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The Baptism of the Lord

The Power of Baptism

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas and recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or "epiphany" which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan.

We don't usually think of the waters of Baptism as quenching "thirst" in the same way we need water on a hot day, or after strenuous work or exercise. Yet, this precious water renews our lives in the most vital way and helps us carry on as disciples. As we hear in the words of Isaiah: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water!" (Isaiah 55:1).

I was thinking about the power of Baptism as I reflected on the tumultuous events of the past year and the troubled waters of our current world situation. I am thirsting for the planet to be healed of pandemic and I am parched for civil discourse. Even as the Oregon rains continue in these winter days, I remember too well the smoke and haze of forest fires and racial unrest across the nation. But I place my trust in the Lord for: "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid" (Isaiah 12:2).

As Jesus comes to the Jordan to be baptized, one of the first elements of creation fashioned by the Father through the Son, is now re-created through the Incarnate Son. Jesus, the Incarnate Word, stands in the waters of the earth which was created through Him. It is an incredible scene: The Spirit hovering like a dove over Jesus, and a voice from heaven declaring: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11).

As we hear these words – you are my beloved – may we take strength for the new year that God's love continues to transform and recreate the world and each one of us through Christ. May our thirst for healing, peace and restoration be refreshed by our awareness that God's love continues to surround us, even in darkest times.

At Mass this weekend, whether in person or online, we will be reminded of our own baptism – perhaps taking place in recent years or many years ago as infants. In that sacramental moment we were invited to follow Jesus. Will we allow His will to "be done in me" as our Blessed Mother declared to the Angel Gabriel? As we conclude this

Christmas season, we are challenged to live our baptism and to grow deeper in our commitment to love and serve the Lord. Through, with and in Christ, may we be the water that quenches thirst for those in need.

- Tom Tomaszek, Pastoral Associate



WEEKDAY SERVICES

Sign up online at www.ollparish.com to attend Mass in person.

Mass at 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
Mass at 6:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

Prayer Church open Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM for individual silent prayer.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM, Sunday Morning 9:00 & 11:30 AM Sign up to attend.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Friday of the Month 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM in the Church

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Parish Office Hours

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Parish Office will continue to be remote Mondays and Fridays. The phones are answered between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. If you need to reach a staff member, we highly encourage you to email them. Email addresses are listed on page 2.

The Parish Office will be open for appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Walk-ins are not allowed at this time due to COVID-19 safety for Parish and School Staff, School Children, and Parishioners. Call the parish office to make an appointment.

School pick up is 12:30-1:30 PM each day. Please do not park in the middle of the back section so school parents can form carline.

Church APP

Have you downloaded OLL's App?

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ONLINE GIVING IN 3 EASY STEPS

If you are already using online giving skip step 1 and 2. (if you forgot your user ID or password click the forgot button and a new password will be emailed to you

STEP 1 - REGISTER

- From OLL website <u>www.ollparish.com</u>
- Click "Giving" in top right navigation bar
- Click on "Give Now:
- Click on CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.



- User ID and Password (put in a secure and safe place.)
- Submit. You will receive an email to confirm your information.

STEP 2 – SET UP PAYMENT METHOD

- Now log into your account, click on MY PAYMENT METHOD.
- You will need to ADD NEW BANK ACCOUNT (if using your checking account) OR ADD NEW CREDIT CARD (if using your credit card).
- Provide all the information requested. Then click **SUBMIT**.

STEP 3 – SET UP DONATION

OPTIONS: You can choose multiple funds (RE, Building Maintenance, SVdP)

- Now return to MANAGE MY ACCOUNT and choose GIVE A NEW GIFT.
- Choose OFFERTORY (fund), then select gift type RECURRING.
- Select payment and frequency and start date.
- Select the account (check or credit card), then enter amount and frequency.
- Click **NEXT** (at the bottom of the page)
- In the **CONFIRM MY GIFTS** window, review the details to insure all is correct. Click SUBMIT.

