



## St. Jude Catholic Church

REDMOND, WASHINGTON

### From the desk of the Pastor

January 8, 2021

Dear friends in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, another manifestation of Christ's divinity, and the institution of the sacrament of Baptism. Christ goes down into the water to make the waters of Baptism capable of washing away our sins and conveying his divine life to us. Pope Benedict reflects beautifully on the meaning of this feast in these excerpts of a homily given on the Baptism of the Lord:



The words that the Evangelist Mark recounts at the beginning of his Gospel: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (1: 11), introduce us into the heart of today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with which the Christmas Season ends. The cycle of the Christmas Solemnities leads us to meditate on the birth of Jesus, announced by the angels who were surrounded with the luminous splendor of God; the Christmas Season speaks to us of the star that guided the Magi of the East to the House in Bethlehem, and invites us to look to Heaven, which opens above the Jordan as God's voice resounds. These are all signs through which the Lord never tires of repeating: "Yes, I am here. I know you. I love you. There is a path that leads from me to you. And there is a path that rises from you to me". The Creator assumed the dimensions of a child in Jesus, of a human being like us, to make himself visible and tangible. At the same time, by making himself small, God caused the light of his greatness to shine. For precisely by lowering himself to the point of defenseless vulnerability of love, he shows what his true greatness is indeed, what it means to be God.

Christmas, and more generally the liturgical year, is exactly that drawing near to these divine signs, to recognize them as impressed into daily events, so that our hearts may be open to God's love. And if Christmas and Epiphany serve primarily to render us capable of seeing, of opening our eyes and hearts to the mystery of a God who comes to be with us, then we can say that the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus introduces us into the daily regularity of a personal relationship with him. Indeed, by immersion in the waters of the Jordan, Jesus united himself with us. Baptism is, so to speak, the bridge he built between himself and us, the road on which he makes himself accessible to us. It is the divine rainbow over our lives, the promise of God's great "yes", the door of hope and, at the same time, the sign that

that indicates to us the path to take actively and joyfully in order to encounter him and feel loved by him.

~POPE BENEDICT

May this feast remind us of the grace and new life of Christ we have experienced through our own baptism.

Blessings on your week!

Fr. Johnson

If you would like to assist during Mass in one of our various ministries, please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for a position, or contact Sr. Betty at [betty@stjude-redmond.org](mailto:betty@stjude-redmond.org).

### AREAS OF GREATEST NEED

Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality

### [REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF EPIPHANY AVAILABLE HERE.](#)

Register for WEEKEND MASS [here](#).

### **January Living With Christ books**

The Living With Christ booklets unfortunately did not ship, and will not ship for this month. We are expecting the February booklets. If you would like to access the Mass readings and reflections, you can visit the [USCCB.org website](http://USCCB.org).

Readings are also available through our [MyParishAp](#) which can be downloaded to your cell phone. There are also a variety of reflection resources and a Mass worship aid within the app.

Lastly, there are a number of very good Catholic apps for your phone, as well. Two of my favorites are [Laudate](#) (free) and [Magnificat](#) (subscription).

### THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

#### **Monday, January 11, 2021**

9 AM - Daily Mass - Public and livestreamed  
9:30 AM - noon - Church open for private prayer  
8:30- noon - Parish Office open (and by appointment)

#### **Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

NO MASS  
(livestream from [Holy Innocents](#))  
9:30 AM - noon - Church open for private prayer  
8:30- noon - Parish Office open (and by appointment)

#### **Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

9 AM - Daily Mass - Public and livestreamed  
9:30 AM - noon - Church open for private prayer  
8:30- noon - Parish Office open (and by appointment)

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

9 AM - Daily Mass - Public and livestreamed  
9:30 AM - noon - Church open for private prayer  
8:30- noon - Parish Office open (and by appointment)

**Friday, January 15, 2021**

9 AM - Daily Mass - Public and livestreamed  
Benediction and Adoration  
9:30 AM - noon - Church open for private prayer  
8:30- noon - Parish Office open (and by appointment)

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

3:30 - 4:30 PM  
Confessions

5:00 PM

Public Indoor Mass (livestreamed)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

(also livestreamed)

**Sunday, January 17**

9 AM and 11 AM

Public Indoor Masses

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

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