

January 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11 (21b); 1John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11;
Resp. Psalm: "You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation."

Events for this week

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday's 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Chapel. **Please RSVP first.**

- Sun. 10:00 am Mass—**The Baptism of The Lord**
CCD Classes after Mass
- Mon. NO MASS
- Tue. NO MASS
- Wed. NO MASS
7:00 pm Youth Group—Parish Hall
- Thur. NO MASS
- Sat. 4:00—4:30 pm Confessions - In the Day Chapel
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
- Sun. 10:00 am Mass—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
NO CCD Classes after Mass—MLK Jr. Day

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS: Bird Dobbins, Merrill & Kathy Gorham, Astitas Aliaga, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson, Phil Hansen, Lorini Morehead, Bryan Lund, Carmen Lopez-Sotelo, Ki E. Russell, Andy, Jeremy & Keller Younggren, Sheri Entrikin, Deacon Caleb Cunningham, Lindsey Martin-Bowen and Mary Fiorillo. **To update this list, call or email the office.**

Welcome

We extend a special welcome to those that are passing through, those that have made this their home and those still searching for their parish family. We are glad you are here celebrating God's word and presence with us in today's Eucharistic celebration.

Building Repair Fund

When donating to the Building Repair Fund, **please write a separate check.** Thank you.

Sunday Mass Dispensation

The general **dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in place until further notice.** Once the dispensation has been lifted we will let all parishioners know by email, phone call or mail.

Prayer Request Line

Please contact Kathy McGee 541-663-1255 or Theresa Beery 541-963-2372.

Baptism

Preparation is required for parents. Please call the office for further information.

Marriage

Preparation and instruction classes at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Saji at the parish office.

Communion to the Sick

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 541-963-7341.

Website

www.olvcatholic.org

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SCAVENGER HUNT INSIDE OUR CHURCH!



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS SYMBOL?

HAVE YOU SEEN IT AROUND CHURCH?

If you have, Father Saji would like to know how many are found the inside the church Sanctuary and what this symbol means and represents? Father will be giving out a small gift to those that contact the parish office with the correct answers either by phone: 541-963-7341 - email: office@olvcatholic.org

LAST QUESTION WINNER:

- Justin Zamora -

Our Lady of the Valley News

Fr. Saji is attending a Priest Conference in Austin, TX;

NO DAILY MASS during Fr. Sajis absence.

Please continue to pray for his safety and safe travels.

Fr. Saji will return to La Grande this Friday.

Community Help: Donations Unlimited

To donate household items, linens, clothing, lamps and more please **call Linda Williams at 541-963-2282.**

Special needs at this time: Winter Coats size Boys 5-8.

Have you visited our Facebook page?

For information about upcoming events as well as pictures from those that have occurred, see the "Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church" Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/olvlg>

Lectors Needed

Our lectors number have gone way down, **we Need More Lectors for all Masses.** Please contact the Parish Office 541-963-7341 - Offcie@olvcatholic.org. Please prayerfully consider joining this wonderful ministry.

Sunday, January 10th: The Baptism of The Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

Pope Francis Reflections

-Room for God-

"When our heart is rich and is so self-satisfied, then it has no more room for God. Please, let us avoid 'remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe' *Evangelii Gaudium*, 49)" — Pope Francis

Reflection:

Where do you look for a sense of security? How do humility and trust in God factor into your sense of safety?

This content comes to you from Our Sunday Visitor.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Schedule for Liturgical Ministries

The February-May schedule for the Liturgical ministries is being prepared. **Once the schedule is complete, substitutes will need to be arranged individually.** Please notify the office with the name of person substituting.

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Saturday, January 16: 5:30 pm

Reader: Amanda Villagomez

Acolyte: Dan Gonzalez

Sunday, January 17: 10:00 am

Reader: Elizabeth Zamora

Acolyte: Jimmy Zamora

Usher: Dan Gonzalez

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Saturday, January 23: 5:30 pm

Reader: Charlene Storoe

Acolyte: Jerry Meza

Sunday, January 24: 10:00 am

Reader: Jimmy/Jenell Zamora

Acolyte: Jason Kehr

Usher: Mike Morehead

Union County Right To Life Rally

The UCRTL will be holding a Celebration of Life Rally on **Friday, January 22nd from 4pm –6pm at Max Square.** The rally is intended to gather in protest of the decision to legalize abortion across the nation 48 years ago. **Please, mark your calendars and take some time out of your busy schedule to join us** as we peacefully and compassionately raise awareness about protecting the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1:

A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist — the man who would baptize Jesus.

LEARN

LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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Sunday's Collection for 01/03 \$3,471.00

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Online Giving \$1,795.00