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Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

Concluding Christmas

As we conclude the Christmas season, we are grateful for all parishioners who helped with our prayer and music, liturgical decor and outdoor environment, as ushers, door monitors, and Eucharistic ministers, and patience necessitated by our current restrictions for the number of people we could safely gather in one space. Christmas reminds us that a "people who walk in darkness have seen a great light." This year the darkness may feel a little closer, but we pray that the Light of Christ's incarnation will illumine our way in the coming year.

Creator of the Stars of Night

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- 1. Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
- 2. In sorrow that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe, You came, O Savior to set free Your own in glorious liberty.
- 3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright, Not as a monarch, but the child Of Mary, blameless mother mild.
- 4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now All knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with one accord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
- 5. Come in your holy might, we pray, Redeem us for eternal day; Defend us while we dwell below From all assaults of our dread foe.
- 6. To God Creator, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three-in-One, Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally.

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Resources for Well-being

In November, the OLL Ministry staff put together a list of resources to support you and your family during these uncertain times. We encourage all parishioners to use these resources however they find most helpful. Find the link on our home page.



Offertory

We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30.

THIS YEAR: Week ending 1/3/2021 Weekly Collection: \$33,072 Fiscal Year to Date: \$727,758

LAST YEAR:

Weekly Collection: \$42,818 Fiscal Year to Date: \$827,453

BUDGET:

Fiscal Year to Date: 781,167

Did you have any changes in your family this past year?

Please notify the office of any family changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions.

Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or office@ollparish.com.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 10, 2021 9:00 AM For the Parishioners 11:30 AM +Jim Mattecheck

Monday, January 11, 2021 8:30 AM +Ernie Talley

Tuesday, January 12,2021 8:30 AM Int Mike Turley

6:00 PM +Patricia Gibney

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

8:30 AM +Bob Lidfors 6:00 PM +William Heup

Thursday, January 14, 2021 8:30 AM + Julie Bergeron

8:30 AM +Julie Bergeron 6:00 PM +Christopher Joseph

Pasion

Friday, January 15, 2021
8:30 AM +Emilie Tomaszek
Saturday, January 16, 2021
8:30 AM +Charleen Choruby
5:00 PM Int John Roark
Sunday, January 17, 2021
9:00 AM +Pius Chow
11:30 AM For the Parishioners

To view upcoming Intentions and request an Intention online, visit <u>www.</u> <u>ollparish.com/intentions</u>.

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Lifelong Faith Formation

Following Christ is a lifelong commitment to know, love and serve. At Our Lady of the Lake we invite disciples of all ages to explore their faith individually, in families, with peer groups, with spouses and friends, in small faith sharing groups, and through parish community opportunities.

We invite you to visit our Lifelong Faith Formation at www.ollparish.com/faith-formation where you can explore your faith through online resources, prayer, and activities. January's theme is "What does it mean to follow Jesus in 2021?"

Life Kids

Our goal is that each child will know, love, and follow Jesus in their life.

Since we are not meeting in-person, we have created online content for families to share with their children at home.

Each month, we invite you to use our Family Playlist www.ollparish.com/family-playlist.

For information, contact Mary at maryb@ollparish.com.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURE



"John the Baptist Baptizes Jesus"

Explains the Sunday Gospel on Sunday, January 10.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Group begins February 4.

Register now for High School Life Teen at www.ollparish.com/life-teen. Life Teen is for students in 9th-12th grades.

Last Chance to Register for Confirmation.

Confirmation begins soon! Register now at www.ollparish.com/confirmation. Confirmation is for students 10th grade and above.

Youth ministry at OLL

Visit <u>www.ollparish.com/youth</u> or contact youth minister Luke Brooks at <u>lukeb@ollparish.com</u> for more.

YOUTH PLAYLIST FEATURE

"The New Creation"



"The incredible reality is that due to of the arrival of Jesus Christ—which we just celebrated at Advent—we have already been reconciled to God and so the Kingdom of God is already in our midst."

