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Baptism of the Lord

January 12th, 2025.

Live Christ's Mission

Yes, Christmas Day has been over for a couple of weeks now, but The Church has good sense – we are all encouraged to savor the celebration of Christmas for more than one day, instead of just tearing down the decorations on the 26th and hurriedly moving on to the next thing. We are encouraged to listen and hear the messages of the promise of Emmanuel in the Christmas Carols, meditate on the meaning of our traditions with the lights, the evergreen tree, the decorating, our Creche scenes, to contemplate the significance of the giving and receiving of gifts, and enjoy the company of family and friends in the spirit of Christmas joy.

This Sunday, **the Baptism of the Lord** marks the formal conclusion of our Christmas Season for this year. Jesus' early life is now sufficiently celebrated, and his public life comes next, beginning with his Baptism. Jesus as an adult comes to the Jordan River to seek his own Baptism from John the Baptist, and this celebration initiates his public ministry.



Baptism is more than a ritual moment on one specific day. It is a gift of Divine Life that God continuously sustains us with, showering abundantly yet more and more gifts and graces to which we must respond to on a mindful, daily basis.

Through the celebration of our own individual Baptisms, we, too, are initiated into 'public life' and part of the mission of Christ. Our own Baptism reveals us as People who are saved, renewed, justified, adopted children of God, and heirs of eternal life. By our actions in our daily lives, we are called to reflect the love God has for us, living in the wondrous promises that the gift of Jesus, Emmanuel has given us.

In our unity with Christ Jesus, the Spirit of the Lord is upon us, too... we too, are anointed to bring Good News to the poor....we too, are sent to unbind the brokenhearted, to open the eyes of the blind, to proclaim liberty to captives, and bring release to prisoners and those who are bound.

Like Jesus in the wilderness, suffering and temptation often confront us. We may have feelings that threaten our hopes and happiness. They present the urgent need to turn to God's Holy Word, to depend on Holy Spirit's inspiration, to grow and to broaden our scope of our part in God's will and Christ's mission. We need to take steps to grow in maturity of faith, to understand better what love is, to see that love does not mean God makes everything smooth, but rather it means God stays faithfully with the Beloved, continuing to love and delight in that special and unique person.

Jesus is supported and protected as he journeys through the desert... and so are we, when we go through dry, challenging trials and grief in our lives. After his experiences in the wilderness, Jesus returns to begin his ministry, and so must we.

In the Gospel, Jesus' Baptism by John is concluded by images of the heavens opening for a dove-like descent of Holy Spirit. The Gospel proclaims that the voice of God the Father is heard: *"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."* Since we share through, with, and in the life of the Lord Jesus by the grace of our Baptism, we, too, are God's beloved daughters and sons. God has chosen all people of every nation as his Beloved people. Who would not want to hear these words, over and over, that we are Beloved, in whom God delights? May we believe in Emmanuel's deep and abiding love for us, and give offerings of thanks and praise by striving to live Christ's Mission each and every day to the best of our ability!



On this final Sunday and day of The Church's liturgical Christmas Season, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and pray we may strive evermore to unite our hearts and actions with his mission of Love.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7) ~

The Servant of God has been anointed with the Spirit, and gently and firmly works to bring true justice and mercy to the whole world.

SECOND READING (Acts 10:34-38) ~ Paul presents his listeners with great insight into the Lordship of Jesus - He is Lord of all people and every nation. When Jesus was anointed with Holy Spirit and with power at his Baptism, it was for all people, in unity with the chosen Jewish people.

GOSPEL (Luke 3:15-16,21-22) ~ John the Baptist baptizes with water, and proclaims the coming of the Messiah, the One who will baptize with the Spirit and with fire. As Jesus is baptized, the heavens open and the voice of the Father is heard declaring Jesus' true identity as the Beloved Son, in whom God is well pleased. It is from this time onward, that Jesus lives his 'public life', the living Gospel.

As Christians, we interpret the servant passage from Isaiah as describing Jesus, the Son of God, which is the truth. As Christ's disciples, we are anointed to live and do the same. Re-read this passage from Isaiah – believe it, and make it your own in your daily living.

