



Baptism of the Lord January 11th & 12th, 2020

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Reconciliation/confession is available every
 Saturday 11 am-noon at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

MASS INTENTIONS January 11th-19th, 2020

Sat. 4pm Anthony Jacquard **and** George Nixon
6pm (Melbourne) Delphine Doucette

Sun. 9am Anniv. Helena Quinn **and** Anniv. Louis Robinson
11:15am Parishioners

Mon. No Mass

Tues. 6:30pm Lorette Ann Muise **and** Intentions Of Ken & Gert Doucette & Family

Wed. 6:30pm Intentions of Pat Goudey & Family **and** Dawson Boudreau

Thur. 9am Antoinette LeBlanc **and** Evelyn Muise

Fri. 9am Anniv. Esther Maillet **and** Residents & Caregivers of Arbors of Tranquility

Sat. 4pm Anniv. Frank Muise **and** Daniel Poirier
6pm (Melbourne) Agnes & Robert Doucette

Sun. 9am Parishioners
11:15am Ralph Deveau **and** Special Intentions of the Oguntade Family

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

Please note: The weekday Mass will be cancelled in the event of a funeral Mass. The Mass intention scheduled for that day will be offered at a later date.

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held this weekend after the Saturday 4pm Mass and the Sunday 9am Mass.



The pot luck is taking place on Sunday following the 11:15am Mass at the Parish Center Dining Hall. Please bring a dish to share with the community and bring a friend. The Catholic Women's League will be there to accept items.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday January 14th, all members invited.
 5:30pm executive meeting
 6:30pm supper
 7:30pm general meeting

Community Breakfast: Next Sunday, January 19th from 9am -noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults -\$7.00 and children under 12 -\$3.50. Eat in or take out.

PILGRIMAGE: Apr 30-May 10: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 38 years. Cost of \$2135 (+ \$675 taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$200/p.) The accompanying priest is yet to be determined. **INFO:** Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:



-The January meeting will be held on Monday the 13th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Executive will meet at 6:30. It will be election night. Please bring stamps, cards and yarn. Juniper House and Shyft were very appreciative for the donations from our December social.

STEBENVILLE ATLANTIC MEETING:



There will be an information session for all youth ages 14 and up who are interested in attending the youth conference this summer in Halifax. Please join us Sunday January 26th in the Jubilee Room following the 11:15 Mass.

ST. AMBROSE SKI TRIP:



to Martock is coming up on Saturday, February 22nd. The cost is \$25.00 a person. We have a limited number of spots so it will be first come first served. The Church has very

limited transportation if needed. The event is for youth and families ages 8 and up. We will chaperone youth over the age of ten and for those under ten, you must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information please contact the parish office 902-742-7151.

SITTING IN THE SIDE PEW:



-a retreat on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Saturday, January 25, 2020. 9:00am to noon in the Jubilee Room. Why does the Church canonize saints? It doesn't help *them*; after all, they are already in heaven. It's meant to help *us*! The saints' amazing spiritual maturity **reminds us of where we are going**, and the stories of their spiritual journeys remind us that God's grace truly can get us there. The saints inspire us. They intercede for us. They accompany us. In this month's Retreat, *Sitting in the Side Pew*, we look at the shining example of **North America's first native-born canonized saint**, Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton. No fee or registration. Sponsored by Regnum Christi - Yarmouth. For further information please call Coleen 902 742-4924 or Helen 902 742-6216

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



"Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace." - St. Ambrose

CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR WEEKDAY MASS:



The weekday Masses are now being held in the Jubilee Room. This is for the winter months.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES:



Just a reminder if you have not picked up your collection envelopes, they may be picked up at the Parish Centre office after next weekend.

THANK YOU:

Just a word of thank you to all those who put in hard work in the different ministries to make Christmas a joyous occasion. All your (often unseen) hard work helps to make Christmas season a blessed and prayerful time. Also, thank you for your well wishes, cards, gifts. May the New Year through the grace of God bring you good health, comfort and Peace. Fr. Henry

REFLECTION: Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist. First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism? First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world. As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life. - My Catholic Life