

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and
St. John the Baptist Parishes
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Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei

**Pastor Rev. John Yake, Secretary, Mary Sutherland, and Book Keeper,
Laureen Burke wish you and your families a very safe, blessed, and happy
Christmas and a new year, a year of peace, richly enjoying the Lord's choicest
blessings.**



January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas



Feast of the Baptism of Christ - Day Nineteen

Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany.

The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan. — *The Light of the World* by

Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

[Click here for commentary on the readings in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite.](#)

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. '*And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men*' (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. '*Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised*

what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners' (Joseph Ratzinger, Jesus of Nazareth, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

Excerpted from the [Congregation for the Clergy](#)

Sacrament of Baptism

please call:

**Rev. John Yake, I.V.Dei
902-535-2231**

Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB 902) 535-2699

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call Fr. Yake six months previous to the scheduled marriage date.

Pre-Marriage Program

May 29, 2021

Offered by Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia, Glace Bay.

Register by phone: 902-849-4772

For more information, contact:

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Website: <http://ensfamilyservice.ca/>

EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE:

ORDINARY TIME

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

WEEKEND LITURGY

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

HGA 11:00 AM

Thursday, January 14, 2021

SJB 4:00 PM

Friday, January 15, 2021

SP 9:00 AM

Saturday, January 16, 2021

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 17, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM
SP 10:30 AM

Dec. Jan. 3, 2020 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 374.00
Candles	\$ 6.00
New Year's	\$ 440.00
Initial Offering	\$ 153.00
Christmas	\$ 1,273.00
Memory Tree	\$ 40.00
Cemetery	\$ 25.00

Total **\$2,311.00**

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 895.00
Candles	\$ 13.65
Missals	\$ 5.00

Total **\$ 913.65**

St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 816.00
Advent Folders	\$ 45.00
Initial Offering	\$ 218.00

Total **\$1,079.00**

SP: We are pleased to report the Memory Tree was a great success again this year. A total of \$2230.00 was raised. This is the second most to date! Thank you to all who contributed. A very special thank you to Fonda Stone for her help with the decorations and to Doris Carter and her team for their help with the set up and storage of our beautiful tree.

The next St. Peter's Parish Council meeting will be on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the glebe basement. **There are three vacancies on St. Peter's Parish Council.** This is a significant service to the ongoing development of a parish community. Feeling called to serve is a prompting of baptismal grace and as such is an opportunity to respond to Jesus' call to serve. Please call the office (902) 535-2053 in order to respond to this important invitation. Perhaps you may recognize this gift in others so you may approach them. Thank you.

Mass cards for the living are now available for \$2.00 each + Mass Stipend for the priest

Hard copies of bulletin are available upon request and can be picked up at glebe on Thursdays between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Please call during office hours or leave message if you require one.

2020-2021 Sunday Missals are available at church door \$5.00 each

52nd International Eucharistic Congress

Sept. 5-12, 2021

The Most Rev. Louis Corriveau is the CCCB National Delegate for the French Sector and the Most Rev. Brian Joseph Dunn is the CCCB National Delegate for the English Sector.

Visit the Congress website: iec2020.hu

Mass For Shut-Ins airs on CTV Sundays at 11:30 am

You can also watch the recorded videos on the [Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel](#) and MyParish app.