



# Welcome to HOLY FAMILY PARISH

## JANUARY 9, 2022 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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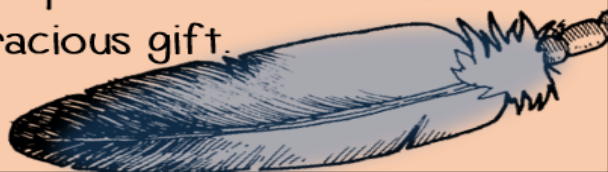
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**Sunday 10:30am Mass**  
**[Medicine Hat Holy Family Church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG6zK-XzuXdDHj79rV6ut_Q)**  
**Live Stream**

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### OPERATING FINANCES

November 1-30, 2021

Operating Budget 2021	\$ 55,019
General Envelope Collection	\$ 49,735
Loose Collections	\$ 792
Future Development	\$ 4,893
Sale of Church Supplies & Other	\$ 9,291
Other Ministries	\$ 490
<b>Budget Vs Actual</b>	<b>\$ 10,182</b>

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Together in Action (TIA)	\$ 5,220
Clergy Retirement	\$ 25
St Vincent de Paul	\$ 4,400
Seminarian Fund	\$ 70
Mission Mexico	\$ 100
CARO	\$ 40
Needs of the Cdn. Church	\$ 225
World Missions	\$ 42
Catholic Education	\$ 1,232
Mustard Seed	\$ 85
Gift Sharing Sunday	\$ 2,975
Food Bank	\$40

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### The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, 09 January 2022

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and  
the people shall see it.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 104.1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27+28, 29-30 (*R. 1a*)

*R.* O bless the Lord, my soul.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

God saved us through the water of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel:** Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptized and was  
praying, the heaven was opened and the  
Holy Spirit descended upon him.

## † Masses Intentions †

January 8 – 14, 2022



**Saturday, January 8**

5:00pm – Valentine & Victoria Deis †

**Sunday, January 9**

8:30 am – Carol Jangula †

10:30am – Jack Risling

6:00pm – Holy Family Parish

**Monday, January 10**

9:00am – End to Abortion

**Tuesday, January 11**

9:00am – Virginia Cabral †

**Wednesday, January 12**

9:00am – Brandon Niwa †

**Thursday, January 13**

9:00am – Bailey Dollimont †

**Friday, January 14**

9:00am – George Corcoran †

### Gospel Acclamation... Luke 3:16

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

John said: One more powerful than I is  
coming; he will baptize you with the Holy  
Spirit and with fire.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### The Baptism of the Lord, Feast Sunday, 09 January 2022

#### PRAYER

Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

- 💧 How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- 💧 When I am quite enough, what do I hear God say?
- 💧 What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?



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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools'  
Education Foundation AGM



January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
at Medicine Hat Catholic Board Office

All public welcome to attend!

\*Please note as per AP-492, Proof of COVID -19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test will be required to attend the in person AGM.



Sessions for both  
children and parents,  
Children in Hall &  
Parents in the Church...

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy  
Communion next  
class...**

Thursday January 13,  
2022 – 6:30-7:30pm

**Confirmation next  
class...**

Wednesday, January 12,  
2022 – 6:30-7:50pm

*Thank you to all the Volunteer  
Parishioners for making our  
Christmas Celebrations beautiful.  
You continue to give, and we really  
do appreciate you. Wishing you all a  
Safe and Wonderful 2022.*



**THAT MAN IS YOU**

**January 15, 2022**

**8:30 – 9:30 am**

**St. Patrick's Church Hall**

**Theme:**

**Resilience and  
Perseverance**

**Presenter:**

**Mark Hartfiel**





**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – Year C**

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

### IN HIM WE ARE NEW

A Zen master was given a beautifully crafted crystal cup. It was a gift from a former student. He was very grateful. Every day, he enjoyed drinking out of his glass. He would show it to visitors and tell them about the kindness of his student.

But every morning, he held the cup in his hand for a few seconds and reminded himself: “This glass is already broken.”

One day, a clumsy visitor toppled the glass on its shelf. The cup fell. When it hit the floor, it was smashed into thousands of tiny pieces.

