



January 9, 2022 | Baptism of the Lord

Our Baptism in Christ

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our attention should turn to our own baptism. What does our baptism in Christ call forth from us?

Pope Francis provides us with an answer to that question as he succinctly summarizes our understanding of baptism. “Our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God’s redeeming love to all, particularly the poor, in whom we see the face of Christ.”

Our baptism has changed us. The Church speaks of baptism as effecting an ‘ontological change’ in us; a change in our very being. Through baptism, we are incorporated into the life of the risen Christ. We are made members of his body individually and collectively. We are incorporated individually into the Body of Christ through the Body of Christ that is the Church. We then must affirm our membership in the Body of Christ by lives lived in faithfulness to Christ.

We are given a new and glorious hope. Incorporated into the risen body of Christ, we now live in the hope that one day we will share in the fullness of his risen life forever. I never cease to marvel at the hope which is at the heart of our Christian faith. We have the hope that one day we will pass through death into the very glory of God. It is easy to understand why so few Christians reflect seriously on the hope that ought to animate our lives. It just seems too fantastical to believe that we, flawed human creatures that we are, could one day share in the very life of God. Yet, by virtue of our baptism in the risen Christ, we live in this hope.

How do we live in a way that affirms our incorporation into the risen body of Christ and so strengthens the hope that is ours? We must bring God’s redeeming love to all, particularly the poor, in whom we see the face of Christ. There is nothing that gets me more agitated than to hear Christians bemoan the state of our world today, and especially when they suggest that God is somehow responsible for the sorry state of our world. It is our failure as Christians to consistently fulfill our baptismal responsibility to bring God’s redeeming love into the world that is responsible for the sorry state of our world today. We bring God’s redeeming love into the world when we are rich in compassion. We open our eyes and hearts to see the needs and suffering of others and seek to respond as generously as our circumstances allow to their needs and their suffering. We bring God’s redeeming love into the world when we choose the path of forgiveness and reconciliation rather than the way of retribution and revenge. We bring God’s redeeming love into the world when we choose to be persons of selflessness rather than selfishness. We bring God’s redeeming love into the world when we stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalized of our world – the unborn, the homeless, the immigrant, the incarcerated, those recently released from jail, the addicted. All those whom our society dismisses, we must embrace, and advocate with and for them to secure their God-given dignity.

To truly live as members of Christ’s body, and to strengthen our hope of one day sharing in the fullness of his risen life forever, each of us must begin every day with this challenge to ourselves: “How will I bring the redeeming love of God into my world today?”



The Baptism of Christ. Jusepe de Ribera. 1643.

— Rev. Mark C. Hallinan, S.J.
Associate Pastor

Thursday, FEBRUARY 3rd at 7PM
IN the CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED on YOUTUBE



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& MARY MAGDALENE
AWARD HONOREE



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*Dolores
HUERTA*

MARY MAGDALENE
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Ally*

*Eleanor
JOSAITIS*

**COURAGEOUS WOMEN
OF FAITH:**
Celebrating Catholic Laywomen

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, JANUARY 10th

A Catholic Perspective on Issues of War and Peace.
7 PM. Parish Lounge. *Details below.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th

Tuesday Night Book Group | *Introduction to the Spiritual Life: Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus* by Dr. Brant Pitre.
7 PM. Zoom.

A Catholic Perspective on Issues of War and Peace

Monthly meetings beginning Monday, January 10th
7 PM in the Parish Lounge



Parishioners interested in discussing contemporary Catholic teaching on war and peace, and the implications of that teaching for United States defense policies and weapons spending. Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J., will guide our sessions.

Readings for the first session can be obtained from Fr. Hallinan by emailing him at hallinanm@saintignatiusloyola.org.

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES.

Lenten Discernment Series: Racial Justice

February 7th & 24th, March 24th, and April 7th
7 PM on Zoom



Lenten Discernment Series: Racial Justice offers an opportunity for education and theological reflection to discern ways we can work for racial justice through the framework of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Readings will be sent out for each meeting for small group discussion.

To sign-up, email Jean Santopatre, Pastoral Associate, Ignatian Social Justice at santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Lady Chapel Open for Private Prayer



The Lady Chapel is open daily for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, from 1 PM to 4 PM. During those hours, the Main Church will be closed.

Please wear a face mask while in the Lady Chapel.

IGNATIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE

Volunteer Opportunities at the New York Common Pantry

The New York Common Pantry is seeking volunteers from St. Ignatius Loyola to help at the Pantry.

They have a new mobile pantry on East 108th. Their "Help 365" Program offers social services. Their "Project Dignity" is for homeless people, offering showers, haircuts, mailing addresses, etc. The Pantry needs a pipeline of volunteers, especially Wednesdays. If you'd like to volunteer, please identify yourself as a St. Ignatius Loyola parishioner.

Their website is nycommonpantry.org and volunteers can sign up for times on the website.

For more information, contact Alan Pardee, SIL parishioner and member of the Ignatian Social Justice ministry, at alanpardee123@gmail.com.

GIVING



Help Us Go Green!

If you would like to receive all future correspondence from St. Ignatius electronically, visit ignatius.nyc/makeapayment.



If you would like to make your regular offertory contributions digitally, visit ignatius.nyc/virtual-offertory or scan the QR code at left.



Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.



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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for the Weekend of January 16th:

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Yesalonia

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Bergen

9:30 AM Fr. Yesalonia

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Gustafson

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Hallinan

7:30 PM Fr. Gustafson

Religious Education for Children

Ms. Kate Noonan, Director

(212) 288-3588 x609

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please call Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) to arrange for a Baptism and the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A., Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages

The Bride or Groom should call Maureen Haley at the Parish House (212-288-3588 x636) to begin preparation for Marriage, normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick

Please contact the Parish House between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, January 10th

(1st Monday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 1:1-8 Psalm 116

Mark 1:14-20

8:30 MEM Katherine J. Evans

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 ANN George Terriberry

Tuesday, January 11th

(1st Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 1:9-20 1 Samuel 2

Mark 1:21-28

8:30 MEM Claire Jeanne Bonner

12:10 MEM All Souls in Purgatory

5:30 MEM Stratford Wallace

Wednesday, January 12th

(1st Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Psalm 40

Mark 1:29-39

8:30 MEM Elizabeth Cremin

12:10 MEM Sose & Mark
Prekelezaj

5:30 MEM Bill Hassett

Thursday, January 13th

(1st Thursday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 4:1-11 Psalm 44

Mark 1:40-45

8:30 MEM William Burnett

12:10 MEM Carmel Murphy

5:30 MEM Living & Deceased
Members of the Wallace Family

Friday, January 14th

(1st Friday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Psalm 89

Mark 2:1-12

8:30 MEM Teresa Villarroel

12:10 MEM Murray Wells

5:30 MEM Mary Smyth

Saturday, January 15th

(1st Saturday in Ordinary Time)

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Psalm 21 Mark 2:13-17

8:30 MEM Jack O'Leary

Sunday, January 16th

(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 96

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11