Lord of life, give us the wisdom and courage, and the energy and humility to live out our Baptismal promises to bring glory to God's holy name. Give us generous compassionate hearts to share the Good News by the actions we live.

When one finds no peace within oneself, it is useless to seek it elsewhere. ~ L.A. Rouchefoliauld

When we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, we become a part through, with, and in the death and resurrection of Jesus. This can only happen after Jesus has died and has risen. Jesus is the 'Giver' and not the 'receiver' of Baptism or the Sacraments.



We are baptized

Priest, Prophet, and King:

As Priests, we are reminded of our obligation and privilege to pray and to offer sacrifice to God. We exercise this ministry every time we participate at Mass and celebrate the Sacraments given by Jesus, and when we pray in our homes.

As Prophets, we are reminded of our mission to evangelize by living as Christ's light in the world. Our propheticism does not enable us to foretell the future, but it does enable us all to judge the present world by the light of the Gospel and speak the truth to a society often marred by falsehood.

As Kings, as royalty, we are obliged to care for all that God has created. We do this by being mindful, attentive and caring for each other and for all of God's created things gifted to us through our compassion and wisdom, mercy and justice.

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 11th, 2025 **Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord**
4pm Mass ~ For John Wagner+. By his wife Judy & Family

Sunday, Jan. 12th **The Baptism of the Lord**
9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes resume.
9am Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all Parishioners.
11am Mass ~ For Shanil Perea+, Winston Jody+ & Shaila+.
By Marian & Indi Gunasekera

The Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time begins . . .

Monday, Jan. 13th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.

Rosary is prayed at 9:30am Tuesday to Friday, followed by 10am morning Mass. Everyone is welcome to come.

Tuesday, Jan. 14th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ For All Souls+. By Angela Petrillo
7pm Knights General Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 15th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ Birthday Blessings & In Thanksgiving for Fr. Chrys, Our Pastor & Shepherd. By Inez Rowson

Thursday, Jan. 16th **Weekday of Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving. By Angela Petrillo

Friday, Jan. 17th **St. Anthony**
10am Mass ~ For son Michael Dueck.
By Mom Monika & Dad Cameron Dueck

Saturday, Jan. 18th **Vigil of Second Sunday of OT**
1-3pm Sacramental Prep. Classes.
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all Parishioners
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins... continues to Jan. 25th.

Sunday, Jan. 19th **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For John Doiron+. By CTK Music Ministry
11am Mass ~ For Cassidy Wrightson+.
By David & Marielle Brennan

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for: Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Bonnie Guarino, Lisa Hackett, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Inez Rowson, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet ...for all the suffering who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace between all peoples and nations... for forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships... for Youth and Young Adults to grow in faith and integrity... for a renewal of our Parish Family of Christ the King...

Our sincere condolences & prayers for the Grossman Family, grieving the death of Jerry Grossman. ☩
(Jerry's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Church, Lorette, MB on Friday, Jan. 17th @ 11:30am. Parishioners & Friends are welcome to come.)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (C.W.L.)

1/ **Invite to All Women** ~ The Provincial CWL Council invites CWL Members and all women of the Parish to a **DAY OF CELEBRATION** on Feb. 8th, hosted by St. John Brebeuf CWL Council, 1707 John Brebeuf Place. Registration is at 9 a.m. The Theme of the Celebration is *Let Us Care for One Another*. Watch for more details in next week's bulletin.

2/ **CWL General Meetings** are held every first Wednesday of the month at 10:30am downstairs in St. Mary Room, right after morning Mass. Next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 5th.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

1/ **General Meetings** are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

2/ **Executive Meetings** are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

3/ **50/50 Draw** is open until Feb. 3rd, 2025. To purchase tickets, go to **Funding Change Manitoba**. Click on "Buy Tickets", scroll down to Knights' page on the list, and buy tickets. For help, see one of the Knights after Mass. Please tell Family & Friends, because the higher the prize, the more you can win.

4/ **ICCD ("Inter-Council Charity Drive")** for various prizes - first prize is a Car. Tickets are available for purchase from one of the Knights after Mass times. Purchase 3 tickets for \$10.00.