The other visitors gasped in shock, but the Zen master remained calm. Looking at the mess in front of his feet, he said: “Ah. Yes. Let’s begin.”

He picked up a broom and started sweeping.

Isn’t a beautiful image of a crystal cup comparable to the Sacrament of Baptism? Our lives in the Lord are like beautiful crystal cups which are kept free from the poison of sin through the Baptism. Today as we celebrate the Feast of Baptism of the Lord, we do see the reflection of our Baptism in him. Once we receive Baptism, we become new in him “From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” as St. Paul writes.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church “Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.” Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, we are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: “Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word” Furthermore, we read

“From the very day of Pentecost the Church has celebrated and administered holy Baptism.” Indeed St. Peter declares to the crowd astounded by his preaching: “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” The apostles and their collaborators offer Baptism to anyone who believed in Jesus: Jews, the God-fearing, pagans. Always, Baptism is seen as connected with faith: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household,” St. Paul declared to his jailer in Philippi. And the narrative continues, the jailer “was baptized at once, with all his family.” And “According to the Apostle Paul, the believer enters through Baptism into communion with Christ's death, is buried with him, and rises with him: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life”. The baptized have “put on Christ.” Through the Holy Spirit, Baptism is a bath that purifies, justifies, and sanctifies. Hence Baptism is a bath of water in which the “imperishable seed” of the Word of God produces its life-giving effect. St. Augustine says of Baptism: “The word is brought to the material element, and it becomes a sacrament.”

St. Gregory of Nazianzus invites us all to reflect on the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism, as we celebrate the Feast of Baptism of the Lord with these words: “Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized’ let us also go down with him and rise with him”. Pope Francis addressing the congregation on this feast day said: Baptism integrates us into the body of the Church, into the holy People of God. And in this body, in this people journeying on, faith is passed down from generation to generation: it is the faith of the Church. It is the faith of Mary, our Mother, the faith of St Joseph, of St Peter, of St Andrew, of St John, the faith of the Apostles and of the Martyrs, which has come down to us, through Baptism: the chain of transmission of the faith. At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He did not need the sacrament, as we do”.

Holy Father Pope Francis explains the mystery in this way “When Jesus received the Baptism of repentance from John the Baptist, showing solidarity with the repentant people — He without sin and with no need for conversion — God the Father made his voice heard from heaven: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased”. Jesus receives approval from the heavenly Father, who sent him precisely that he might accept to share our condition, our poverty. Sharing is the true way to love. Jesus does not dissociate himself from us, he considers us brothers and sisters and he shares with us. And so, he makes us sons and daughters, together with him, of God the Father. This is the revelation and source of true love. And this is the great time of mercy”.

Just take a few moments to go back to the story which I wrote in the beginning of this reflection and reflect on the answer of the monk after crystal cup was broken “Ah, yes. Let’s begin”. Isn’t it true that after receiving Baptism, time to time we are tempted and become weak then what our Baptism tells us to do “Let’s begin?” There are three very important lessons we must learn” First we are purified from our Original Sin and have to share in his divinity who shared our humanity. Secondly, we become sons and daughters of God who has given us share in the inheritance of his only Begotten Son who died on the Holy Cross to grant us eternal life. Third and last lesson we learn that we become new in him, leaving our old humanity, and moving forward to become saints who proclaim his name day and night.

In submitting Himself humbly to the Baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He did not need it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary—not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry. St. Paul sees baptism as a source of dying with Him and rising back to life with him: “Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

In fact, there is an invocation which the liturgy has us repeat during the Season of Advent: “O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down” (Is 64:1). If the heavens remain closed, our horizon in this earthly life is dark and without hope. Instead, in celebrating Christmas, once again faith has given us the certainty that the heavens have been rent with the coming of Christ. And on the day of the baptism of Christ we continue to contemplate the heavens opened. The manifestation of the Son of God on earth marks the beginning of the great time of mercy, after sin had closed the heavens, raising itself as a barrier between the human being and his Creator. With the birth of Jesus, the heavens open! God gives us in Christ the guarantee of an indestructible love. From the moment the Word became flesh it is therefore possible to see the open heavens. It was possible for the shepherds of Bethlehem, for the Magi of the East, for the Baptist, for Jesus’ Apostles, and for St Stephen, the first martyr, who exclaimed: “Behold, I see the heavens opened!” (Acts 7:56). And it is possible for each one of us, if we allow ourselves to be suffused with God’s love, which is given to us for the first time in Baptism by means of the Holy Spirit. Let us allow ourselves to be invaded by God’s love! This is the great time of mercy! Do not forget it: this is the great time of Mercy!

