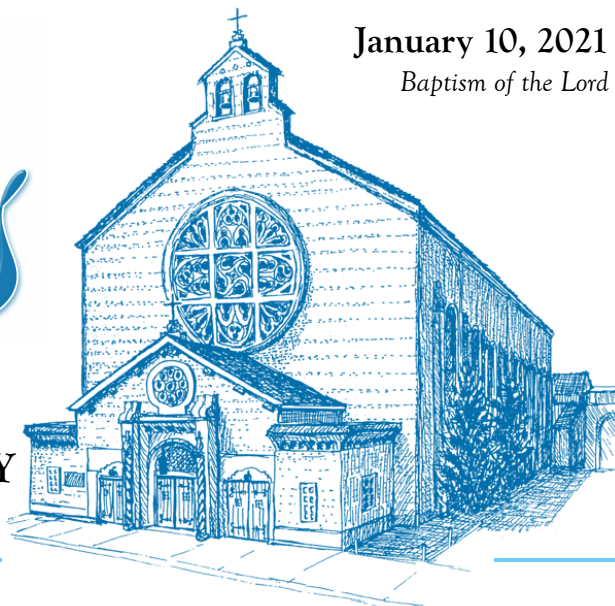


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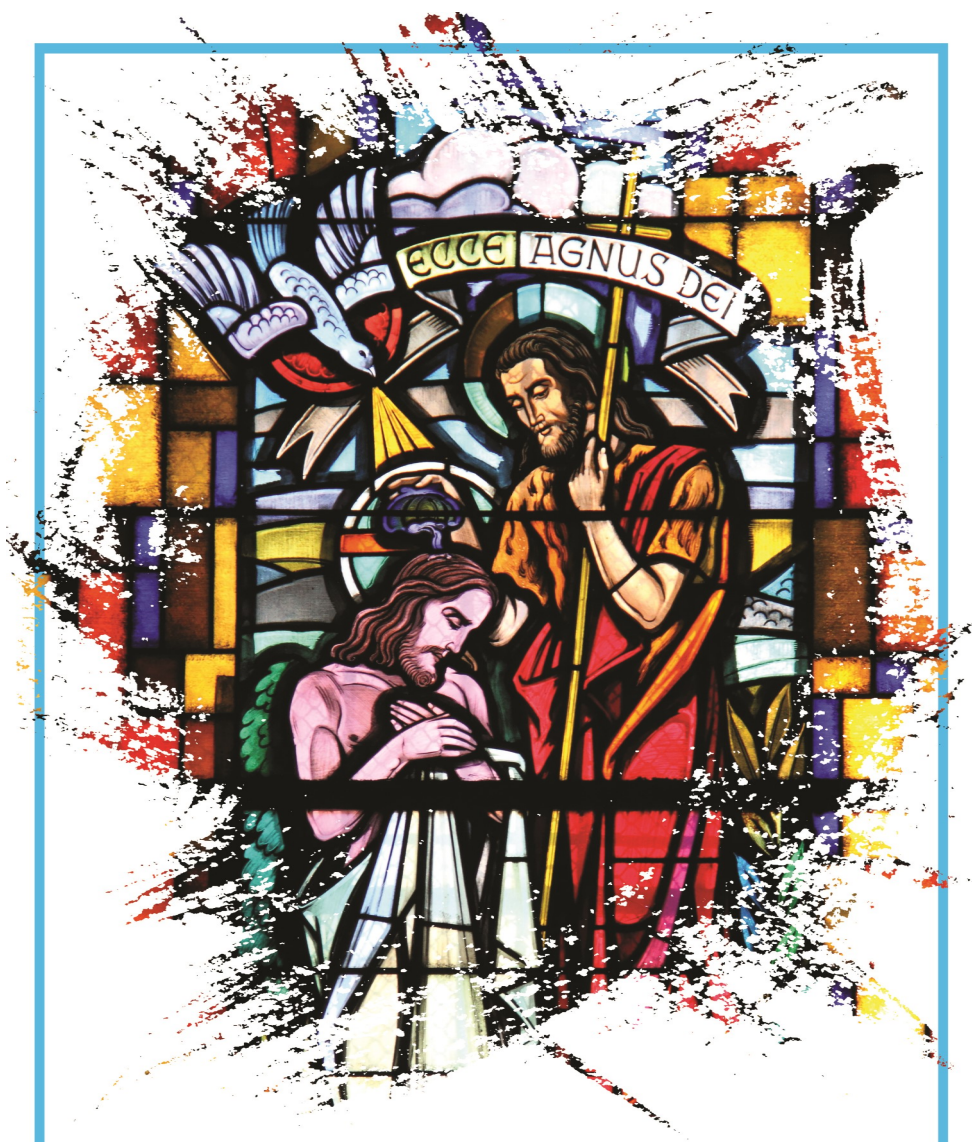
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**AT ST. MARGARET MARY**

