



## Baptism of the Lord January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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**Reconciliation/confession** is held on Wednesday  
 after mass from 9:30-10:00

### MASS INTENTIONS – January 8<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Sat. 4pm** Helen, Doug and Ronnie Melanson  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 10am (Melbourne)** Gertrude Surette  
**Sun. 11am** Agnes Hurlburt and Paul Fitzgerald  
**Wed. 9am** The Ramessar Family and Intentions of Neil  
 & Janice Bourque  
**Sat. 4pm** Marjorie LeBlanc and Kenneth Ryan  
**Sun. 9am** Pius and Cecilia Landry and William Cotreau  
**Sun. 10am (Melbourne)** Audrey Muise  
**Sun. 11am** Parishioners

### REFLECTIONS: “With You I Am Well Pleased”



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, 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.” 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 was 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

### WHAT NAME DO YOU PUT ON YOUR DONATION



**CHECK?** All checks for the parish whether you are at mass at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral, should have on them **St. Ambrose Parish**. Any donation for the cemeteries, Our Lady

of Calvary Cemetery, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Gabriel’s Comeau’s Hill or St. Raphael’s Pinkney’s Point now have to be made out to **St. Ambrose Parish** as well. All money goes into the one account but is kept track of separately for each church and cemetery.

**LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST. AMBROSE:** We live stream mass every Wednesday at 9 am and on the weekend at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday at 11 am mass on a rotating basis. The next scheduled mass is always posted on our website's main page. If you want to watch, go to our web site at [www.stambroseymarmouth.ca](http://www.stambroseymarmouth.ca) or go to our YouTube channel

[www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57](https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintAmbroseParish/videos?view=57)

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** If everyone took only what they needed and gave the rest to those in need, there would be no such thing as rich and poor. -St. Basil the Great



**EMAIL TRANSFERS:** are available. Please send to [stambrosemail@gmail.com](mailto:stambrosemail@gmail.com) Please add your envelope number or personal information for income tax purposes.

**IN PERSON MASSES:** We have reopened the masses to 50 people starting last Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday masses will be a first come first served. The weekend masses will have to return to a lottery system and we will contact you if your name has been drawn. With the constant changes of COVID 19 restrictions this is subject to change. Please check our website main page in case masses have to be cancelled. [www.stambroseymarmouth.ca](http://www.stambroseymarmouth.ca)

**LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS:** The Living Faith quarterly prayer booklets have arrived! They are available in the entrance of the church or the parish centre office for \$2.00 each.



**MESSAGE FROM FATHER HENRY:** I have to say that for me this year Christmas was a bit depressing. Not having the crowds changes things. It didn't feel like the celebration it usually is. Having said that, I do think that Jesus gave Himself to us in a powerful way even though it might not have been in the

normal way. As we start the New Year, let's continue to pray that this year is the end for COVID. To all those who gave me gifts, I thank you for your kindness and generosity. For all those who help and have helped in the various ministries in St. Ambrose Parish, I thank you. Church would not be the same without the generous giving of yourself. So too, thank you to everyone who supports us financially. Your generous giving makes it possible to be able to worship in our beautiful church. May God continue to bless each and every one of us in the coming year.

**ELECTRONIC DOOR OPENER:** We are pleased to tell you we now have an electronic door opener on one of the church doors. The door will only be operational during the times when the church is open. If you wish to use the door it is the one located to the left of the main entrance doors when facing the church.



Please welcome into our Christian community Amelia Belle Marie Tremblett who was baptised on Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

Please keep Amelia and her family in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Thomas Clifford White, Gregory Loran Bourque and Albert Lawrence Cunningham  
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.