Our Baptism not only helps us to clean and purify ourselves, but it does help us to help others to live their lives in purity. I guess this story by an unknown author will help us to understand the real spirit of our Baptism and then our role as Christians in the world:

Every Sunday morning, I take a light jog around a park near my home. There's a lake located in one corner of the park. Each time I jog by this lake, I see the same elderly woman sitting at the water's edge with a small metal cage sitting beside her.

This past Sunday my curiosity got the best of me, so I stopped jogging and walked over to her. As I got closer, I realized that the metal cage was in fact a small trap. There were three turtles, unharmed, slowly walking around the base of the trap. She had a fourth turtle in her lap that she was carefully scrubbing with a spongy brush.

"Hello," I said. "I see you here every Sunday morning. If you don't mind my nosiness, I'd love to know what you're doing with these turtles."

She smiled. "I'm cleaning off their shells," she replied. "Anything on a turtle's shell, like algae or scum, reduces the turtle's ability to absorb heat and impedes its ability to swim. It can also corrode and weaken the shell over time."

"Wow! That's really nice of you!" I exclaimed.

She went on: "I spend a couple of hours each Sunday morning, relaxing by this lake and helping these little guys out. It's my own strange way of making a difference."

"But don't most freshwater turtles live their whole lives with algae and scum hanging from their shells?" I asked.

"Yep, sadly, they do," she replied.

I scratched my head. "Well then, don't you think your time could be better spent? I mean, I think your efforts are kind and all, but there are freshwater turtles living in lakes all around the world. And 99% of these turtles don't have kind people like you to help them clean off their shells. So, no offense... but how exactly are your localized efforts here truly making a difference?"

The woman giggled aloud. She then looked down at the turtle in her lap, scrubbed off the last piece of algae from its shell, and said, "Sweetie, if this little guy could talk, he'd tell you I just made all the difference in the world."

Our Baptism unites us to the Lord as St. Paul says "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him" (Romans 6:4-8). "Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God" as St. Gregory explained.

Through Baptism we not only leave our old life of sin, but we have become new creation in Him who took our nature be like us but sin. In Baptism we are consecrated by the Holy Spirit. This is

what the word "Christian" means, it means consecrated like Jesus, in the same Spirit in which Jesus was immersed throughout his earthly existence. St. Paul reminds everyone of us to have the same mind like Jesus "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

Here are some quotes from some saints and popes to understand the true meaning of baptism" The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism. - St. Ambrose of Milan

The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps... we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation. - Pope Benedict XVI

By Baptism we are made flesh of the Crucified - Pope St. Leo the Great

If, therefore, there is any grace in the water, it is not from the nature of water but from the Spirit's presence there. - St. Basil the Great, Doctor of the Church,

Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God. - St. Vincent Ferrer

The soul is regenerated in the sacred waters of baptism and thus becomes God's child. - St. Maximilian Kolbe

No one can begin a new life, unless he repents of the old. - St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church  
Just as a man cannot live in the flesh unless he is born in the flesh, even so a man cannot have the spiritual life of grace unless he is born again spiritually. This regeneration is affected by Baptism: "Unless a man is born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn 3:5) - St. Thomas Aquinas

Baptism is not the work of man but of Christ, and this sacrament is so holy that it would not be defiled, even if the minister were a murderer. - St. Isidore, Doctor of the Church

Their examples give witness to the fact that baptism commits Christians to participate boldly in the spread of the Kingdom of God, cooperating, if necessary, with the sacrifice of one's own life... This martyrdom of ordinary life is a particularly important witness in the secularized societies of our time. It is the peaceful battle of love that all Christians, like Paul, must fight tirelessly; the race to spread the Gospel that commits us until death. May Mary, Queen of Martyrs and Star of Evangelization, help us and assist us in our daily witness. - Pope Benedict XVI

On the Baptism of the Lord as heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down from heaven and rested on Jesus, during our Baptism experience the same that God anoints us with the gift of the Holy Spirit to be his witnesses to the end of the world. As the voice came from heaven



“He is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, listen to him” in the similar manner we do hear the voice of God calling us to be his sons and daughters and to listen to his voice. After the Baptism as Jesus our Lord goes off to begin his public ministry and proclaim the message of God, we too are called to be his witnesses in the world; “By your work people will know that you’re my disciples” as Lord Jesus.