Adult faith Formation

Our Lady of the Lake is committed to providing opportunities for faith formation for all adult ages. Each stage of life offers occasions to encounter the Lord, to grow deeper in understanding our Catholic faith, and to share that faith through prayer and action individually and with others.

We invite you to explore our pages at www.ollparish.com/ adult-formation

Join The Search!

Visit <u>www.ollparish.com/the-search</u> to begin. Log in or create your free OLL Parish <u>Formed.org</u> account to watch.



ADULT MONTHLY PLAYLIST FEATURE

"Will Following Jesus Make You Alive?"

Following Jesus grows in stages. Jesus invites us to

mature in our relationship with Him. Like a child who matures in their relationship with their earthly father, we as children of God are invited to mature in relationship with Jesus. Being a disciple of Christ means maturing. It means changing. It demands growing beyond where we are at, to a deeper love of Christ. Watch this short video clip from Ken Yasinski.

Adult Confirmation begins January 21

Do you need the gift of Confirmation?

Will Confirmation make a difference in your life?

Come and explore with us as we go on a journey to discover God's love for you and unpack the mysteries of this Sacrament.

Join us on Zoom bi-weekly starting January 21, 2021.

Learn more and register online at www.ollparish.com/adult-confirmation.

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Loving Others through Outreach

Mercy Teams

Small Acts of Love in the Name of Jesus Christ Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy & Sack Lunch Pledge

55,000 Sack Lunches and Family Meals of Mercy have been delivered to food insecure families, the unsheltered throughout Portland, Long Term Care Facilities, and Boys & Girls Clubs.

Volunteer to help make sandwiches, collect, organize sacks, help deliver to missions Sunday and Monday mornings.

Donate sack lunches. Goal 1,500 per week. Include: 16 0z bottle of water, granola bar, fruit/apple sauce cup, bag of chips, plastic spoon & napkin.







Winter Coat, Socks and Blanket Drive

Mercy Teams will collect used but clean winter coats, blankets, and new white cotton socks during our Sunday morning Drive-Thru Drop-Off

Street Ministry to The Unsheltered

Next Street Ministry Dates is Saturday, January 23. We meet at the parish hall at 7:00 AM, head out by 9:00 AM, and are back by 12:00 PM.

Sign up for projects at www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams.

Connect with us!

Besides reading the Bulletin, we encourage you to click on these images below for more ways to connect throughout the week (or visit our website at ollparish.com).











Respect Life

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life taking place Thursday, January 21 -Friday, January 29. 9 Days for Life Novena is for the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. 9 Days for Life Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to



daily emails or text messages. Join today at 9daysforlife.com!

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In addition to the above mentioned 9 Days for Life Novena, priests from our Archdiocese will lead a Rosary every evening beginning January 21 at 7:00 PM. To join in the nine-day rosary for life, go to evangelization.archdpdx.org/9-days-for-life.

Walking with Moms in Need

Walking with Moms in Need is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women. Please call Sharon at 503-313-3689 for more information.

Week 40: Did You Know? Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world (Evangelium vitae 1). For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (EV 2). As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, may we remember the grace received from our own baptism and pray for pregnant women who need support to choose life during this year of Walking with Moms in Need.

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

1/22 USCCB Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (Memorial of Roe v Wade)

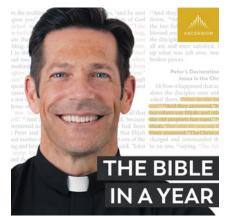
1/23 Oregon Right to Life March for Life at Salem Capitol steps 2:30 PM

1/23 West Coast Walk for Life, Civic Center Plaza, SF: For updates go to www.walkforlifewc.com

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"The Bible in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz

In the Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast follows a reading plan inspired by *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline*, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.



With this podcast, you won't just read

the Bible in a year...you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! Listen and...Read the ENTIRE Bible; Feel more confident about your understanding of Scripture; Experience the transformative power of God's Word in your daily life; and Start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture.