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January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord



**"I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE  
YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT." - MK 1:8**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday**

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

**Sunday**

10:00 am (English)

12 noon (English & Vietnamese)

**Weekdays**

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (English)

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:00-3:30 pm

1st & 3rd in English

2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

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## The Baptism of the Lord – Year B

Today's Gospel, Mark 1:6b-11, reads:

*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."*

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season comes to a close. Jesus is no longer a child, his preparation period is over. At the age of 30, he came to his cousin, John the Baptist, who preached repentance to prepare the people for the coming of the One who would be the Most High, and he received the baptism from John's hand.

John's baptism is certainly not to cleanse Jesus from sin but is a rite to identify Jesus as the Messiah who came among mankind. By coming to John the Baptist, Jesus openly declared the beginning of his mission to speak of God's love, die for our death, and bring people back to live in God's grace.

Today's Gospel also makes clear the affirmation of God the Father about Jesus Christ as the Son of God, God's beloved Son and the Second Person of the Trinity. John too now knows that his cousin began his public ministry and his work has come to an end.

The Christmas season is ended and the Ordinary Time begins. In the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, we will hear a lot about the public life of Jesus. We will hear Jesus' teachings about God the Father, about Himself, the doctrine of love, compassion and the joy of salvation.

This is also the time for all of us to remember our vocation. We too have been sent, through our Baptism, to be a voice of truth and a sign of hope for those who seek the meaning of life and yearn for new life.

May God bless each of us and our mission to herald the joy of salvation to our own brothers and sisters.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

## PRAYER DURING THE COVID 19 CRISIS

Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern, impart to us the calm of your presence.

In You, allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

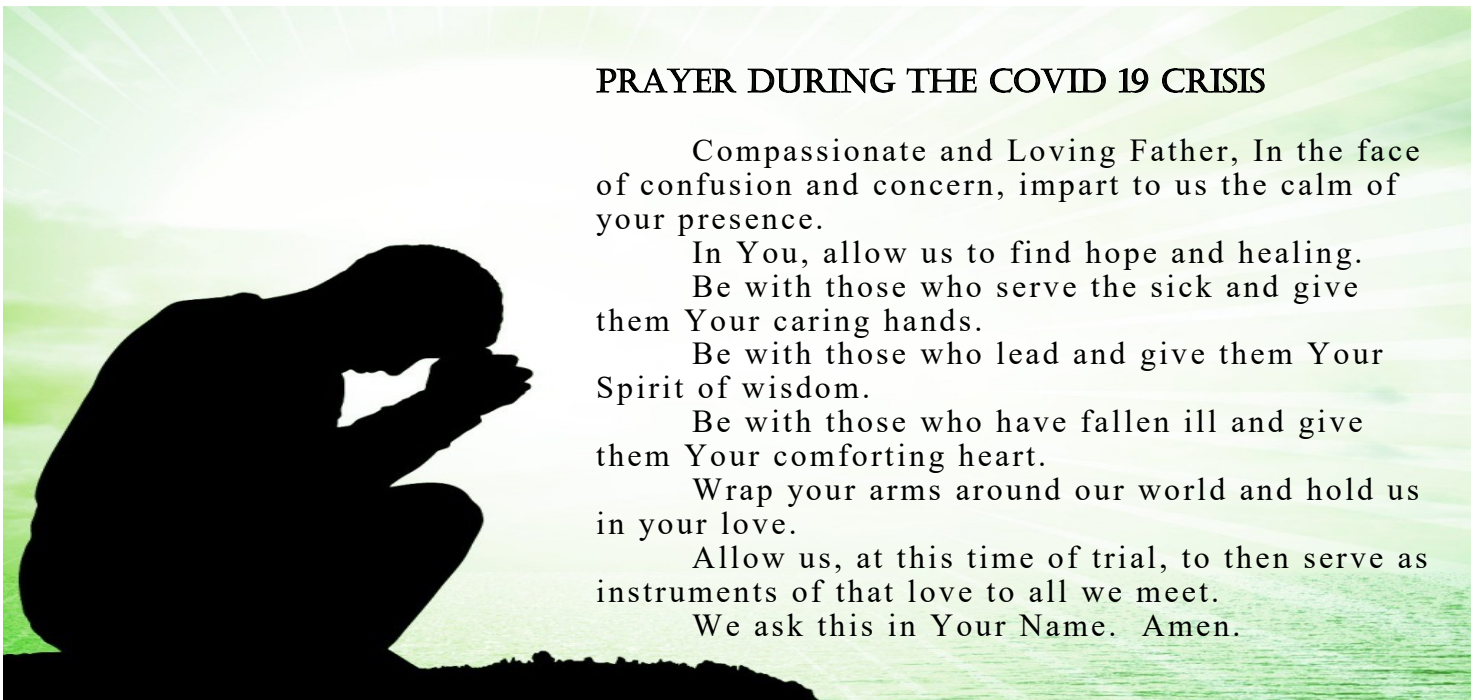
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.