So today as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let’s renew our baptismal promises and be faithful to him who died on the Cross to grant us eternal life.

As you read the following story, I am leaving you with this question “How is Baptism changing you?”

Two men visit a Zen master.

The first man says: “I’m thinking of moving to this town. What’s it like?”

The Zen master asks: “What was your old town like?”

The first man responds: “It was dreadful. Everyone was hateful. I hated it.”

The Zen master says: “This town is very much the same. I don’t think you should move here.”

The first man leaves, and the second man comes in.

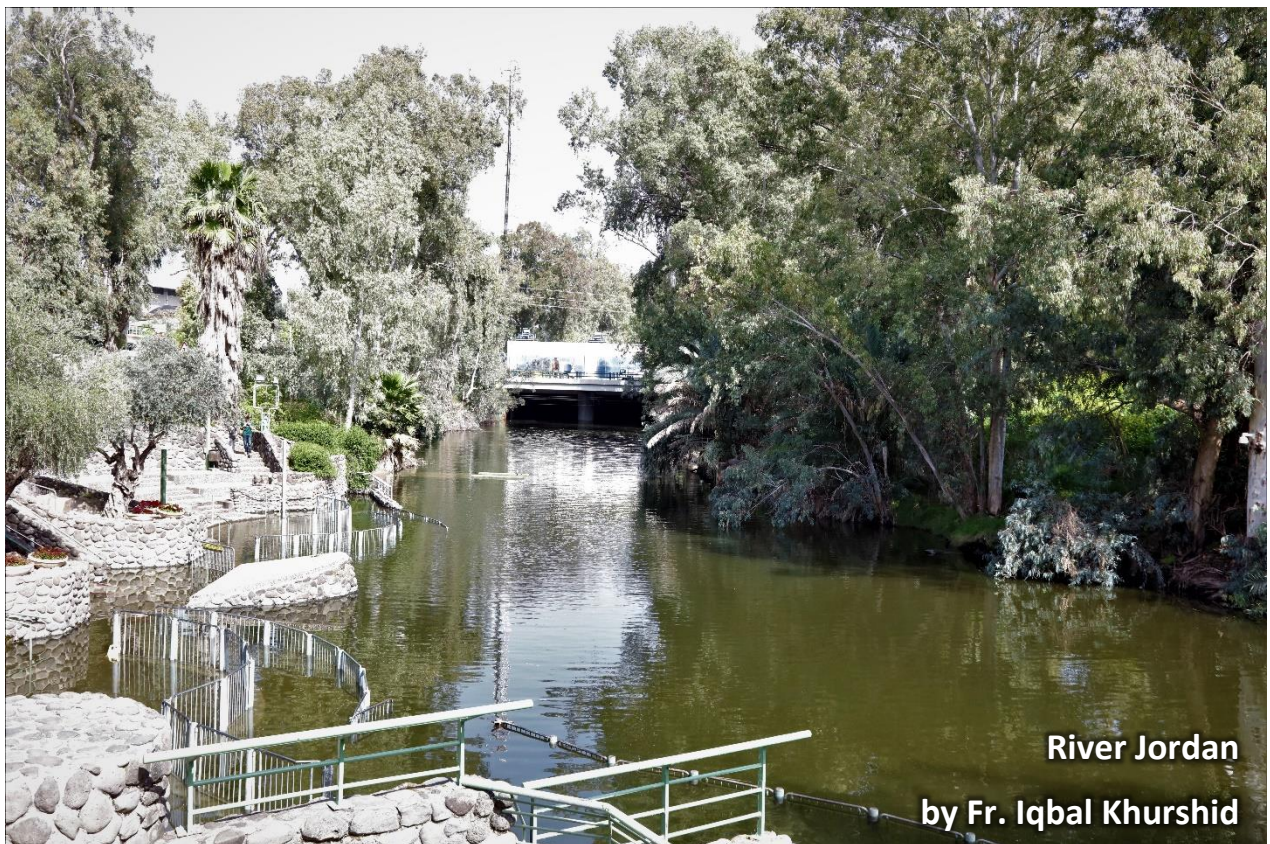
The second man says: “I’m thinking of moving to this town. What’s it like?”