The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) is produced by Ascension, the leader in Catholic faith formation. Visit <u>ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear</u> for the complete Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) reading plan.

Knights of Columbus Membership

Join Our Lady of the Lake Knights of Columbus, council 3818, online by visiting www.kofc.org/joinus.

Charity is at the heart of our work and faith.

If you have questions, contact council 3818 at kofc3818@hotmail.com.

Lake Grove Job Seekers

Sponsored by Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Grove Job Seekers is a free, confidential program which helps job seekers find a job or change careers. The program combines weekly educational meetings featuring expert speakers, with one-on-one personal coaching, and a variety of online resources. Open to anyone who resides in the Portland metro area. Meetings are currently hosted on Zoom every Monday, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

If you are a job seeker visit <u>lakegrovejobseekers.org</u> to see our calendar of speakers and to learn more about attending our meetings or working with a mentor. No advance registration is required to sit in and learn from the experts brought to you.

To become a "mentor" to help others contact info@jobseekerslo.org. Many mentors are retired and have significant experience as a mid-to-senior level business professional or entrepreneur, but this is not a requirement nor is experience as a job or career coach. Almost none of our mentors had this experience when they became a mentor.

OLL School Virtual Auction February 6, 2021



Did you know that our Parish school, OLL Catholic School, holds a benefit auction each year? The purpose of the auction is to raise funds that support our school operations and Tuition Assistance programs. Auction proceeds are used to ensure that families are able to provide their children with a Catholic school education.

This year our auction will be presented virtually through an online platform. Even though this year is virtual, we have many ways for you to participate. Please consider donating auction items, providing sponsorship, or bidding on one of our great auction packages.

The online auction presentation will be on February 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Visit OLLauction.school or contact Michele Hanna at michele. hanna@yahoo.com or Jenni Duhl at jenniduhl@gmail.com for more information.



OLL School Masks for Sale

To purchase your mask go to <u>oll.</u> <u>school/giving/ollmasks</u>

All masks should be picked up from Mercy Team or make alternative arrangements with school parent Theresa Koppie by emailing her at theresakoppie@hotmail.com.

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EXODUS

NINETY DAYS

2020 was a year of change, a pivotal moment in our lives. Has your heart been restless? Are you ready for a personal challenge to grow in your faith?

If so, then join us this new year and take part in the challenge of Exodus 90.

MEN'S SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP

Join a group of 5-7 men and journey together to discover a path to freedom through a program of daily readings from the book of Exodus • prayer • reflection • asceticism • fraternity

BRANT'S STORY

In July, 2019, I saw an article in the OLL Parish bulletin titled "Exodus 90 at OLL." There was a picture of the group of guys at OLL that the article said had recently completed the Exodus 90 day program. I thought to myself, "That sounds interesting." Fast forward to late November, early December 2019. Exodus 90 popped back into my mind. I thought to myself, "You know, I'd like to find out more about that." Well, paging through one of the next few bulletins, there it was, an article mentioning an upcoming Exodus 90 opportunity in 2020. And here I am today, inviting you to experience this enriching program. God does work in amazing ways.

WHO IS PART OF EXODUS 90 AT OLL?

2019 Exodus 90 Group: Dan Molyneux, Deacon Kevin Welch, Charlie Oppenheimer, Tom Foy, David Gewant, Jon Brumbaugh, and Rich Thornton.

2020 Exodus 90 Group: Mike McCallum, Tim Wasman, Jerry Foley, Jason Kidd, Eric Peters, Brant Crabbe, and Fr. John Kerns.

2021 Exodus 90 Group: ...You?

TELL ME MORE ABOUT EXODUS 90

This challenging endeavor helped me and these men to grow spiritually and strengthen our faith.

Join us and the 30,000+ men who have experienced the transformative power of this 90-day spiritual exercise. Strengthen your spiritual life and relationships. Find true freedom in Christ. Your family, your parish, your church needs you! Listen to your heart.

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