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Baptism of the Lord

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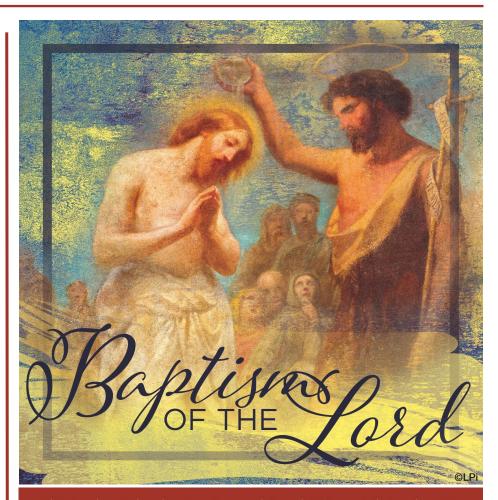
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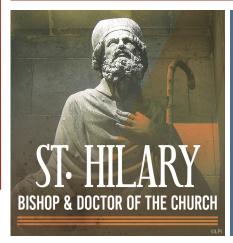
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This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts to meet the needs of the poor in our community, and when possible around the world. We strive to build a sense of community among our parishioners, with the wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.

January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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WE WELCOME YOU HOME

Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace and serenity in our community. Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eduino, Pastor.







SATURDAY, JANUARY 09

5:00PM †Tom Bogetich

by Carolyn Albers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

The Baptism of the Lord

9:00AM † Doris Desmond

by Carolyn Albers

11:00AM † Rosalie Gau

by The Riehl Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00AM † Noelle Malone

by Theresa Parulan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00AM † † Dale and Arlene Fuller

by Portillo Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the church

8:00AM + Doris Desmond

by Claude & Janice Hambly

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00AM No Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00AM No Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

5:00PM No Intention

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Steward Discipleship

Baptism of the Lord

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

Through our baptism, Stewards 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 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.

Reading for the week

Sunday Jan 10: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday Jan 11: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Jan 12: Heb 2:5 -12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Jan 13: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Jan 14: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday Jan 15: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Jan 16: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Jan 17: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7 -8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
Jan 16—17	January 08
Jan 23—24	January 15
Jan 30—31	January 22



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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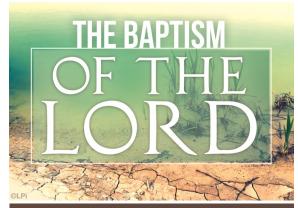
OLA LIVE

In an effort to bring us safely back together for prayer and community, the parish will be hosting weekly virtual events. The events will be either live streamed or on Zoom so you can watch and participate from the safety of your home. For the month of December during Advent, we will pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together every Monday evening. More events will be added, so please check the schedule each week for updates.









OLA IS LOOKING TO BORROW PATIO HEATERS

Due to COVID there is a real shortage of patio heaters because restaurants purchasing for outdoor seating. **OLA is looking to borrow 6 patio heaters** for the Christmas season.

Specs as follow: Must be safe, and in good operating condition, 40-50K BTU capacity, need one preferably two 20 lbs. LP tank, Heater should stand 80 inches min. Must have name and phone number on both heater and tanks.

Please, deliver to church by Jan 15 if possible. We would also like volunteers to pick up heaters, for those who are not able to deliver.

Please contact John Blaschke to coordinate.

916-471-9650



Updated regular Mass Times and Locations

8:00 am daily Masses

(Monday-Friday and first Saturday) will be located inside of the church with limited outdoor seating available in front of the church under the portico. Indoor seating is not permitted at this time.



The Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 9:00 am, and Sunday 11:00 am Masses

Will be live streamed inside of the church with limited outdoor seating available in front of the church under the portico. Indoor seating is not permitted at this time.

The Masses will also be available to view throughout the weekend on our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook page.

Communion

Will be distributed outdoors in front of the church up to 45 minutes after each Mass.

The Sunday 7:30 pm Mass is cancelled at this time.

Communion will be distributed in front of the church from 7:30 - 8:30 pm on Sunday evenings.

PUZZLES

Come to our parish office and take home a fantastic puzzle that will keep you busy, healthy, and happy.