~ Laurier G., Grand Knight

Christ the King School **OPEN HOUSE**
> Thursday, Feb. 6th @ 6:30pm in the gym. Come & consider enrolling your child(ren) at CTK School for the 2025-26 School year. Full-time Junior Kindergarten & Full time Kindergarten... Flexible Before Care at 7:00 am and After Care Program until 6:00 pm to help working parents. Band... Smart Technology. Bus transportation is also available in most areas of the city. Phone 204-257-0027 or email office@ctkschool.ca for further info.

>> **Next year**, on Sept 6, 2025, Christ the King School will be celebrating **70 years** that the School began in a building, which was the former Municipal Hall at the corner of Lennox and St. Mary's Road. There were 135 students. Today, the School's enrolment is full with 257 students.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Jan. 18th to 25th, 2025. The theme is **"Do you believe this?"** (John 11:26). 2025 marks the **1,700th anniversary** of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This Week of Prayer offers individuals an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians. Parishioners & Friends interested in participating are invited to pick-up a sheet of the Gatherings from CTK parking lot entrance **Info Centre**. For further info, you may call or text Michele at 204-297-9212 or email: mbarr41@shaw.ca

Weekend Charitable Offerings - Jan. 4th & 5th, 2025:

- Sunday Collection offering Envs. \$4,790.00
- Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$192.00
- Special Christmas Gift envs. \$182.00
- 2025 Year's Offerings also received - *Thank you!*
Thank you for your faithful generosity and support.

Dear Parishioners & Friends,
Sincere Thank You for your generosity of heart... for your prayer... for sharing of your time and talent... for your kind financial contributions in support of our Parish... for your thoughtful Christmas gifts to the Pastoral Team... for your presence... for all you are, and all you in and for our Parish Family, all for God's glory.
May the Lord bless us and embrace us, smile upon us, and be gracious to each one of us, filling us all with true peace as
God's Pilgrims of Hope.

Fr. Chrys & the Parish Family of CTK sincerely thank our **CTK St. Anthony African Association** for the donation of a very much needed and magnificent new refrigerator for our Parish Community kitchen, downstairs in Lennox Hall.

Your wonderful generosity and whole-hearted presence and participation in the life of our Parish of Christ the King is very much appreciated !

Parishioners are all invited to go check-out the new fridge !

The celebration of the *Sacrament of Holy Baptism* is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as daughters and sons of God; we become members of Christ's body, incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in the Church's mission. This Sacrament is called Baptism, after the central Rite by which it is carried out: to baptize (Greek *baptizein*) means "to plunge", or "to immerse"; the "plunge into the water symbolizes the Candidates burial into Christ's death, from which he/she rises up by resurrection with him, as" a new creation".



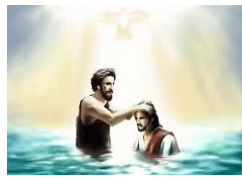
Baptism is a Sacrament of faith. But faith needs the community/family of believers. It is only within the faith of The Church that each of the faithful can believe. The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but only a **beginning** that is called and urged to be developed. For all the Baptized, faith must continue to grow and be nurtured after Baptism, and throughout the rest of one's life, *through the reading and contemplation of God's Holy Word, through the regular celebration of the Sacraments, and a mindful daily life in Christ*. For this reason, the Church celebrates each year at the Easter Vigil the renewal of baptismal promises. Preparation for Baptism leads only to the threshold of new life. Baptism is the source of the new life in Christ from which the entire Christian life springs forth.

~ Excerpts from Catechism of the Catholic Church

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Epiphany, with the Gentile Magi recognizing and paying homage to the Child Jesus as the Messiah. This Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord is another epiphany, a manifestation of Jesus' identity to the public. His true identity comes not from the washing away of sins, but from the booming voice of God coming from the opened heavens, proclaiming "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased". We, too, are God's Beloved! May we live out our true identity through, with, and in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, with joy and generosity.

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Jesus our Lord was baptized by John, giving us life in the Sacrament. Jesus wants to be one in unity with us in our humanness.



