

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

January 10 The Baptism of the Lord

Invitation to Abundance. Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,55-6

God's Testimony of Love. 1 John 5:1-6

The Baptism of Jesus. Mark 1:7-11

Key Passage: "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1-11)

For Reflection:

Adult Question: Do you ever feel that you are a beloved child of God and God is well pleased with you?

Child Question: When do you feel most loved?

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God, we come to you in our weakness.

We come to you in our fear.

We come to you with trust.

For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors,

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

5:00

The Testa Family

Sunday, January 10

9:30

Stephen Kutchko

Wednesday, January 13

9:00

**Mary McGovern
Tony Sclafani**

Saturday, January 16

5:00

**James and Angela
Gilchrist**

Sunday, January 17

9:30

**Loretta Ann Murphy
Catherine Alteri**

12:00

Wednesday, January 20

9:00

Rose Marie Nicolais

Saturday, January 23

5:00

Elizabeth Sarullo

Sunday, January 24

9:30

**Helen and James Speicher
Krieger and Hippert Families**

12:00

Wednesday, January 27

9:00

Patricia Beattie Keane

Saturday, January 30

5:00

Special Intention

Sunday, January 31

9:30

Stephen Kutchko

"People shouldn't be forgotten, they matter."

The SASFX Mass Intention Book for 2021 is open for your intentions. Since we currently have fewer Masses and parishioners from both St. Augustine and St. Francis Xavier seeking Mass intentions, we will be accepting up to 2 intentions for each Mass.

The offering is \$15 per Mass Intention. Other ways to remember your loved ones are also available.

Anyone wishing to request more Masses for 2021 please contact the rectory at 718-638-1880.

IN OUR PRAYERS

May God strengthen and give peace to all of our sick parishioners, relatives and friends, especially for:

Robert Schlegel, Daniel Joseph, Matt Speicher, Edna Fialo, Al Campisi, Mary McLoughlin, Aloyse Chong, Lorraine Lozito, Tara Lindis-Corbell and David Harrison and Fr. Agnelo Pinto.

*May the hope of the Resurrection dawn on our deceased relatives and friends, especially **Yolanda Rios.***

We lift them up to our heavenly Father who heals all ills and gives new life.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The Baptism of the Lord

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. **As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is open for walk-in assistance on Wednesdays from 1-3pm. Enter through the Chapel on Carroll Street behind SFX.

GOD IS ALWAYS INVITING US

These moments when we feel God breaking through the ordinary become more apparent when we take time to notice them. You might write down one thing for which you are grateful each day. You might take five minutes to review the day's events to see where God's presence was most apparent. Over a meal with the ones you love, already a place of sacred encounter, you might converse about how God is acting in each of your lives in ways big and small. Making this a part of your regular family routine can yield big results in terms of seeing God's action bursting through the ordinary because, in large part, we only notice what we are looking for.

Put down the phone. Make time for silence. Take a walk. Look one another in the eye. It is through the world that God comes to us. It is our task to watch for God there and to listen for his voice. God is always inviting us. We are called to the Lord's table and to the dinner table, to the waters of Baptism and the water we pour for the one in need. We are called to recognize that we are always in the presence of God.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In the face of these unsettling times, we are thankful for your continuing generosity.

BAPTISM of the LORD



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we recall the baptism of Jesus, we are challenged to call to mind our own baptism. All of the baptized need to open themselves up to the presence and call of God in their lives. Have you ever taken the time to consider God's call in your life? Consider the possibility of serving the Church as a sister, priest, deacon or brother. It's a meaningful life, a life that makes a difference. In our world today, as we experience a severe shortage of priests, which has changed the face of our parishes, the need for parishioners to prayerfully consider how God is calling them to serve His church is all the more necessary. In Baptism, God has graced each of us to fulfill the tasks necessary to lead others to His light, to strengthen others in holiness and to encourage others in healing the wounds of our troubled world. Additionally, we are all called to build up the community of the Church in our own neighborhoods, caring for and serving the local church. Most importantly, remember that all of us are called to serve the Lord and build the Kingdom.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our parish family and pray God's fullest blessings upon **Emmet Mark Kaiser.**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Diocesan Catholic Yearly Appeal provides us with the opportunity to be bearers of Christ's light to others, a light that reflects Christ's kindness, compassion and hope. We hope that when presented with the opportunity to participate in the Annual Appeal, you will answer the call to build God's Kingdom.

St. Francis Xavier Parish has achieved their diocesan assigned goal. Thank you to all who participated.

St. Augustine parishioners have pledged \$14,450.00 towards their assigned goal of \$38,000.00.

Please join us and help us to reach our assigned goal. Thank you!