Allow us, at this time of trial, to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name. Amen.



## HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

We support our faith through our prayers, our works and our contributions to Holy Child Jesus Parish. Our contributions support our growing ministries.

If you currently make your contributions to Holy Child Jesus at St. Timothy, St. Henry or St. Margaret Mary, please continue to do so and make your contributions payable to whichever church you are currently contributing to.

Parishioners may also contribute through GiveCentral by going to [www.hcjp.org](http://www.hcjp.org), or [www.sainthenrychicago.org](http://www.sainthenrychicago.org) or [www.smmchicago.org](http://www.smmchicago.org) and following the Donate prompts.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity for Holy Child Jesus.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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### COLLECTION REPORT

January 3, 2021

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,652.00
Loose Money .....	\$2,049.00
Total Collection .....	\$5,701.00
Variance .....	(\$3,241.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	55

### NEW MASS SCHEDULE VOLUNTEER HELP

Our new Mass schedule begins February 1. We are asking for additional volunteers to help with greeting, seating, and maintaining our COVID protocols. You may choose to help on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. To volunteer, please call the Holy Child Jesus Parish office at (773) 764-0615 or email Art Blumberg at [art.blumberg@hcjp.org](mailto:art.blumberg@hcjp.org).

Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teen-age years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

## NEW MASS SCHEDULE AT HOLY CHILD JESUS PARISH

After consultation with the Holy Child Jesus Parish Unification Committee, we wish to present the new Mass schedule at Holy Child Jesus Parish. ***This schedule is effective February 1, 2021.***

### Weekday

8:00 a.m. Bilingual - English/Vietnamese

### Saturday

#### Confession:

3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1st and 3rd Saturday English

