

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 10, 2021 – Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)** (no live broadcast)

† Mary Koutsouradis – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

**Monday, January 11, 2021 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – Within the Octave of the Epiphany**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – Octave of the Epiphany**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021 – Weekday**

**Friday, January 15, 2021 – Weekday**

**Saturday, January 16, 2021 – Weekday**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021 – 2 Ordinary Sunday**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)** (live on YouTube & Facebook)

† Florence Kapuscinski – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

01/24/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Iryna Kurbat (Anniversary of Death), Nina Gumennaia – requested by Veronika Erokhin
01/25/21	Mo	7:00 PM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/31/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Florence Kapuscinski – requested by Leon Boyk
02/02/21	Tu	7:00 PM	<b>OPEN</b>
02/07/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Elizabeth S. Boyk (57 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by Leon Boyk Jr. & Family
02/14/21	Su	9:30 AM	For All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
02/17/21	We	7:00 PM	<b>OPEN</b>
02/21/21	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Josephine Zdanowicz, Anna Mendla, Barbara Ganteski, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Alfreda Janczuk, Genevieve Root, Thomas Costello.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Your personalized Sunday collection envelopes for 2021 just arrived.

Please pick them up on as soon as you can. On Sunday in the church, Monday through Saturday – in the Parish Office.

If you can deliver them to your relatives and neighbors please do so. They are pretty heavy and mailing them will be pricy.

### ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE



In case you don't want to be recorded or visible (you or your minor children) while attending the Mass, please take a seat in the back of the church and receive the Holy Communion only spiritually. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### FAITH SHARING

Origin of baptism: Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 70 A.D., it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a *Mikveh* — literally a “collection of water” — as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath, women, monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act (receiving Baptism), by which we begin our life of faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.



Jesus' baptism by John was a mystical experience that Jesus felt deep within his soul at the crucial turning point of his life. The opening of the Heavens with Holy Spirit, descending as a dove upon Jesus, and the Voice declaring of Him, “This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased,” are God's revelation to mankind the Mystery that He is Triune. The presence of the Triune God at this baptism, reveals Jesus' true identity and mission. The Heavens' opening also indicates that this was a moment of God's powerful intervention in human history and in the life of His Son.

His baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First, it was a moment of decision. It marked the end of Jesus' private life which had prepared him for his public ministry. Second, it was a moment of identification with his people in their God-ward movement initiated by John the Baptist (quality of a good leader). Third, it was a moment of approval. Jesus might have been waiting for a signal of approval from his Heavenly Father, and during his baptism Jesus got this approval of Himself as the Father's “beloved Son.” Fourth, it was a moment of conviction. At this baptism, Jesus received certainties (assurances) from heaven about His identity and the nature of His mission.

### INSURANCE FUND

Thank you so much for your quick response to my request concerning our church and cemetery insurance fund. Our parish is still in need. Please be responsible for your property. Yes – your property. All parish buildings and lands belong to you – parishioners.

### OFFICE, CHURCH AND CHURCH HALL SUPPLIES

Thank you again to the Moczulski Family for donating again more office and church supplies. We are still surprised by receiving daily packages with the needed stuff. This family decided not buying Christmas gifts this year and to donate to St. Valentine's Church instead. Thank you for this truly Christian expression of your faith and charity. This is a faith in action. May God reward you! Malissa in Heaven is proud of you!

## DUES 2021

Please mail your Church Dues for 2021. Less than half families paid their dues for 2020. Many still owe us for 2019, 2018 and even earlier. These dues are split into General Church, Central Diocese and St. Valentine's Parish. Only \$100 stays at St. Valentine's. The dues are very strictly connected to the membership in the PNCC and the rights which member have or can lose by neglecting fulfilling these obligations. For example: *Any member owning a burial privilege in an unoccupied grave who has failed to meet the financial and spiritual obligations to remain a member in good standing at a Polish National Catholic Church for a period of two consecutive years will lose and forfeit the burial privileges granted and the grave will revert to St. Valentine's Parish free and clear of any claims from the party.* (Rules and Regulations- St. Valentine's Cemetery)

## JESUS' BAPTISM REMINDS US OF OUR MISSION:

- a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility;
- b) to live as the children of God in thought, word, and action so that our Heavenly Father may say to each one of us what He said to Jesus: "You are My beloved son/daughter with whom I am well pleased." Being "God's child" means that we are to let His thoughts direct our thoughts, His mind control our mind, His concerns be our concerns.
- c) to lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate it by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred;
- d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness;
- e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by participating in the Holy Mass;
- f) to be co-creators with God in building up the "Kingdom of God" on earth, a Kingdom of compassion, justice, and love.

## RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL PROMISES

V: Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?

**R: I do.**

V: Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**R: I do.**

V: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**R: I do.**

V: Do you 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?

**R: I do.**

V: This is our faith.

This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**R: Amen.**

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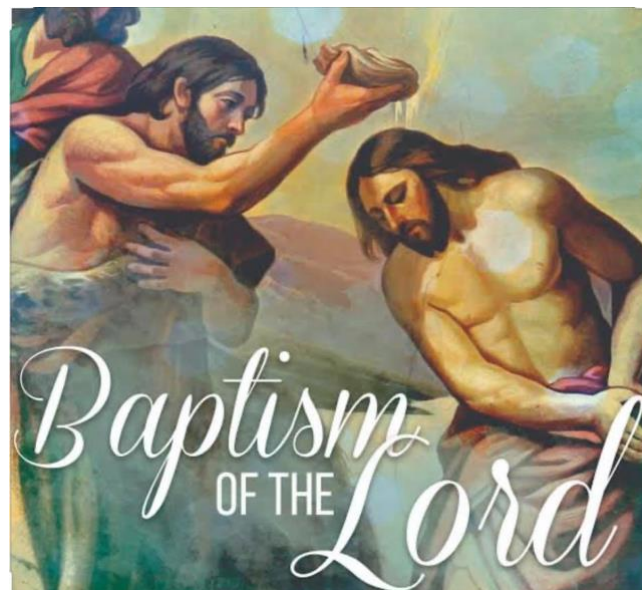
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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English/Polish)



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## Uroczystość – Chrzcist Pański

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