, porque a partir de este momento comienza su vida pública. También nosotros necesitamos ese cambio y comenzar a compartir nuestra vivencia de la palabra de Dios. Muchas veces nuestra fe está vacía y por eso no llega a los hermanos más alejados.

Necesitamos que el evangelio que es vida y vida en abundancia sea vivido y dado a conocer, pero para ello, necesitamos abrir nuestro corazón, llenarnos del amor de Dios y ser iglesia renovada y renovadora para ser luz y paz en la humanidad.

Hoy renovaremos nuestro Bautismo, aquel que un día nuestros padres pidieron por nosotros, es el momento de reflexionar que significa para nosotros estar bautizados y si queremos o no seguir los pasos de Cristo.

¡¡Feliz semana!!



## OFFERING UPDATE December 28/29, 2019

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	295	111	\$2,326.00
8:00 a.m.	235	108	3,246.00
10:00 a.m.	392	115	3,010.00
12:00 p.m.	445	112	2,569.00
5:00 p.m.	190	27	1,035.00
Coin			22.12
Children's Env.		15	41.09
Faith Direct			2,197.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>\$14,447.11</b>
<b>2018 total</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>\$16,300.43</b>
Candles			\$700.20
Poor Box			\$241.91

## OFFERING UPDATE

*The final totals for Christmas Day and Christmas Flowers will be published at a later date.*

### 2019 OLPH CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2019 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory: 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*. Thank you for your cooperation.

## OFFERING UPDATE January 4-5, 2020

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	295	120	\$3,070.00
8:00 a.m.	246	98	2,875.00
10:00 a.m.	408	118	4,580.00
12:00 p.m.	450	119	3,127.00
5:00 p.m.	190	65	1,767.00
Coin			19.54
Children's Env.		16	43.00
Faith Direct			2,197.90
Special Needs	50	18	608.00
Mail ins			758.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>\$19,045.44</b>
<b>2019 total</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>\$15,500.43</b>
Solemnity of Mary			\$7,290.00
1st Saturday			\$156.00
Candles			\$1,089.13
Poor Box			\$423.96

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted as a Word document* no later than the dates listed below to Carmel Becker at [cbecker@oloph.org](mailto:cbecker@oloph.org). *Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.*

January 19—passed  
January 26—January 17  
February 2—January 24

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**PREPARING FOR**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
 “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”*

John 1:29

**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

This reading is from the second of four poems in the Book of Isaiah about an unnamed “Servant of the Lord.” Whether the Servant is an individual or the community of Israel itself is not always clear. In the early Church and throughout Christian tradition these poems have been applied to Christ. But perhaps more important than the identity of this Servant is the description of his mission. The poem most likely dates from the end of the time when the Jews were held in captivity in Babylon and the Servant appears as God’s obedient instrument to restore his people to their homeland. If they are to be truly restored, they must live out their calling as servants themselves who wholeheartedly worship the Holy One of Israel alone. Further, the people also have a mission: to make the one true God known to all peoples, to be “a light to the nations,” so that God’s salvation “may reach to the ends of the earth.” May this also be our mission today!

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

Some things in this very short reading might easily be missed as it seems just to be the opening greeting of a letter Paul wrote to the Christian community at Corinth in Greece. For example, Paul addresses his hearers (for the letter would be read aloud in the assembly) as the “church of God that is in Corinth.” Word had reached Paul that there were various factions in the Corinthian church that threatened to break the church apart. Later on in the letter, Paul will address these factions and their causes quite sternly. But from the outset Paul sets a tone that says there should be but one church, one assembly of believers who have been “sanctified in Christ Jesus” and are “called to be holy.” As such, any divisions are unworthy of such a church. His message should resonate to all churches through the ages including ours.

**John 1:29-34**

On the Feast of the Epiphany we heard how Jesus was made manifest to all the nations when the Gentile magi came to worship him. Today we hear how John the Baptist makes Jesus known to his Jewish contemporaries. John clearly states that Jesus “ranks ahead of me,” as if to tell those who thought John might be the Messiah to look to Jesus. John’s only role in baptizing Jesus is to make him known to all Israel as the Lamb of God, the new Passover bringing deliverance to God’s people. In doing so, Jesus acts in God’s Spirit, like the Servant of the first reading today, to baptize believers in God’s Spirit. Finally, John makes Jesus known as the Son of God, the divine Word made flesh. John has much to say about Jesus to the Jews of the time and to us today.

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

*After reading next Sunday’s readings and Gospel, take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” the Baptist says. “I did not know him.” Why did he identify an ordinary-seeming human being in this way? After this, what happened to John’s baptism with water?

2. Why was John so certain about Jesus when he said, “Behold the Lamb of God”? Was John watching for the Spirit? Do you watch for the Spirit in your life? Can you find and trust this Spirit of God?



## Readings for the Week

*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.*

**Monday, January 13, 2020:**

1 Samuel 1:1-8  
 + Mark 1:14-20

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020:**

1 Samuel 1:9-20 + Mark 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020:**

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

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

1 Samuel 4:1-11 + Mark 1:40-45

**Friday, January 17, 2020**

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

**Saturday, January 18, 2020:**

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1  
 + Mark 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 19, 2020:**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
 + 1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
 + John 1:29-34

# Meeting the Lord Today

**T**he query “What time is it?” is asked around the world. The need to mark time is universal. Take a look back at this year’s calendar. What events did you observe? Birthdays? Anniversaries? How did you celebrate them?

When another birthday is marked, it usually is with friends and family who gather to share a meal and a birthday cake. Some type of ritual is also performed, for example, singing “Happy Birthday” and blowing out candles on a cake. On birthdays, the past might be remembered, but birth is not reenacted. We remember and celebrate in ways that give meaning to our present.

In the same way, events on the liturgical calendar are marked by friends and family who gather to share a meal and to perform a ritual. Christians gather to celebrate major occasions such as Christmas and Easter and other less solemn occasions throughout the year.

The faithful gather to observe occasions in the life of the universal Church, such as the Dedication of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church of Rome, on November 9. Anniversaries are kept that pertain to the parish, such as the anniversary of the dedication of the church, and the congregation keeps memory of the parish patron’s feast day. Saints and martyrs are remembered on the anniversaries of their death, and Mary, the Mother of God, is honored on several days during the year.

Most of the liturgical calendar is dedicated to mark some aspect of the life of Jesus. Sunday by Sunday and year after year, events that occurred in Christ’s life are honored. The liturgy remembers his birth, childhood, and ministry, his death, Resurrection, and Ascension. These occasions are commemorated not by reenacting them, but by celebrating them in ways that give meaning to the present. As observed in the following texts, the liturgical celebration of these events focuses on the present.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.  
(Luke 2:11, Psalm refrain for Christmas Mass during the night)



Events in the life of Christ are honored Sunday after Sunday throughout the liturgical year.

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Today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations.  
(Preface of the Epiphany of the Lord)

This is the night of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as day. (The Easter Proclamation or Exsultet)

This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad. (Psalm 118:24, Psalm refrain for Easter)

These texts call the faithful to an experience with the person of Jesus Christ in our present time. They reveal that God meets them right here, right now, today. They are reminders that the time to live the Gospel is now.



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