

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH - Archdiocese of Vancouver



BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 13th, 2019

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The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a rather strange way to end the Christmas season. If we identify the key things which occur when one of us is baptised and ask whether they also occurred in Jesus' baptism then we discover that they didn't and that they couldn't have.

Just think about it. When we're baptized, we're healed from the guilt of original sin and we're incorporated into the Church. Did any of this happen to Christ? No. And if that's not enough, John's baptism wasn't able to forgive sin and to incorporate people into the Church anyway. Those things only became possible after Christ's death and resurrection. So not only did Jesus' baptism at the hands of John not have the same effects as our baptism did, nor could it have had. So what's going on in this feast and how does it relate to the end of Christmas-tide?

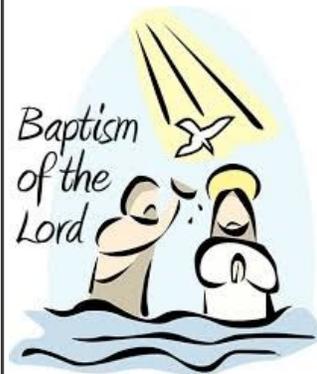
God came into the world in Christ to redeem us from sin. To achieve this, three conditions had to be met: (1) the power to redeem humans had to be present; (2) the means to redeem human beings had to be established; and (3) human beings had to be encouraged to avail of those means.

Take the first condition: Jesus is God so there's no question of Him lacking the power to redeem human beings. As to the means of redemption, human beings have to share in the salvific death of Christ, which is accomplished most effectively through our own baptism. However, we must remember that baptism doesn't give us a free pass into heaven. Rather through baptism we get a fresh start and the chance to live in a way which, if we follow it, will lead to heaven.

It's not enough just to make the means of redemption available. That brings us to the third condition: people have to be encouraged to avail of the means of redemption. And the best way to do that is to give people an example so Christ submitted to John's baptism. In so doing Christ encouraged all of us to be baptised and He identified Himself with sinful humanity as the one who will act on our behalf to save us.

During Christmas we celebrate God's coming into the world. But He came into the world for the purpose of our redemption. And the baptism of Jesus is the first public event in Christ's mission. He starts to show us how to live and His authority is acknowledged by the Father. So it brings to an end what we have been celebrating at Christmas - God's coming into the world for our salvation - and it sets us up quite nicely for ordinary time: follow Christ's example, where we find the way to salvation.

Fr. Joseph



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM;
 Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM;
 Saturdays & Public Holidays, 9:00 AM.

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Fri: before 8 AM Mass;
 Sat: 9:30 AM & 4:15 - 4:45 PM.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUN	January 13 th Baptism of the Lord	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>Sp. Int. Brandon & Alena</i> † Severina Aquino
Mon	January 14	8 am	† Louise Boisvert
Tue	January 15	8 am	† Judi Dampier
Wed	January 16	8 am	† Josephine Ellerbeck
Thu	January 17 St. Anthony	8 am	† Bernie Rovner
Fri	January 18	8 am	† Norman Curran
Sat	January 19	9 am 5:00 PM	<i>In Honour of St. Philomena</i> † Mel Battensby
SUN	January 20 th 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS † Mel Battensby

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 between the living & the departed.

Visit: rccav.org



DATE	Sat. Jan. 19 th : 5PM	Sun. Jan. 20 th : 9 AM	Sun. Jan. 20 th : 11 AM
HOSPITALITY	LORETTA van UNEN DON VICIC	KAREN BALOGH HANAN HADDAD	JOANN CULLEN LORNA DALINGHAUS
LECTOR	SUSAN MURPHY	PETER BALOGH	JOANN CULLEN
EMHC	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY	DEACON TONY
SOCIAL HOSTS	◊	A and C ADAM	MARRY VERBAARSCHOT

St. Anthony's **P**arish **R**eligious **E**ducation **P**rogram (**PREP**): Every Wednesday for students in Grades 1 - 7 not attending Catholic Schools. For other Sacramental Information, phone the Parish Office or email: parish.sawv@rcav.org.



PRAY FOR MARCHERS FOR LIFE

Your prayer support is needed for a group of lay Catholics, Stephanie Gray and Fr. Larry Lynn who will fly to Washington, DC to take part in the *Annual March for Life*, January 22nd. Stephanie Gray, the Co-Founder of the *Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform* and President of "Love Unleashes Life",

will speak at two conferences and will appear on *EWTN*.

