

MASS INTENTION FOR January 12– 20, 2019

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday,	Jan. 12	5:00 pm	For Doreen Allen by Helen and Friends
Sunday,	Jan. 13	9:30 am	For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo by Mike & Estrela
		11:30 am	For + Gary Miller by Jeannine & Laurent Guindon
Tuesday,	Jan. 15	9:00 am	For + Anita Pelech by her husband
Wednesday,	Jan. 16	9:00 am	For Sr. Amelia Belohorc by Helen Lubrin
Thursday,	Jan. 17	10:00 am	For + Tesfu Mehreatab by his children
Friday,	Jan. 18	6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Mass, Benedication, Community Mass Intentions. + Lina Iglesias

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday,	Jan. 19	5:00 pm	For + Elmer Balanga by Helen Lubrin
Sunday,	Jan. 20	9:30 am	For All St. John Bosco parishioners
		11:30 am	For + Joffre & + Clara Gervais by Fern and Carmen

**Please note that Thursday, Jan. 17th mass has been moved to 10 am for Rose Hui's funeral

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday,	January 15	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Mtg.
Thursday,	January 17	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary
Saturday,	January 19	1:00 pm	Catholic Girls League
		5:00 pm	Feast of Santo Nino followed by a pot luck dinner in the hall after Mass
Sunday,	January 20	7:00 pm	Prayer Service for Christian Unity

Children's choir. You are invited to join us. Rehearsal Jan 21 & 28 at 5:45 pm
They will be singing at the 11:30 Mass on Feb. 3. If your child
is interested please email Jason at Jason.duiker@epsb.ca
or call 780-721-2925.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR Grade 6 or older

We offer two opportunities for you to register your son/daughter. Please mark on your
calendars as they are important meetings. Tuesday, February 5 at 7 pm OR
Saturday, February 9nd @ 11 am (New Date)

SACRED HEART PARISH FUND RAISER: To help pay for new
flooring etc. Sacred Heart parish is selling new leather office chairs for only \$20.00
each. Please see poster on bulletin board in front foyer if you are interested.

Our Condolences and the assurance of our prayers are extended to the family of **Rose Hui**
who passed away this week. **Funeral will be on Thursday the 17th at 10 am.**

Message of the Holy Father for World Day of Peace

January 1, 2019 (Conclusion)



Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.

Political vices:

Sadly, together with its virtues, **politics also has its share of vices**, whether due to personal incompetence or to flaws in the system and its institutions. Clearly, these vices detract from the credibility of political life overall, as well as the authority, decisions and actions of those engaged in it.

These vices, which undermine the ideal of an authentic democracy, **bring disgrace to public life and threaten social harmony**. We think of corruption in its varied forms: the misappropriation of public resources, the exploitation of individuals, the denial of rights, the flouting of community rules, dishonest gain, the justification of power by force or the arbitrary appeal to *raison d'état* and the refusal to relinquish power. To which we can add xenophobia, racism, lack of concern for the natural environment, the plundering of natural resources for the sake of quick profit and contempt for those forced into exile.

Good politics promotes the participation of the young and trust in others:

When the exercise of political power aims only at protecting the interests of a few privileged individuals, the future is compromised and young people can be tempted to lose confidence, since they are relegated to the margins of society without the possibility of helping to build the future. But when politics concretely fosters the talents of young people and their aspirations, peace grows in their outlook and on their faces. It becomes a confident assurance that says, **"I trust you and with you I believe"** that we can all work together for the common good. Politics is at the service of peace if it finds expression in the recognition of the gifts and abilities of each individual. "What could be more beautiful than an outstretched hand? It was meant by God to offer and to receive. **God did not want it to kill (cf. Gen 4:1ff) or to inflict suffering**, but to offer care and help in life. Together with our heart and our intelligence, our hands too can become a means of dialogue".

Everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home. Authentic political life, grounded in law and in frank and fair relations between individuals, experiences renewal whenever we are convinced that every woman, man and generation brings the promise of new relational, intellectual, cultural and spiritual energies. That kind of trust is never easy to achieve, because human relations are complex, especially in our own times, marked by a climate of mistrust rooted in the fear of others or of strangers, or anxiety about one's personal security. Sadly, it is also seen at the political level, in attitudes of rejection or forms of nationalism that call into question the fraternity of which our globalized world has such great need. (Continued on next page)

Message of the Holy Father for World Day of Peace
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Today more than ever, our societies need “artisans of peace” who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family.

No to war and to the strategy of fear: A hundred years after the end of the First World War, as we remember the young people killed in those battles and the civilian populations torn apart, we are more conscious than ever of the terrible lesson taught by fratricidal wars: peace can never be reduced solely to a balance between power and fear. To threaten others is to lower them to the status of objects and to deny their dignity. This is why we state once more that an escalation of intimidation, and the uncontrolled proliferation of arms, is contrary to morality and the search for true peace. Terror exerted over those who are most vulnerable contributes to the exile of entire populations who seek a place of peace. Political addresses that tend to blame every evil on migrants and to deprive the poor of hope are unacceptable. Rather, there is a need to reaffirm that peace is based on respect for each person, whatever his or her background, on respect for the law and the common good, on respect for the environment entrusted to our care and for the richness of the moral tradition inherited from past generations.

Our thoughts turn in a particular way to all those children currently living in areas of conflict, and to all those who work to protect their lives and defend their rights. One out of every six children in our world is affected by the violence of war or its effects, even when they are not enrolled as child soldiers or held hostage by armed groups. The witness given by those who work to defend them and their dignity is most precious for the future of humanity.

A great project of peace: In these days, we celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in the wake of the Second World War. In this context, let us also remember the observation of Pope John XXIII: “Man’s awareness of his rights must inevitably lead him to the recognition of his duties. He possession of rights involves the duty of implementing those rights, for they are the expression of a man’s personal dignity. And the possession of rights also involves their recognition and respect by others”.

Peace, in effect, is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. But it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects:- **peace with oneself**, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience; in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, showing “a bit of sweetness towards oneself” in order to offer “a bit of sweetness to others”;- **peace with others**: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say; - **peace with all creation**, rediscovering the grandeur of God’s gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

From the Vatican, 8 December 2018



Baptism of the Lord January 12/13, 2019

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PRAYER CORNER:
Roger Joyal, Krista Vachon

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

A knight was to embark on a mission to increase the influence and territory of his kingdom. Before embarking on his mission he first saw it fit to seek the guidance and blessing of his king. So, the knight went to the King’s palace and asked for the king’s anointing. And the knight was subsequently anointed by his king.

Before actually doing His ministry, **Jesus was first baptized by John** in the river Jordan. Through John Jesus was blessed by God and through a Dove the Holy Spirit descended upon Him.

By His baptism Jesus first seeks God’s blessing before starting His ministry of Salvation. By His baptism Jesus also showed that He was in solidarity with the people who were seeking to be baptized by John. Being the anointed of God He did not need to go through the baptismal process, but He chose to be baptized to show that everyone needs God’s anointing and blessings.

As Jesus went through His three years of public ministry, this baptismal grace was with Him and constantly strengthening Him. Do you allow yourself as well to be strengthened by this same Baptismal grace? **Do you still remember the date when you were baptized?**

We are now being invited by the gospel to remember this very important, if not the most important, episode in our life. We must also be faithful to our own baptismal mission which is to become partners with Jesus in spreading the good news of His salvation.

Are we lacking in this aspect of living our own baptismal mission?