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# Holy Cross

## Roman Catholic Parish

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**\*As per the current COVID-19 protocol, all Masses are cancelled, the Church and Adoration Chapel are closed until further notice.**

### PARISH CENTRE OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri — 8:30am - 12pm  
(closed to the public)

### PASTORAL STAFF

#### Mass Celebrant

His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt

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#### Holy Cross Food Bank

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#### Holy Cross Youth Group

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### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

Psalms 29

***The Lord will bless his people  
with peace.***

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Acts 10.34-38

Gospel:

Matthew 3.13-17

## Joy to the World!

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.



At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection.

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'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men' (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. *'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'* (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

(Source: Excerpted from the [Congregation for the Clergy](#))



### EVANGELINE FRASER

Holy Cross Parish offers its prayers and condolences to the family and friends of **Evangeline Fraser**, a beloved member of our Parish. She was a faithful parishioner and sacristan, who took care of the linens for Holy Cross Parish for as long as we can remember. A funeral Mass will take place at Église Précieux Sang at a date still to be determined. We pray for the peace and joy of Evangeline's soul as she joins with our Creator in heaven and for the comfort of his loved ones at this time. We ask you to please keep Evangeline and her family in your prayers.

### LORD I HATE BUTTERMILK

Recently I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Not the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what You are saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."



### A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the special elves who decorated the Church so beautifully for our livestream Christmas Eve Mass, and for the cleanup afterwards. It was absolutely beautiful. You are all such a blessing to us!



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2021



*"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" (Mark 1:11)*

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

## JANUARY PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Evangelization: *Human Fraternity*:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## WARM HUG WINTER COLLECTION IN LIEU OF ADVENT TREE

Women and children in shelters are still in desperate need of mittens, scarves, hats, and socks in spite of COVID-19.



**Between December 13 and the end of January**, the CWL will gladly be accepting donations through the parish office (providing any restrictions), by depositing them in the designated bin **located between the office doors**.

Please accumulate your collection so that you can make only one deposit at the parish center.

Thank you for your support and be well and safe.

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**\*Note:** At the time the bulletin was sent to the publisher, there was no update regarding the current COVID protocol. Once we are informed of the new COVID protocol, we will send out an email to parishioners and update the website.

*Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

For everyone who has booked a Mass Intention during the Mass cancellations, we will reschedule your Mass Intention once we know when Masses will resume.



## 2021 PARISH ENVELOPES



Your new set of parish envelopes can be picked up in the parish office during office hours. We will place them in the Church once Masses resume. **Remember, once the new year begins, DISCARD your old set, as envelope numbers can change from year to year.** If you haven't requested a set of parish envelopes but would like one, please contact the parish office at 204-233-7367 or at [office@holycrossparish.ca](mailto:office@holycrossparish.ca).

## ST. BONIFACE DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

Please join us virtually on **February 3, 2021 at 7:00pm** for our annual open house in preparation for the 2021-22 school year. Hear about our school, and community, and meet the teachers. We offer University courses. We look forward to connecting with you!

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