The Zen master asks: “What was your old town like?”

The second man responds: “It was wonderful. Everyone was friendly and I was happy. Just interested in a change now.”

The Zen master says: “This town is very much the same. I think you will like it here.”

What we seek is what we find. The reasons why you do what you do matter as much, if not more, as what you end up doing. Because they shape how you seek. So, ultimately, they’ll also determine what you find.



**River Jordan**

**by Fr. Iqbal Khurshid**

# The Baptism of the Lord



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## Resources for children

- [Gospel](#) Reflection: After Jesus was baptized, he prayed and the Holy Spirit came to him. The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism. We become members of God's family. God is our Father. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. As members of God's family, we take care of one another and welcome new members. (Loyola Press)
  - [Kid's Bulletin for this Sunday](#)
  - [Colouring page this Sunday](#) - *Invite the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and on the back to draw how they will show the Holy Spirit working in them over the coming week.*
  - Sunday Connection for [The Baptism of the Lord Sunday](#) (Gr. 1-8)
  - Video: [Studio 3:16](#) | Weekly Comedy for kids (anticipating the Sunday Gospel)

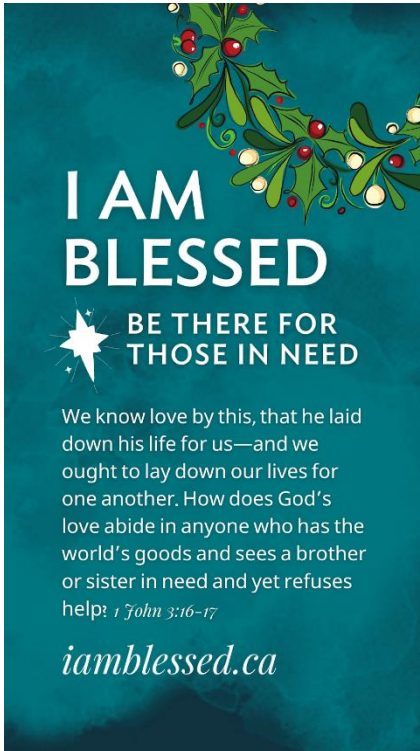
## COVID-19 Resources

- [Sacraments & Liturgies](#)
- [Spiritual Resources](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation](#) (First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation)
- [Online Formation Opportunity](#)



- Children's Sunday Liturgy **for the The Baptism of the Lord**
  - [Children's Liturgy for leaders/parents](#) (with intercessions and activities) - by CAFOD | [Illustration](#)
  - [Children's Liturgy of the Word with Miss Heidi](#) (Catholic TV)
  - Does your parish have online Sunday program for children? If so, please share it with [communications@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:communications@calgarydiocese.ca)

## Happy New Year!



We would like to thank you for your support and participation during the #IamBlessed campaign, which ends this Sunday, Jan. 9, on the Feast of Baptism of the Lord. Thank you for being there for those in need!

In case you missed these during the Christmas break:

- Memo: [Music ministry during high daily number of confirmed cases in the province](#) (sent Dec. 23)
- [Christmas message from Bishop McGrattan and sing-along](#) outreach for the distribution to health care centres, seniors and all parishioners.
- The latest Faithfully (Jan. 3) features [simple suggestions from Pope Francis](#) to start the New Year.

