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### WALK THE WALK

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence. As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

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**Pastor**  
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen  
P.P.

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

**Weekday Masses**  
See Schedule  
on the inside of the bulletin

**In Office Hours**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
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By Appointment Only in COVID-19

**Requesting Sacraments**  
Must be registered and practicing  
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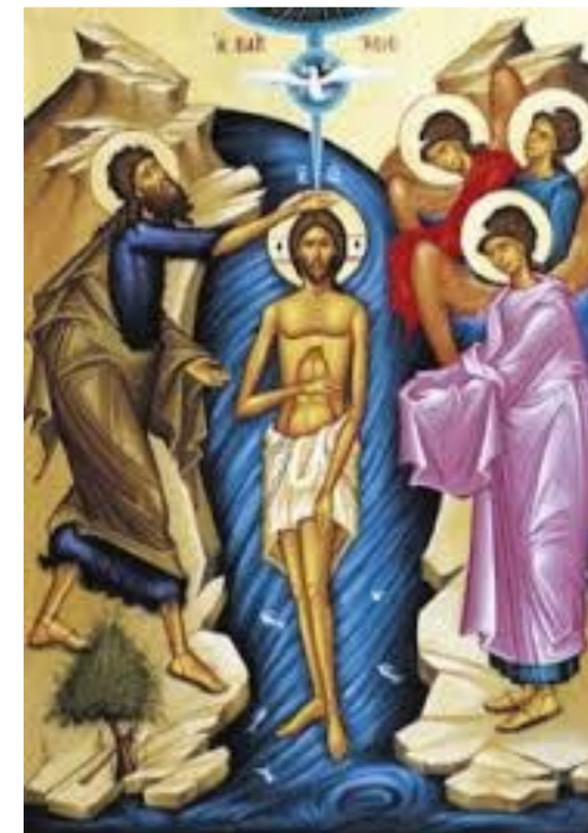
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**January 9, 2022 - Year - C**  
**The Baptism  
of the Lord**

# January 9, 2022

## The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

### MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Jan 10	9:00 am +Norma Pouliot	by Andrew & Verena Mayhew
Tues	Jan 11	9:00 am Health & healing of Andy Lipiec	by Joan & Bob Hignett
Wed	Jan 12	9:00 am For God's blessings upon Heather Belmont 10:30 am - 12:pm Gethsemane Centre Mass/ Adoration/ Confessions	by Joan & Bob Hignett Fr .Christopher
Thurs	Jan 13	9:00 am +Nora Franko 9:30 am - 10:30 am Parish Bible Study Group in the upper meeting room 7:00 pm - 8: 00 pm Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (CMAH) Zoom Meeting	by Norrie Franko Fr. Chris
Fri	Jan 14	9:00 am +Joe Terpstra	by Judy & John Terpstra
Sat	Jan 15	<b><i>The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 5:00 pm +Pro Populo Dei - For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish Family	
Sun	Jan 16	10:00 am +Fred & Geraldine Bell	by the Terpstra & deWilde Family

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Stewardship is given by in-person, E-Transfer and by mail.

#### ONLINE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!

This weekly email contains a reading, video and more, right to your inbox every Sunday. We are monitoring the situation and are hopeful to return to in person in the new year – stay tuned. If you would like to receive the online Children's Liturgy, please send an email to the parish office at

[st.martins@cogeco.ca](mailto:st.martins@cogeco.ca) to get added to the list!

#### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2022 Offertory Envelopes are available in the church foyer. Please pick up your box even if you use E-Transfers. Thank you for your on going financial support.

#### SYNOD 2021-2023, JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Our Holy Father Pope Francis, in his Opening Address for the Synod said, "In the Church, everything starts with baptism. Baptism, the source of our life, gives rise to the equal dignity of the children of God, albeit in the diversity of ministries and charisms. Consequently, all the baptized are called to take part in the Church's mission. Without real participation by the People of God, talk about communion risks remaining a devout wish. In this regard, we have taken some steps forward, but a certain difficulty remains and we must acknowledge the frustration and impatience felt by many pastoral workers, members of diocesan and parish consultative bodies and women, who frequently remain on the fringes. Enabling everyone to participate is an essential ecclesial duty! All the baptized, for baptism is our identity card."

#### PROOF OF VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR PARISHIONERS

No proof of vaccination is required for anyone attending Mass or other liturgical service in any church in the Diocese of St. Catharines.

Physical distancing and face masks are required for the entire time someone is in the church building, except to receive Holy Communion.

Parishioners who are elderly or may be medically compromised may decide to stay home and participate in a livestreamed Mass.

No proof of vaccination is required for closed parish meetings in a parish hall (parish council, CWL, etc.) with a maximum of 25 people.

Proof of vaccination (double vaccination plus 14 days) is required for anyone over the age of twelve attending a reception or social event (e.g. parish pasta dinner, wedding or funeral reception, etc.) in a parish hall.

Proof of vaccination requirements **do not apply** to:

- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in places of worship.
- Funeral services including rites, ceremonies, visitations, receptions, or social gatherings held in funeral establishments, cemeteries, crematoriums and similar establishments.

#### COVID PROTOCOLS FOR MEETINGS IN THE HALL

As churches are now allowed to have meetings, the following Covid Protocol must be adhered to during Phase 3 of Ontario's reopening plans:

- Capacity restricted to 25 indoors and 100 outdoors.
- Face Masks must be worn at all times.
- 6 feet physical distance must be maintained before, during and after all meetings.
- Sanitize hands upon entering the building
- One person to sign people in with date, name and phone number of all attendees. This Covid contact list must be kept for 6 years.
- The kitchen cannot be used.
- All tables & chairs to be returned to the storage area.
- Proof of vaccine is not required for closed Meeting with a maximum of 25 people.
- Proof of vaccine and photo ID is required for open meetings and receptions.
- As we slowly move into the late fall and early winter months we are highly recommending meetings to take place virtually, by zoom.
- We are also troubled that individuals will attend a meeting but not attend Sunday Mass?
- Gathering after Mass outside the physical distance
- protocol ( 6 Feet) must be maintained.
- Please refrain from hugging others