



The Baptism of the Lord



January 10, 2010



Announced Masses

- Sat 1/09 4:00 pm Ivis Guerrero/Paul Panko, Jr.
- Sun 1/10 10:30 am Denise Bramble/Archavala & Casey Families
- 12:00 pm Ocacio De Jesus y Domingo Valdez/Amparo Valdez
- Mon 1/11 8:00 am Dorothy Mae Barcellona/
Fr. Gerard Marable & the SJOA Parish Family
- Tue 1/12 8:00 am Open
- Wed 1/13 8:00 am Ivis Guerrero/Fr. Gerard Marable & the SJOA Parish Family
- Thu 1/14 8:00 am Open
- Fri 1/15 10:00 am Open
- Sat 1/16 4:00 pm Gemma Del Vecchio/
Lorraine Greenwood & Family
- Sun 1/17 10:30 am Walter M. Clark/Carroll Family
- 12:00 pm Open

The People's Tithe
The Epiphany of the Lord: \$
Thank you for your continued generosity!

New Parish Mission Statement

As a sacrifice of praise the people of St. Bartholomew and St. Joan of Arc welcome people of every race, language and way of life around the table of our Lord Jesus Christ in an American African/Hispanic expression of Roman Catholic worship. Sharing our time, talent and treasure in acts of justice, we proclaim the "Gospel of Life" with and for the people of Camden.

Sick List

Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:

PLEASE NOTE: If your name or the name of a sick friend and/or family member has been removed from this sick list and you would like it put back on, please notify the rectory. Also, please notify the rectory when you or someone you know no longer needs to be on the sick list.

What's Happening Around SJOA

Sunday, 1/10/10:

Religious Ed.-English	9:15 am	School
Religious Ed.-Spanish	10:45 am	School

A Family Perspective

Parents can be so busy criticizing they overlook good behaviors. Like God the Father in today's gospel, tell your children you are "well pleased" with them. Children are never too old for praise. Affirmation goes a long way, but criticism is a short trip!



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THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Baptism of the Lord: A Mission from God

Today's celebration presents Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan River. The celebration marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It is the only Sunday of the year that belongs to two seasons.

Why?

This feast belongs to two seasons because it is the beginning. Jesus accepts His ministry, His reason for being. This is the beginning of the teaching, preaching and healing that make up the public ministry of the Lord.

The ancient Christian witnesses see a great significance in this particular Epiphany or showing of the Lord. The words of the Father, the presence of the Holy Spirit, demonstrate God's action among His people. Jesus in His human nature has accepted the plan devised by the Father to care for his people.

How does this apply to us? Simply this: This Sunday leads us to consider God's plan for our lives and how well we accept our mission as baptized Christians.

His plan is that you and I make a difference in the world by gifting the world with a unique reflection of His Love that only each of us could provide.

Our baptism makes us more than mere numbers in a vast planet of people or rational creatures. Our baptism makes us Christians and sons and daughters of God. Through baptism we are lovers, Divine Lovers. We love the Divine and the Divine loves through us. We exist to love, to love God with our whole mind, heart and soul and to love others as God loves them.

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The Year 1909

What a difference a century makes! Attached are some interesting facts and statistics from the year 1909 that Fr. Gerard thought you might enjoy.

Camden Biblical Institute

Would you like to explore the beauty and power of Sacred Scripture?...develop and explore your ideas with other adult learners in a small group format guided and taught by a knowledgeable teacher? Call Diane Scafidi at (856) 583-6129 or Dr. Frank Blee at (856) 583-6105 for more information.

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Stewardship Reflection

Baptized Stewards

"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?'" (Matthew 3:14)

Each of us has received the Baptism that John sought—a Baptism into the Church of Jesus. As baptized Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God in this way, we will know in our hearts what our stewardship responsibility should be.

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Martin Luther King Day of Service Blood Drive at St. Bartholomew

St. Bartholomew Parish's annual blood drive in honor of Doctor Martin Luther King, sponsored by the Advisory Board for the Office of Black Catholic Ministry, is scheduled for Monday, January 18th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is an opportunity to give of yourself as Doctor King gave of himself. Do what you can do to be a good candidate for giving blood. Eat foods high in iron—kale and collard greens, spinach, raisins and eggs; take over the counter iron pills if you know you tend to be anemic. Come hydrated and take your blood pressure meds as ordered. See you on January 18th! Call Betty Atkins at (856) 755-0953 or Donna Brown at (215) 316-6884 to schedule time for donating.

Anyone interested in volunteering your time to help with calls and hosting should contact Betty Atkins at the above number.

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Our Lady of Altagracia Celebration
Sunday, January 24, 2010 at the 12:00 pm
Mass. All are welcome to join the Spanish
Community of St. Joan of Arc as they honor
Our Lady of Altagracia.