Parishioners have brought these puzzles to share.

Take the challenge to build a big one!

SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY

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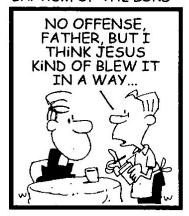
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HUMOR

BAPTISM OF THE LORD











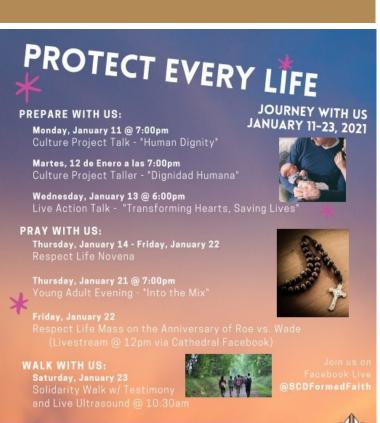


SPIRITUAL GROWTH

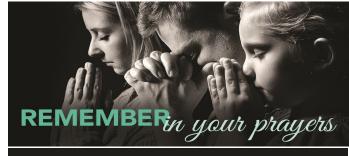
LIVE THE LITURGY

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call? **©LPi**



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OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Julie Nelson Nancy Carlson Jonathan Rassmussen Stacie Higginbotham Sandi Lanz Shirley Ward Mary Silva Gloria Plog J. Richard Heintz Molly Garcia Richard McClintock Margaret Parker Maria García Daniel Armstrong George Peres Gutierrez Family

Note: Please call the parish office to add a name or to remove them from this list. Thank you.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Baptism of the Lord

Baptism gives us new life.

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Listen to the Word

As you hear the story of Jesus being baptized, what line or word touches you? What lingers in your memory after hearing this amazing reading?

Look into Your Life

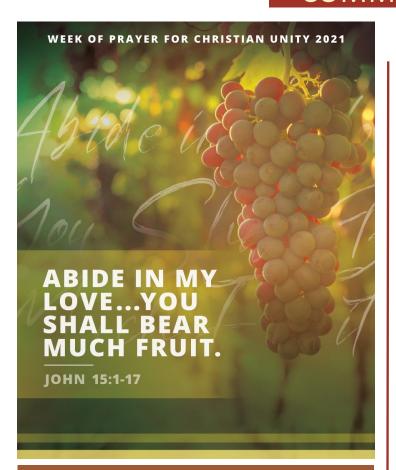
Question for Children: Why does Baptism make you special?

Question for Youth: You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this community? How is it a support in your life?

Question for Adults: What meaning does your Baptism have

for your everyday life?

COMMUNITY



Virtual Special Event for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 19, 2021

You are invited to a Virtual Special Event on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for the event is Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (cf. John 15:1-17). This event is sponsored by the North State Ecumenical Conference, and has the support of Bishop Jaime Soto. It will feature the following:

- * A rendition of *Lift Every Voice and Sing* by a **Virtual Ecumenical Choir**
- * A **Panel Discussion** with several Christian faith leaders, who will address *Racism in the Church*
- * A Worship Prayer Service led by Christian faith leaders (including Bishop Jaime Soto), with Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the United Methodist Church, California Nevada Conference, as the Homilist

Livestream information will be announced soon. There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: dennisgorsuch@comcast.net



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 Weekend Offertory
 01/03/21
 \$ 8,124.00

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 11/30/20 to 12/27/20
 \$ 3,510.00

 Christmas
 01/03/21
 \$ 5,235.00

 E-Giving from
 12/28/20 to 01/03/21
 \$ 4,554.25

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 \$ 21,423.25

Average Weekly Budget Amount \$12,000.00

WESHARE

We want to encourage our parishioners to enroll in our automated donation program called **WeShare**. This program provides a convenient way to make your donations to our church in the comfort of your home.



To enroll please follow these simple steps:

- Go to https://olaparish.net
- Click on Donate.
- This will take you to our "Contribute" page, where you will find the WeShare link to enroll and start making your donation.

TAX SEASON IS HERE

We know the importance of having our documents ready.