2nd and 4th Saturday English/Vietnamese

#### Mass:

4:00 p.m. English

6:00 p.m. Vietnamese

### Sunday

#### Mass:

7:30 a.m. Vietnamese

9:30 a.m. English

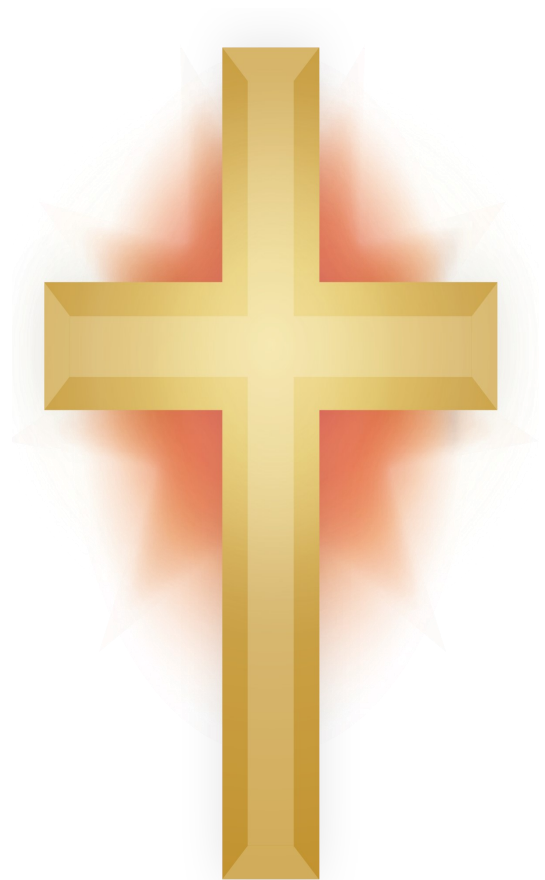
11:30 a.m. Vietnamese

1:30 p.m. English

#### Baptism:

Second Sunday/month at 3:00 p.m. in English

Third Sunday/month at 3:00 p.m. in Vietnamese



We hope this new schedule meets the needs of our community and enables us to reach and serve as many parishioners as possible. Thank you for being a part of Holy Child Jesus Parish.

Fr. Phi Nguyen

## PLEASE HELP WITH MASS RESERVATIONS

We have recently seen a decline in the number of reservations, especially for the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. Although Mass attendance remains high and we welcome everyone's presence, we strongly rely on our reservation system to help us plan our seating which still remains limited.

**We ask that everyone makes a reservation for every Mass that you plan to attend. If you attend every week, please make a reservation for every week. Please do not rely on the list that we keep for walk-ins.**

If you have access to the Internet, please go to our website at <https://smmchicago.org/parish/> or and follow the prompts for signing up for Mass.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please make a phone reservation by calling the parish office at (773) 764-0615. Please note that the deadline for phoning in your reservation for weekend Masses is Thursday 4:30 pm. We are unable to honor any requests made after the deadline.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## CYCLES OF FAITH

### The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

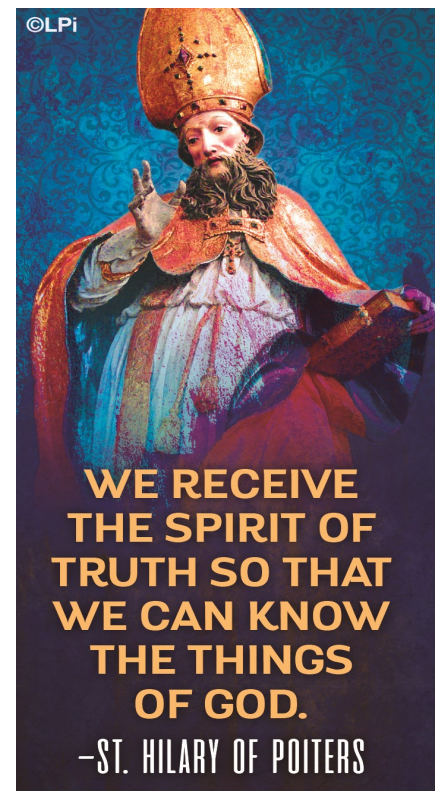
If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

#### Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/ Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/ Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 10 Baptism of the Lord

English

10:00 am Teodora Santos

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Monday, January 11

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Wednesday, January 13 St. Hilary

8:00 am Arcadio Santos

### Thursday, January 14

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Friday, January 15

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Saturday, January 16

8:00 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

### Sunday, January 17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

English

10:00 am Peter Justiano Wallis

Marie Schmid

John Cipriani

Bilingual English & Vietnamese

12:00 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

## SACRAMENTS

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

### Baptisms:

Immediately following the 12 noon Mass

2nd Sunday of the month in English

3rd Sunday of the month in Vietnamese

## R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and invite them to register at the rectory.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FORRENT:** jumbo furnished apt on 2nd fl, 1 blk from church, Frank, 773-743-7030; sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534;

**FORSALE:** 2003 silver Malibu, 67,112 mi, 773-764-3789.