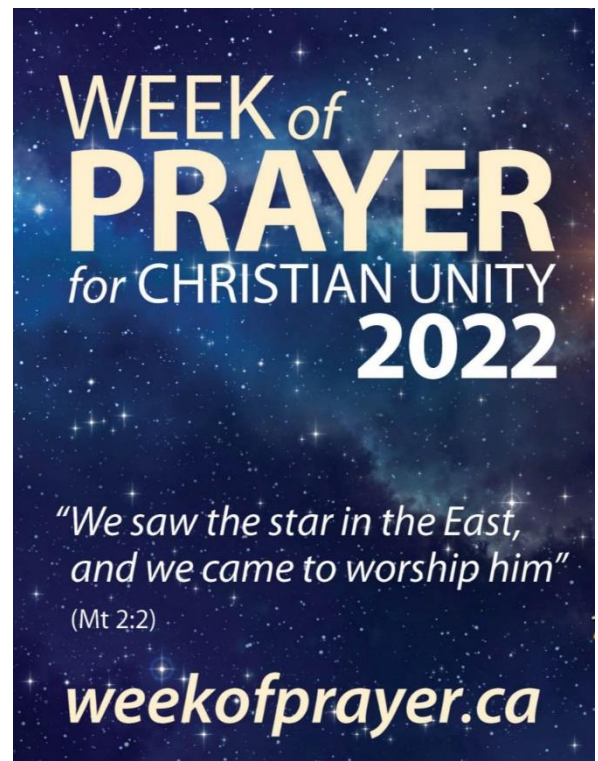
## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25)

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is celebrated around the world on January 18-25. The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, **"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him"** (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the [Middle East Council of Churches](#), based in Beirut, Lebanon.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity **should be emphasized throughout the week**. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

- **A resource kit** containing program materials for the Week of Prayer adapted to Canadian context is available from <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2022-wpcu-resources>. This resource kit contains practical suggestions on prayers or activities for parishes, families, schools and campus ministries for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the 2021 theme.
- [Event poster template](#) | [Graphic for Social Media](#) (.jpg)
- If your parish is planning to organize an event for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, please share it with us through the [Diocesan Calendar](#) (click ADD EVENT).

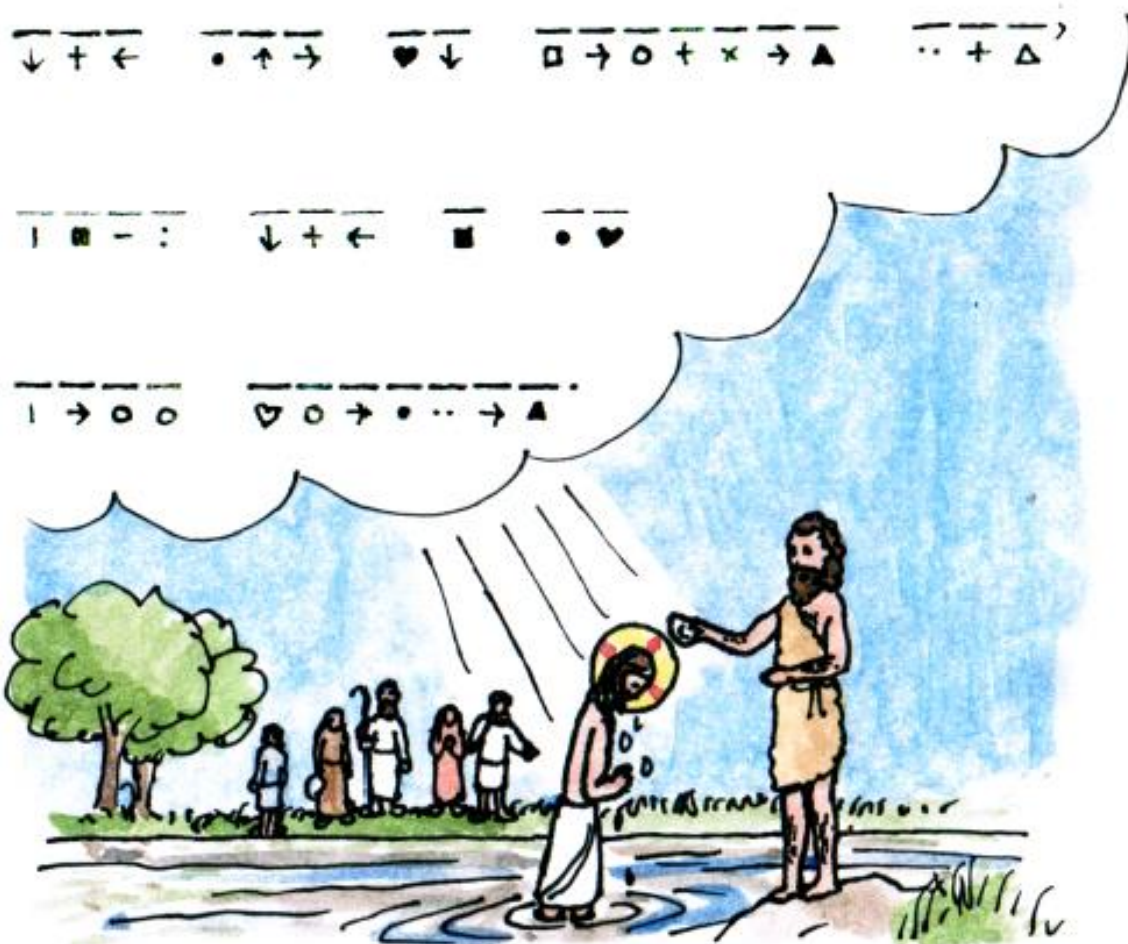
More info: <https://www.catholiccyyc.ca/blog/word-of-god-sunday>