If you need a letter of your donation to the church, please email



us at officemgr@olaparish.net with your full name and your envelope number, and we will send you your statement for the year 2020.

Church Wi-Fi

We now have wireless internet (WiFi) in the Church and St. John's Hall Church

Network: OLA Parishioner

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St. John's Hall

Network: St. John's Hall Guest

Password: GuestWiFi1!!!

Go to our parish website:



https://olaparish.net/live-stream-mass to access the worship aid online each Sunday.

FROM THE BISHOP

CATHOLIC MORAL TEACHING AND TRADITION ON COVID-19 VACCINES

When considering a vaccine, one should review its safety and effectiveness as well as any possible health concerns such as allergies. Bishop Soto, in unison with his brother bishops in California, presents the following important moral considerations as well. Mindful of the Church's moral teaching, he encourages Catholics to receive a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine for the sake of oneself, our loved ones, and the common good.

As the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines against COVID-19 become available, it is critically important that Catholics and others have an accurate understanding of how these vaccines may be viewed from the perspective of Catholic moral teaching and tradition. The Vatican's doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), has determined that it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take these vaccines against the COVID-19 Virus. Their determination is deeply rooted in the Catholic moral tradition. A brief review of their discernment in reaching this determination will assist people as they consider use of these vaccine and other vaccines.

Vaccine development and production over the last several decades has often relied upon some cell lines that lamentably were originally developed from cells obtained from two fetuses that were aborted in the '70s and '80s. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are not dependent on these cell lines. They were developed using different technology relying on ribonucleic acid (RNA) from the virus itself. Even though the vaccines may have been tested using compromised cell lines, this does not establish a connection between the vaccine recipient and the abortion. Consequently, use of these vaccines is ethically sound.

Other vaccines in development (including AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson) have been developed from compromised cell lines. The specific moral questions are whether a recipient of these COVID-19 vaccines developed from such cell lines is morally complicit in the original abortions, and whether use of the vaccine will lead others to have abortions. According to Catholic moral teaching and tradition, it is morally unacceptable for an individual or institution to contribute to and influence an immoral act committed by another in a way that shows they approve or intend the immoral act. It is also wrong for them to contribute components that are essential to the immoral act, even if they do not intend the act of the other, and to lead others by example to engage in an immoral act.



Since it is impossible to influence an act that occurred in the past, a recipient of the COVID -19 vaccines developed from cell lines in question cannot influence or contribute to anything regarding the original abortions. Again, the mere fact that a vaccine may have been tested using these cell lines does not establish a connection between the vaccine recipient and the abortion. Furthermore, simply knowing the origin of the cell lines does not mean that one intends abortion. Thus, a recipient of the vaccine does not approve of or intend

the original abortions, or materially contribute to them. Clearly, all that the recipient intends is the good preventing disease and saving lives. This includes protecting countless pregnant women from contracting COVID-19, who will be able to carry their unborn babies safely to term.

The act of receiving the COVID-19 vaccines developed from the cell lines in question does not lead others to procure abortion. The action of the recipient is not the reason why someone has an abortion, nor is it an endorsement of abortion. Furthermore, vaccine researchers and others who develop cell lines from abortion-derived cells or use such cell lines in research do not lead persons to procure abortions. Researchers who develop or use these types of cell lines do so because they either see no connection of their work to abortion and/or because of the success of the cell line for research to develop effective and safe vaccines.

On December 21, 2020, the Vatican's doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), issued a statement noting it is "morally acceptable" for Catholics to take vaccines against COVID-19. Among other things, the CDF stated:

"All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive" ... "the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good."

"In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed."

If some of the faithful choose not to take the vaccine for reasons of conscience, the Vatican says those persons "must do their utmost to avoid ... becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent."

I hope these reflections are helpful. Our commitment to the health and dignity of each human life compels us to be vigilant about the moral implications of medical technological developments as well as taking the necessary personal precautions, including the vaccine, to protect and care for one another. We rely on the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary so that we may be guided by the wisdom and mercy of her Son, Jesus.

Respectfully,

+Jaime SotoBishop of Sacramento



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