Jesus comes to share the very life of Emmanuel, God-with-us. We just celebrated Christmas a couple of weeks ago. The Christ Child lives in our hearts right now. He is the gift within us. He invites us to work together with Him, and lead others to know God's love, too. Let us always strive to be one with Jesus our Lord, and live His kind of love in the world.

**ANOINTED BAPTISM BELOVED COME
DESCENDED DOVE EXPECTATION FILLED
FIRE GRACE HEARTS HEAVEN HEED
HOLY SPIRIT LIGHT MESSIAH MISSION NEW
POWERFUL OPENED PLEASED RIGHTEOUS
SON VOICE WATER WELL**

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Do you remember YOUR Baptism? Some children are baptized as small, young babies. Other children are baptized when they are older school students, and some people are even adults when they celebrate their Baptism.

- + What date were you Baptized? _____
- + Where were you Baptized? _____

(Did you know that some babies are baptized in the hospital, because they were very sick when they were born.)

- + What are the names of your godparents? _____
- + The priest 'anointed' you with Sacred Chrism on your forehead. What does this Sacred oil symbolize? _____
- + What do you think the "candle" at Baptism means? _____
- + What do you think the "white garment" means? _____



This week, at the close of our Christmas Season, we take down our Christmas trees, and put away our decorations and lights for another year. The Lord Jesus Christ has been born to us, and dwells in our hearts through Holy Spirit. Each and every day of this New Year 2025, may we remember to let Christ's light shine through us, growing with, and guiding all those we encounter to love God, and build the reign of God's glory!

Faith Formation News

> **Catechism Classes Resume** this Sunday, Jan. 12th, 2025, 9am-10:45am. Families are warmly invited to come to the Church right after Catechism to celebrate and praise God at the 11am Mass.

> **Sacramental Preparation Classes** - Jan. 18th & 25th, 1-3pm.

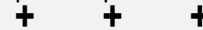
> **Young Adults' Group Meet-ups** are on the **first TUESDAY of the month**, from 7-9pm in the church Hall.

> **Young Adults' Fun Events** are every third THURSDAY, 7-9pm. Events differ each month. The next Fun Event will be held this coming Thursday, Jan. 16th!



> **Youth Group** (12-18 yrs) held every third FRIDAY from 7-9pm downstairs in the Hall. They are viewing "**The Chosen**" series, and follow with discussion and sharing. All Youth are invited to c'mon out on Friday, Jan. 17th, and join the Group.

Watch the Bulletin for news. Questions? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.



Continued Blessings & Prayers to the Catechumens & Candidates journeying in faith formation through the Rite of Christian Initiation process toward Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist at Easter. We hold you in prayer as you meet each week to grow in your faith, love and relationship with God who loves and delights in you.

Thanks & Blessings, too, to the RCIA Team Members walking with you!

The Liturgical Seasons change this week – Right after the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday, Ordinary Time begins. The nuance and flavor of our liturgical prayers, our hymns and acclamations will change. Christmas decor will be taken down and put away for another year, with the colors of our worship space changing to the 'green' of Ordinary Time. The Good News will reveal new layers of truth of God's love and our Messiah to us on our pilgrim journey of hope.

The word Ordinary means, of course, "numbered", and not "commonplace", but we do tend to think of Ordinary time as the "nothing in particular" season of the year. It is anything but, because with the Lord as part of our life, there is wondrous mystery, but nothing is ordinary or impossible.

Through the celebration of liturgies, the Mass, the Eucharist is our daily bread. We gather in the presence of the Lord in Word and in Sacrament each time we come to celebrate, pray, praise and worship God at Mass. This is our nourishment for our daily lives. The liturgy is a glimpse of something far beyond the here and now: it is a "foretaste of that heavenly liturgical celebration in the holy city of Jerusalem, toward which we travel as pilgrims." (CSL, 8). How appropriate for us to be journeying this Jubilee Year 2025 as Pilgrims of Hope.

Because it celebrates no 'particular' feast of the mystery of Christ, Ordinary Time gives us an opportunity to enter more fully into the mystery of Christ's gifts each Sunday, and in our daily individual and family prayer life.

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