# The Kids' Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9th, 2022



Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

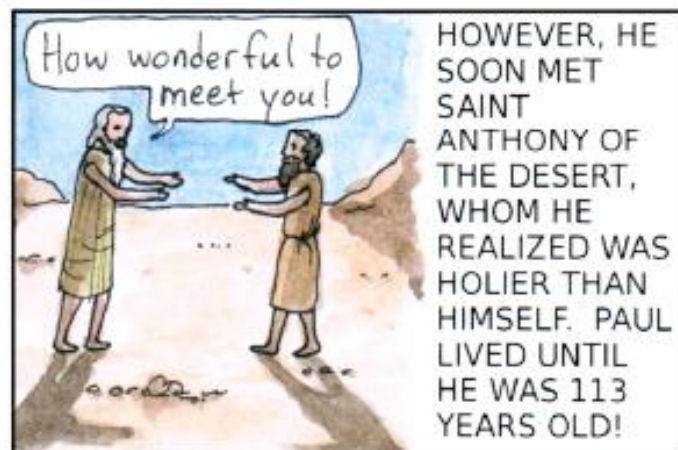
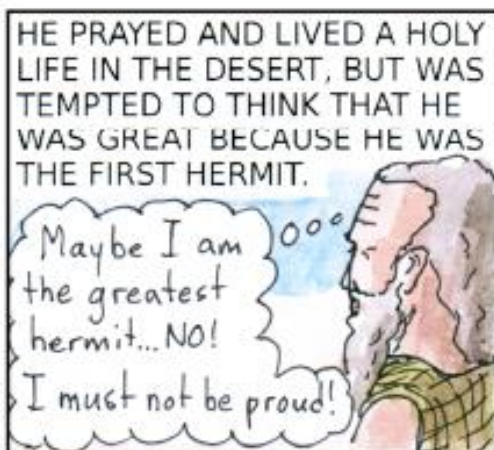
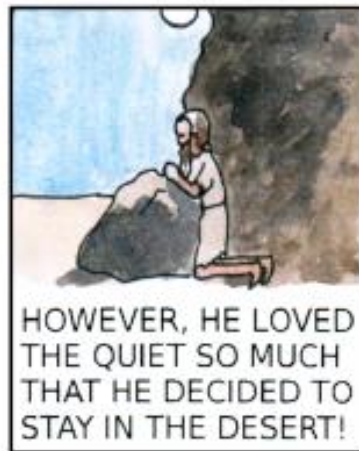
*After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say?  
Use the code to find out!*

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# Saint Paul the First Hermit

## January 15



SAINT PAUL DIDN'T GROW UP THINKING THAT HE WOULD BECOME A HERMIT. BUT WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HE COULD BEST SERVE GOD BY LIVING BY HIMSELF AND PRAYING FOR PEOPLE, THAT'S WHAT HE DID. YOU CAN PRAY THAT GOD WILL SHOW YOU HOW YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE HIM BEST!

