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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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With the feast today of the Baptism of the Lord we mark the close of Christmastide and the beginning of Ordinary Time—the thirty-four weeks in which the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ in all aspects.

In Advent we prepared ourselves for the coming of Christ, remembering His birth two-thousand years ago and in expectation of His coming again. At Christmas we celebrated the glory of God made incarnate—the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. At Epiphany we celebrated the revelation of God to the Gentiles—to the people of all the world as imaged in the Magi or three wise men. At the Baptism of the Lord the manifestation of God on earth and the beginning of His mission to draw all men and women back to Himself is fulfilled.

Each of these three events—Christmas, Epiphany, and the Baptism—is a theophany or the realisation of God's in-breaking into human history. First with the birth of God as a child, second with the star that led the Magi to the infant Christ, and with the Baptism by the voice from heaven and the showing of the Holy Spirit in the shape of a dove. These things tell us of the intimacy of God and His absolute desire to live with us so that we might live with Him.

We believe that we are baptised for the remission of



our sins, in particular, original sin. Our Lord, however, despite being fully human, like us in all things, was free of sin, so it is argued that there was no need for Him to be baptised. But the Lord sought to be baptised because He identified completely with the human condition; He felt our struggle with pain and suffering and death, our alienation from God and from each other and the isolation and loneliness we so often feel. He, as God, desired to share our life and our death with us so that by His utter reliance on His father, we might share in His divinity just as He shared in our humanity. Through His Baptism by St. John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan River He accepted His human condition so that we might accept our condition and so become completely and wholly reliant on the grace of God as we were intended to from the beginning. In part it was the way that God sought to restore us to our original condition, to the life He had always intended for us to live—in peace, in joy, and without death.

The Lord's acceptance of Baptism was His acceptance of the human condition, which by His life, passion and death was transformed by the resurrection—the moment when God showed Himself to be greater than all things, even death itself.

THE BAPTISM of CHRIST

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

Sunday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Rosary

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Children's Liturgy

Third Sunday of the Month, 8:30 a.m.

Rosters

Altar Society Group 5: J. Whitney,

E. Burden, A. James

Readers

8:30 a.m. Anna Cox

5:00 p.m. Carole Nakhoul

Counters R. La Rosa and B. Bradbery

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Monday, 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Traditional Latin Mass

First Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy

Not during the school holidays

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 3:

Thi Vi Vu and the Vietnamese
Community

Readers

Vigil Mary Mbugua, Ana-Louise Vella,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Mary Georges,
Jasmine Miranda, Belinda Martin

Counters E. D'Cruz, R. Menezes,

N. Chidiac, R. Chidiac

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N O T I C E S

Granville Catholic Community Year in Review

Make sure to check out our parish's Facebook pages @HolyTrinityGranville and @HolyFamilyEastGranville and have a look at our 2019 Year in Review! It has been another great year packed with events and new initiatives with some of the highlights including the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Panama and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, our brilliant social media, our outdoor parish movie night, our bus trip to St. Mary's Cathedral to see the Lights of Christmas, our two fairs, our Holy Cross pilgrimage retreat, our Good Friday Cross Walk, and the launch of our new parish websites.

Thank you to all those who made all of this possible throughout the year by your time and efforts and hard work.

And this year plans to be just as big with so much happening in our thriving Granville Catholic Community of Holy Family and Holy Trinity. So make sure that you keep an eye out for all that is happening in the parish and look for ways that you can join in and participate!

Holy Rosary in Aid of Bushfire Victims This Thursday

Join us this Thursday, 16 January, at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church as we pray the Rosary in aid of those suffering because of the bushfires. As thousands of people suffer across the country, with many who have lost their homes and with so many who have died, we will pray beseeching the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, to come to the aid of those suffering and the brave men and women who are fighting the fires.



If you are unable to join us that evening please consider praying the Rosary in solidarity with these prayers as a way to give spiritual comfort to others.

Congratulations to Sr. Maria Vũ Trần Thủ Linh of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World-Australia on Her Perpetual Profession

We extend our congratulations to Sr. Maria Vũ Trần Thủ Linh of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World—Australia who made her perpetual profession last Sunday at Holy Trinity Church. The Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana, Titular Archbishop of Montecorvino, accompanied by Sr. Justina, received her profession.

Thank you to all those who assisted in the Mass, in particular, Chris Ohlsen, Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Joshua Zaiter, the acolyte, Jacob Chacko, and the altar servers, Andrew, Anthony, Christian, Elvis, and Jeevan.

