

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

## Called to Serve

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.



John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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## Christmas Decorations and Ordinary Time

We need your help! This Mon., Jan. 14th, at 9:20 am we will be removing our Christmas décor and preparing the church for Ordinary Time. If you can climb a ladder, please come to help!

## Calling All Men!

All men of the parish are invited to the first Men’s Club dinner/meeting of the new year. This will take place on Tues., Jan. 15th, at 6:00 pm in the hall. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance if you plan to attend, so that we know how much food to prepare.



## Cold and Flu Season

During this time of year, please do not hold or shake hands and drink from the Communion cup if you are not feeling well. Reception of the consecrated host in the hand instead of the tongue is recommended. Remember, you are never obliged to come to Mass if you are sick.

## Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (Jan. 5/6): \$2,763.00  
Facility Repairs: \$1,305.00

*God Bless You for Your Support!*

## Mass Intentions

(Jan. 12-18)

Sat., 5:00 pm- Int. George & Gale Keenan  
+Ella Young  
Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Ramona Lena Domergue  
Sun., 6:00 pm- +Linda Boran  
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service  
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service  
Wed., 9:00 am- Int. Charlotte Goforth  
Thur., 9:00 am- +Jack Markel  
Fri., 9:00 am- Sick of the Parish

## Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES— Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that is beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. Marriage Encounter Weekends will be presented at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista on April 5-7, 2019 and Oct. 25-27, 2019. For more information go to [centralcawwme.org](http://centralcawwme.org).

## Rosary & Daily Mass

We recite the Rosary at 8:30 each morning, Monday-Friday, followed by a Mass or Communion Service at 9:00. St. Francis de Sales said “*The greatest method of praying is to say the Rosary*”. Come and get your day off to a spiritual and peaceful start.



WEEK of PRAYER



for CHRISTIAN UNITY

(January 18-25)

## **Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue** (*Deuteronomy 16:20*)

God of justice, you have revealed yourself as the One who brings about justice and unity through your Son Jesus Christ. As the Church experiences a lack of unity you call us by name to heal what divides us.

Make us truly one in the pursuit of justice. Eternal God, let us love one another in His name, One with You and the Holy Spirit, living and true, now and forever. *Amen*

## “I Dream A World”

People of Faith for Justice invites you to an interfaith service honoring Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. This interfaith service in word and song will take place on Sun., Jan., 20th, 3:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in SLO— 981 Marsh St. Visit [www.peopleoffaithforjustice.org](http://www.peopleoffaithforjustice.org) for more information. Free-will offering.

## Please Pray for...

Alice Blankenship, Karen Gallagher, Irene Hammond, Brad Goforth, Julie Victorino, Victoria Martinez, Harvey Smith, Mikayla Martinez, Carol Bader, George Keenan, Gale Keenan, Matt Van Scyoc.