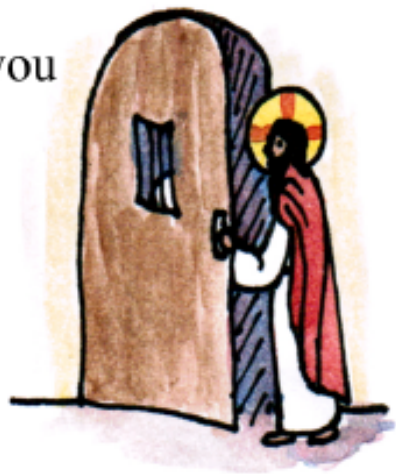
# Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle

*Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks!*

Here is my \_\_\_\_\_ whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my \_\_\_\_\_;  
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
not crying out, not \_\_\_\_\_,  
not making his \_\_\_\_\_ heard in the street.  
A bruised reed he shall not \_\_\_\_\_,  
and a \_\_\_\_\_ wick  
he will not quench,  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.



I, the Lord, have called you  
for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;  
I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant of the people,  
a \_\_\_\_\_ for the nations,  
to open the \_\_\_\_\_ of the blind,  
to bring out \_\_\_\_\_  
from confinement,  
and from the dungeon,  
those who live in darkness.



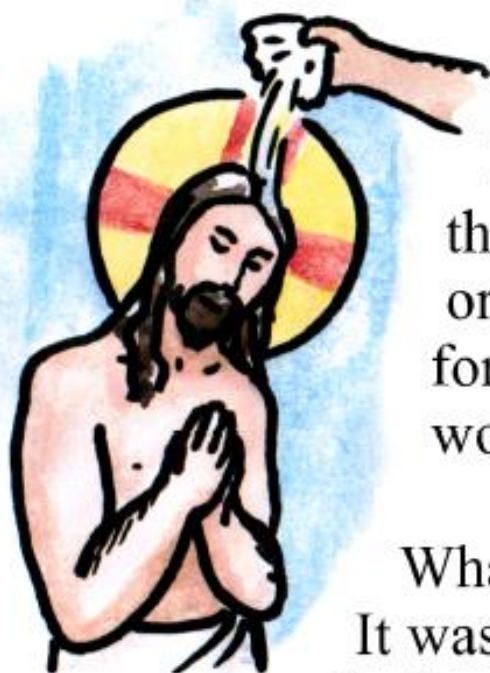
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EYES  
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BREAK



# Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?  
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



Answer to front page: You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased.  
Answers to Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle: servant, spirit, shouting, voice, break,  
smoldering, light, eyes, prisoners.

# Retreat Centers in Southern Alberta

## AN "OASIS" IN THE HEART OF CALGARY

FCJ Retreat & Conference Centre is seen by many as a spiritual home where God feels very present both in the building and the surrounding landscape, and every year welcomes thousands of visitors to a unique experience of warm hospitality and deep spirituality.

Our hope is that those who come to the FCJ Centre will encounter God, whether in prayer, in the Word, in the silence and the beauty; and that this encounter will touch many other lives too.



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Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains where are all welcome in the name of Christ. The Franciscan Friars of Canada, inspired by the vision and example of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, have served here since 1949.

We offer silent retreats and spiritual direction. We also serve those in the 12 Step Program through weekend and evening Serenity

retreats. We listen to 5th steps. We host groups and individuals seeking a place of quiet and stillness in an often-hectic world. We can accommodate up to 50 people (46 rooms/50 beds). We have one large and one small meeting room, a library and chapel. We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. There are approximately 500 acres to explore.

Our retreats are organized through a group of dedicated volunteer Captains that oversee the registration. Please see our retreats page for more information.

We have strong ties with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary; other Christian Churches, schools, and organizations; as well as others not affiliated with any particular faith but who are in accord with our mission of peace, healing and prayer. We value the many loyal friends and benefactors that have supported us in our ministry for over 70 years.

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Martha Retreat Centre, situated on the edge of the beautiful Lethbridge coulees, is a ministry of the Martha Retreat Centre Society, which was established in 2018. Originally founded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 1968, the Centre continues to be supported by and aligned with the mission of the Sisters of St. Martha: inspired by God's graciousness, we strive to hear, embrace and respond to the cry for gospel hospitality.