Fr. Larry Lynn sees this trip as a "Mission of Hope" that will raise awareness of the great gains that are being made in the Pro-life movement in the USA.

"I'm trying to instill more hope in our Archdiocese that prayer and witnessing actually produce results. I'm trying to move past a defeatist idea that we've missed the boat and history has moved past us. I'm trying to bring hope that the culture can change even when it looks like it's impossible. But it can."

Phone: (604) 926-6881 or Visit: <https://rcav.org/event/march-for-life-3>.

CATHOLIC FAITH in Plain English

Monday, Jan. 14th, 11 AM in the Hall.

"THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS"

Catholics & non-Catholics, WELCOME!

Attend, even for just a few sessions.

The Catholic Faith
In Plain English



SR. ANGELA MARIE INVITES YOU . . .

Friday, January 18th, 7 PM @ JPPI Pastoral Centre

One of our Sisters, Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE
Dean of Science and Sustainability for Aquinas College,
Grand Rapids, USA will present,

"Creation Care: Have We Gone Too Far or Not Far Enough?"

Please come and meet Sr. Damien Marie. *Sr. Angela Marie*

Visit: <https://rcav.org/event/creation-care-have-we-gone-too-far-or-not-far-enough/>



2019 CALENDARS PLEASE . . .

For the Prison Inmates.

Please leave them inside the
Box/Receptacle in the Vestibule.

HEALING PRAYER MEETING @ SA PARISH

Sunday, January 20th, 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall

*"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28*

We welcome the Prayer Group from Sacred Heart Parish
who will be joining us in prayer. *Everyone is welcome.*

THEY'RE BACK!

Our Parish will again be offering the *DISCOVERY* and *SOURCE* programs.

Each course runs for approximately one hour per week for six weeks, starting the week of Sunday January 27th.

There will be a variety of times available and sign-up begins next week.

For more information see Deacon Tony.



NEXT WEEKEND . . .

Special Collection
for St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your generosity towards
helping needy families on the North Shore.

CWL CORNER . . .

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

January 12th & 13th, 19th & 20th.

**MASS, DINNER and
GEN. MEETING**

Tuesday, January 22nd, 6 PM.

Ladies of St. Anthony's Parish who are Non-CWL Members
ARE ALL INVITED to join us at Mass and at Dinner. Check us out!

RSVP: saintanthonycwl@gmail.com.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION . . .

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water;
but He who is mightier than I is coming...
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'"*

Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that
*"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings
of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."*

In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift
that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves.

Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him
and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you
for the greater glory of God.

WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18th - 25th prepared by Indonesian Churches

"Justice and Only Justice You Shall Pursue"

For details, visit: <https://rcav.org/christian-unity>

JOURNEY DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

Jan. 15th, 7 PM @ 10th Church, 11 W-10th Avenue, Van.

The Journey Discipleship Course is a comprehensive course that
incorporates prayer, providing in-depth discipleship and spiritu-
al care with the goal of helping individuals experience Jesus in
their relationships, sexuality, and identity.

For more info or to register visit: [journeycanada.org/...](http://journeycanada.org/)

WINTER INSTITUTE

Saturday, Jan. 19th, 10 AM @ Notre Dame High School

This one-day course equips Catholics with the knowledge,
skills, and spiritual foundation necessary for active participation
in the life of the Church.

Basics of the Faith and *Discovering the Gospels* are great courses
to renew, refocus, and refresh yourself for 2019.

Cost: \$40 per person, includes lunch.

Register at: rcav.org/winter-institute.

"QUO VADIS" - FOR ALL SINGLE MEN

Wednesday, January 23rd

Join us for a Discernment Evening with Fr. Nick Meisl
at St. Patrick's, 2881 Main Street, Vancouver.

Open to all single Catholic men 18+ who want to answer the
question: *"What is God calling me to do with my life?"*.

Please register by contacting the Vocations Office by
Phone: (604) 443-3254 or Visit: vocations@rcav.org.

SAVE THESE DATES . . .

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT:

March 15th - 17th, @ Westminster Abbey, Mission

Visit: <https://rcav.org/event/mens-silent-retreat/>

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

May 3rd & 4th, in Surrey, BC.

Visit: www.liferestoration.ca/womensconference/

LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT? . . .

Visit: humanresources@rcav.org; or hr@corpuschristi.ca; or www.cisva.bc.ca.