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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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### Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:10 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

### ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades Kindergarten - 8. For registration information call the school office at (718) 364-5110.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)

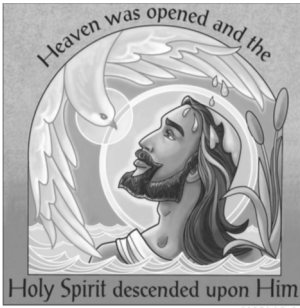
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### CALLED TO SERVE



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For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

#### Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord

#### Monday

First Week in Ordinary Time begins

#### Thursday

St. Anthony

#### Friday

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

#### Saturday

Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany);

Blessed Virgin Mary



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Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2019 summer season. The camps located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email [Brendan@bfcamp.com](mailto:Brendan@bfcamp.com). Please don't wait as sessions fill quickly.

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

| DATE   | 8:00 AM                            | 11:30 AM                               |
|--------|------------------------------------|--|
| Jan 13 | Marilyn Torain<br>Genevive Persaud | Felisha Fabian<br>Josephine Nguyen     |
| Jan 20 | Marilyn Torain<br>David Le         | Pereta Rodriguez<br>Daisy Soler        |
| Jan 27 | Genevive Persaud<br>David Le       | Edras de Jesus<br>Melissa Rivera-Jovel |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

| DATE   | 8: 00 AM                     | 11:30 AM                          |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jan 13 | Yvonne Ebea<br>Bethzabe      | Ed Nolan<br>Pereta Rodriguez      |
| Jan 20 | Rosa Susana<br>Yvonne Ebea   | Fitzroy Williams<br>Camille Luke  |
| Jan 27 | Bethzabe Vera<br>Rosa Susana | Gregory Ender<br>Pereta Rodriguez |

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
 JANUARY 14, 2019**

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
 JANUARY 14, 2019**

**Monday**  
**8:30am** Andres Manuel Castillo Castillo (D)  
**12:10pm** Peace  
**Tuesday**  
**8:30am** Felix Antonio Hernandez (D); Eduardo Peralta (D)  
**12:10pm**  
**Wednesday**  
**8:30am** Jesus Fontanez (D)  
**Thursday**  
**7:45am** Ta on  
**8:30am** Maria Olinda Ramirez (D); Grace Archibald (D)  
**12:10pm**  
**Friday**  
**8:30am** Accion de gracias para Lillie Jones; Allan Mateo (L)  
**12:10pm**  
**Saturday**  
**7:45am** Gioan Kim Hoi (D)  
**7:00pm** Grace Archibald (D); Wally Dominguez (D)  
**Sunday**  
**8:00am** People of SNT  
**9:30am** Grace Archibald (D)  
**11:30am**  
**1:30pm** Gioan Vinh & Maria Huê (D)

**We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.**

**We pray for the sick:**  
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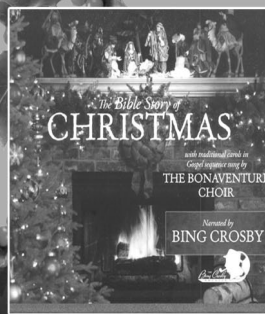
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