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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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*A voice came from the heavens,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*

Mark 1:11

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The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction. In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 11~ January 17

Mon.	5:00pm	Igor MacKay †
Tues.	5:00pm	Robert Colaizzi †
Wed.	5:00pm	Frederic Zakrajsek †
Thurs.	5:00pm	Fr. Robert Walsh & MaryJane Walsh †
Fri.	5:00pm	—
Sat.	5:00pm	—
Sun.	8:30am	—

Rest in Peace

Bob Harper
Josephine Hughes
Christine Giani

To request a Mass intention, please call the parish office at (650) 591-7349 and leave a message or email parishoffice@stcharlesparish.org.



Remember in your prayers...the people of our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound: Melissa Sanchez, Ruth Rossbach, Jim King, Marti Rojas, Charlene Vigh, Jill Leader, Christine Klups, Barbara Peters, Bill Eppler, Peggy Saunders...and for all that are impaired by the Covid19.



Pray for Vocations

"Incline your ear and come to Me." What is the Lord asking you as you incline your ear? Could it be to consider a call to serve as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (415) 614-5684 or email: vocations@sfarch.org.

St. Charles 2021 Offertory Envelopes

The 2021 offertory envelopes are available. If you have not picked up your box, please call the parish office at 591-7349 and we can make arrangements for you to retrieve them.

Stewardship by the Book: Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them *"to offer up the world and all that is in it - especially themselves - to the Lord of all."*

AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

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Helpers Needed!

Attending Mass in Person? We need YOU!

The parish must record Mass attendees for pandemic purposes.

The recorder duty is simple. Record family last name and number of attendees. *That's it!*

Arrive 20 minutes before Mass, sit at the check-in table, and record attendees. When Mass starts, you're done.

You will find the link to sign-up on our website!

This weekly sign-up renews every Thursday.

Let's help Father Dave, Father Samuel, and Father Malachy with mandated pandemic protocols. The parish is grateful for YOUR help!

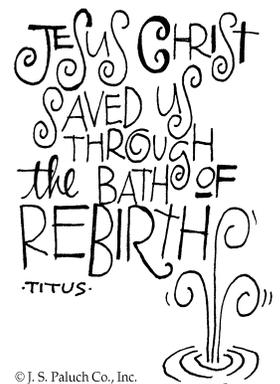
Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon at 3:30 to 4:00pm

Living God's Word

We pray as Jesus prayed that we might hear the voice of the Father, a voice that speaks of God's love for us. We ask that we might allow that Spirit, God's holy breath that came upon us at our own baptism, to move us out into the world in service to those most in need whom God has set before us.

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The Church is closed. However, the chapel in the parish center is open for private prayer from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Take the path from the end of the parking lot (near the Parish Office door) and walk toward the back of the building. There you find the parish center chapel. Remember to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, We bless you, We adore you, We glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

1st Reading

Is 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat;
come, without paying and without cost, drink wine
and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages
for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well,
you shall delight in rich fare.

Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,
the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness
to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so
shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that
knew you not shall run to you, because of the
LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has
glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while
he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the
wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for
mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways
my ways, says the LORD.

As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are
my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your
thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come
down and do not return there till they have watered the
earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one
who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my
word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall
not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the
end for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My
strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my
savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the
nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his
name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let
this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your
midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

2nd Reading

1 Jn 5:1-9

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten
by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the
one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God
when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his
commandments. And his commandments are not
burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers
the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our
faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one
who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.
The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth.
So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and
the blood, and the three are of one accord.

If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is
surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he
has testified on behalf of his Son.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mk 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

*"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy
to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have
baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit."*

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth
of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being
torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon
him. And a voice came from the heavens,

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will
come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

St. Charles Church

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday evening vigil, 5:00pm
Outdoor, Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday, 5:00pm

St Matthias Church

1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday, 9:45am

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Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, 3:30 - 4:00pm, or anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, 8:30am - 9:30pm - Church