

## Baptism of the Lord – Jan 9, 2022

### ST. MARY PARISH

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. Jan 11 - 7:00 p.m. Braedon Coburn Req'd by Adell Mueller  
Wed. Jan 12 - 9:00 a.m. Loretta Caughlin Req'd by Elsie McAsey  
Thur. Jan 13 - 9:00 a.m. Rita Tangney Req'd by Frances & Larry Hale  
Fri. Jan 14 - 9:00 a.m. Jose & Clotilde Arruda Req'd by Cesar & Emi Arruda  
Sat. Jan 15 - 4:00 p.m. The People of the Parish  
Sun. Jan 16 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

### LECTORS

Sat. Jan 8 - 4:00 p.m. Susan Thurston  
Sun. Jan 9 - 9:00 a.m. Emma Westendorp

**CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Mike at: 519-323-1054 ext. 7**

### ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. Jan 15 - 5:30 p.m. Maria Luisa Verissimo Req'd by Natalie Fosse & Family

### ST. PETER'S, Aytton

Sun. Jan 16 - 11:00 a.m. Loretta & Jim Murray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism. <https://www.loyolapress.com>

### Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 3, 2022.

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten
- must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have.

To assist administrators with registering your child for kindergarten, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families New to the System (i.e. Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (If Applicable)

Please note:

- Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior (Year 1) Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior (Year 2) Kindergarten.

### What are your spiritual resolutions for the new year?

Simplify your life- in a spiritual sense, simplicity involves decluttering our mental and emotional states of being.

Read one spiritual book per month.

Attend a weekend retreat.

Pray a decade of the Rosary daily.

Volunteer- The point is, giving of your time will fill your heart more abundantly and cultivate a deeper sense of gratitude.

Keep the Sabbath holy- Then spend Sundays together as a family. Worship together, pray together, rest, spend time in quiet, take a nap!

Go to Confession once a month- If you make a concerted effort to go to Confession regularly, especially as a family, you will be astounded at how much more clearly you see yourself and others. Moreover, when paired with reception of the Eucharist, these Sacraments of Healing offer us a boost of much-needed strength to overcome our weaknesses and vices.

Start a prayer journal- Sometimes this might be a gratitude list, a simple prayer, a letter to God.

Listen more- Try to make a habit of listening to others before you offer your opinion or thoughts. As you develop a more natural penchant for attentive listening, you will discover that it is much easier to discipline yourself to hear God's voice instead of chattering on to Him ad infinitum. In the space that silence affords you, allow God to speak to your heart and respond to Him with love.

Give your failures, weaknesses, and sins to God- The point here is to offer up your discouragement, disappointments, and frustrations to God as a prayer.

### 2022 ENVELOPES

The 2022 contribution envelopes are available for you to pick up this weekend. Please verify that the address shown on your label is correct as it is the address that will be used on your income tax receipt in February. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box, please call the office.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed over the holidays from Dec. 24, 2021 to Jan. 4, 2022. The office will be re-open on Wed. Jan.5, 2022.

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all Parishioners who participated on Christmas Child Shoe Boxes.

Parishioners of our three churches packed a total of 37 boxes. Total from the following counties – Bruce, Grey, Huron, Perth, Wellington and Dufferin was 6099 an increase of approximately 1000 over last year.

**Thank you to all who participated.**

### Sunday's Readings

#### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11* (The first reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7*.)

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30* (The psalm from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10*.)

A prayer praising God's greatness

#### **Second Reading**

*Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7* (The second reading from Cycle A may also be chosen, *Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38*.)

Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 3:15-16,21-22*

Jesus is baptized by John.