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Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power."...The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25). That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, Phd

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Crusade (51) For the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Oh come Holy Spirit, pour Your Gift of Love, Wisdom and Knowledge, over my humble soul. Fill me with the Light of Truth, so that I can discern the Truth of God, from the lies spread by Satan and his angels.

Help me to grasp the torch and spread the Flame of understanding to all those I meet, through Christ, Our Lord... Amen.

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IT'S AMAZING!
JOHN TELLS THEM
THE MESSIAH IS
BAPTIZING WITH FIRE,
AND THEY STILL
HANG AROUND.



FIRE IS A WAY
OF DESCRIBING
HOW GOD TAKES
OUR SIN AWAY
FROM US.



MAYBE THEY THOUGHT
THAT IF THEY GOT
WET ENOUGH, THEY
WOULDN'T BURN.
YOU KNOW... LIKE WOOD!



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 11:00 am
Rosary 10:30 am

Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Friday 7:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm
and by appointment

ADORATION

Friday 7:30–8:15 pm

Sunday Mass Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
2nd Reading Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7
Responsorial Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30
Gospel Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
before 5:00 pm Thurs to
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Sunday Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord

Parish Priest: Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy



The Anointing

The liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7)...cont'd on reverse



The Baptism of the Lord

01-13-2019

Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
 Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August
 CWL meets 4th Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August

Sunday Collection 01-06-2018 = \$894.80....1,200.00 NEEDED
 Collection Count for January 2019 – Ray Wald + Ed + Gail Kaczkielo

Date	Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearers	EEM	Music	Greeters
01-06-2019	Karen Roth	Bjorn Benoit	Jody + Julie Walters	Julie Okimaw + Gerald Schwemler	Carmen + Mona + Shirley + Crew	Sharon Lagace
01-13-2019	Cecile Gregory	Frank Wasowicz	Randy + Mona Pohl	Barb London + Karen Roth	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pall	Lucille Partington
01-20-2019	Gail Kaczkielo	Sharon Legace	Ken + Arlene Salacki	Joe Raskauskus + Rick Sakundiak	Carmen + Mona + Shirley + Crew	Larry Anderson
01-27-2019	Mary McLaughlin	Linda Seifert	Brady + Selena Turner	Julie Slade + Mary Vavrek	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pall	Larry Anderson

Mastering The Mass

Question: What is the Alb?
Answer: This is a long white garment sometimes brought together at the waist by a cincture (a type of belt). Altar servers, deacons and priests wear it.

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Mass for Families

Father Jeyapaul will be offering a Mass on every Wednesday for one family in the parish throughout the year in an alphabetical order starting with ‘Z’

Mass Intentions for January 13 – 19, 2019		
	Offered By	Offered For
Sun	Larry Vavrek	RIP: Andrea Vavrek
Mon		
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri	Parishioner	Intention of Parishioner
Sat		
		
Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency 587-202-8887 Our Prayer Chain Ministry asks that you continue to pray for Yvonne Floreani, Andrea Floreani, Connie Vavrek, Marlis Cooke, Jack Almeida, Allan Lorgren, Charles Wisekal, Chris Partington, Fe Gudoy, Linda Foley, Sandra Bromley, as well as all the sick and needy in our community.		

Mary’s Meals

Please consider donating to Mary’s Meals for the year 2019. There is still a Canadian Donor who is matching monthly donations. Children receive one meal every school day. All money goes to feed the children. Information on this wonderful organization please visit their website at www.canadahelps.org
 God Bless.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2019

Sunday Offering Envelopes are kept at the entrance area of the church. Kindly pick up yours. Thank you for your generosity.

Undecorating Church Today

Your help is greatly appreciated if you could kindly stay after mass today and help with the taking down of the Christmas decorations.

Sign In and Sign Out

You are kindly requested to sign in and sign out when you come to the church or basement apart from the regular Mass and meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

Minutes of January 2019 Pastoral Council meeting are posted on the bulletin board at the church entrance. Please take a moment and have a look.

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