Please pray for Sr. Maria and for all the Sisters that they may be granted the grace to persevere in their holy vocation and be given the strength to witness to the parish and to the world the salvation won by the Holy Cross of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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NOVENA TO ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER FOR RAIN

Day 1

Scripture Verse (Gen 1:25, 2:15)

And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good... The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Novena Prayer

Grant we beseech You, merciful Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Isidore, farmer and confessor, not to let us be vain with the wisdom of the world, but by his merits and example, let us in all humility always do what is pleasing to You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in Honour of St. Isidore

O God, who taught Adam the simple art of tilling the soil, and who through Jesus Christ, the true vine, revealed Yourself the husbandman of our souls, deign, we pray, through the merits of Blessed Isidore, to instil into our hearts a horror of sin and a love of prayer, so that, working the soil in the sweat of our brow, we may enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Intentions of the Pope

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day 2

Scripture Verse (Ps 26:4-5)

I do not sit with false men, nor do I consort with dissemblers; I hate the company of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

Novena Prayer

We offer the sacrifice of praise, O Lord, and humbly pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, and of St. Joseph, You may establish our families in peace and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Day 3

Scripture Verse (Rom 12:9-12)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Novena Prayer

O God, You who make all things work together unto good for those who love You, give to our hearts an abiding love for You: so that the desires we conceive by Your inspiration may ever remain unchanged in spite of every temptation. Through Christ our Lord.

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Day 4

Scripture Verse (2 Thess 3:8-10, 12)

We did not eat any one's bread without paying, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you. It was not because we have not that right, but to give you in our conduct an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: If anyone will not work, let him not eat. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work in quietness and to earn their own living.

Novena Prayer

O Lord, let us follow the blessed farmer Isidore's example of patience and humility, and walk so faithfully in his footsteps that by his intercession in the evening of life, we can offer You a rich harvest of merits and good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Day 5

Scripture Verse (1 Tim 4:15-16)

Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Novena Prayer

Breathe into our hearts, we beseech You, O Lord, a desire for heavenly glory, and grant that we may pass, bearing in our hands the sheaves of justice, to where the Blessed Isidore is resplendent with You in glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Day 6

Scripture Verse (James 5:7-10)

Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble, brethren, against one another, that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the doors. As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Novena Prayer

Pour down Your blessing, we beseech You, O Lord, upon Your people, and upon all the fruits of the earth, so that when collected they may be mercifully distributed to the honour and glory of Your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Scripture Verse (Mt 6:19-20)

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Novena Prayer

May the grace of the Holy Spirit, we beseech You, O Lord, enlighten our hearts, and refresh them abundantly with the sweetness of perfect charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Scripture Verse (Phil 4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Novena Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech You, to us Your supplicants, the gift of Your most divine love, so that we may love You with our whole heart and in all our words and works, and never cease praising You. Who live and reign world without end. Amen.

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Scripture Verse (Hebrews 10:12-14)

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Novena Prayer

Protect us, O Lord, who offer holocausts to You, and sear our hearts with the flame of Your divine charity, so that they may be ever more fervently prepared for sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Saints & STUFF

St. Isidore the Farmer

St. Isidore the Farmer was born in Madrid, Spain, about the year 1110. He came from a poor and humble family. From childhood he worked as a farm hand on the De Vargas estate. He was very prayerful and particularly devoted to the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. He loved the earth, he was honest in his work, and careful in his farming practices. It is said that domestic beasts and birds showed their attachment to him because he was gentle and kind to them. Master De Vargas watched St. Isidore at plowing and he saw two angels as his helpers. Hence, the saying arose, "St. Isidore plowing with angels does the work of three farmers." St. Isidore married a sweet and pious maid-servant by the name of Maria. They had only one son who died in youth. Both were most charitable and ever willing to help neighbours in distress and the poor in the city slums. St. Isidore died on May 15, 1170 (his Spanish feast day), his wife dying a little later. He was canonised on March 22, 1622. He is buried over the main altar of Madrid's cathedral. By a special decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites St. Isidore was constituted as the special protector of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Baptism of Christ

1223 All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptised by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

1224 Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfill all righteousness." Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son."

1225 In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a "Baptism" with which he had to be baptised. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life.

CATHOLIC Trivia

THE FAITH OF A FIGHTER UFC LEGEND BAS RUTTEN

For MMA and UFC fans Bas Rutten needs no introduction. But for those who may not be familiar with the sport, he is one of the most legendary fighters in the game, known for his devastating strikes, aggressive and versatile style, and long string of victories.

What many may not realise, however, is that Bas Rutten is a devout, daily rosary praying, Mass-attending Catholic who brings all the intensity of a fighter to his spiritual life. He prays in Latin just because it makes the demons squirm, quotes St. Thomas Aquinas, studies the faith constantly, and can't wait to tell anyone who will listen about the riches the Catholic faith has to offer.

In a recent interview he said: "A real man sacrifices himself for others. Praying right and learning about our faith and living right is hard work. It is manly."

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Readings

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (42:1-4, 6-7)

Thus says the Lord:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and
light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R. v. 11)

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. R.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. R.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. R.

Second Reading

The Acts of the Apostles (10:34-38)

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens were opened
and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Gospel of Matthew (3:13-17)

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



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