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## ***Bulletin for January 10-31, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord and Ordinary Time***

### ***In the Year of St. Joseph, as Decreed by Pope Francis on Dec. 8, 2020***

Along with the decree, Pope Francis published an apostolic letter about St. Joseph.

Excerpts follow.



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WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph.”... Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience...Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

...The history of salvation is worked out “in hope against hope” (Rom 4:18), through our weaknesses. All too often, we think that God works only through our better parts, yet most of His plans are realized in and despite our frailty. Thus Saint Paul could say: “To keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but He said to me: ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness’” (2 Cor 12:7-9).

Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy. The evil one makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser (cf. Rev 12:10). That is why it is so important to encounter God’s mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience His truth and tenderness.

...Even through Joseph’s fears, God’s will, His history and His plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that He can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

...Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility [in] them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.

...Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments...Just as God told Joseph, “Son of David, do not be afraid!” (Mt 1:20), so He seems to tell us: “Do not be afraid!”

Pope Francis, *Patris corde*, [www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

## Jan. 10 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



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By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments...This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that He has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

1 John 5:2,6-10

What was it that flowed from Jesus' side [John 19:34] if not the sacrament [of baptism] which believers receive? The Spirit, the blood and the water—the Spirit which He gave up [John 19:30], the blood and water which flowed from His side. The Church is signified as being born from this blood and water.

St. Augustine, Sermon 5.3 as quoted in *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* (Verbum electronic edition) on the above passage., p. 223.



- St. Peter Parish offers deepest sympathies to the families of Eva Melenchuk, Lee Schnell and Ursula Flynn, who have passed away recently. Let us please keep them all in our prayers.
- St. Peter's Youth Art Guild is looking for emerging young artists! No fees – art materials are supplied. Ages 8 to 18 are welcome. Currently classes are held via Zoom for distance learning on the first Thursday of each month. Registration forms are available from our Office. You are welcome to contact Dawna with questions at 306-543-6533 or ddecorby@sasktel.net.
- There will be an important CWL meeting this Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 12:30 p.m. upstairs in the church. All ladies are welcome. Masks are mandatory. This meeting will concern an increase of fees and changes in the constitution. “These must be voted on; therefore your presence is very important.” We also will have items for sale: Medium aprons, \$12. Children's aprons, \$10. Totes, \$8, which can be used for gifts like wine bottles, lotions, soaps etc.

## Jan. 17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Shun fornication!...Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” ... One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah”...

John 1:35-38

- The Christmas season concludes in the baptism of Jesus, celebrated Jan. 9-10. The season of Ordinary Time begins Jan. 11. Monday, Jan. 18 – Monday, Jan. 25, is the week of prayer for Christian Unity. From Jan. 21-29, all are invited to pray a novena for an end to the culture of death (see last page).
- If anyone finds that they cannot come to a Mass for which they are scheduled, please contact the organizers at speteryqr@gmail.com; or let the Parish Office know at 306-545-4411.
- We need another lector for Sunday 9:30 a.m. Masses. To volunteer, please contact the Parish Office, 306-545-4411.
- Lectors are asked to bring their Missals to Mass to read from at Mass, as an extra COVID-19 related safety precaution.
- Bulletin deliveries were suspended in November due to safety concerns. We anticipate that they will resume sometime in the spring. Christmas bulletins were mailed out to those on the delivery list who were not scheduled to come in to Mass, but they will not normally be mailed out due to the high cost. The next bulletin is to come out on the weekend of Feb. 6-7.
- Although our parish had hefty repair bills and lost much in terms of rental income in 2020, between Dec. 1 and Dec. 29, a very helpful \$22,505.9 was given to St. Peter Parish. An estimated \$19,545 was given by our parish to the Archbishop’s Appeal in 2020. By your generous gifts, big or small, you participate in all the spiritual and corporal good works done by our local Church. Thank you, and may God reward you!

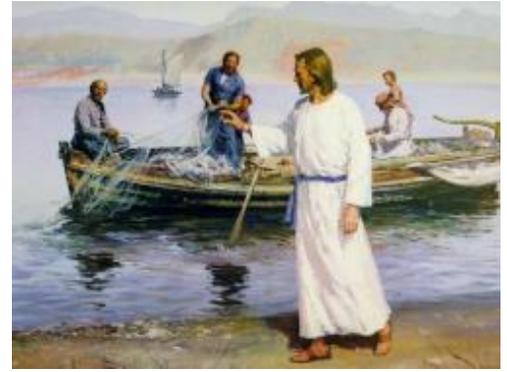
## Jan. 24 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; *teach* me Your paths...You are the God of my salvation...For Your name's sake, O Lord, *pardon* my guilt... Who are they that *fear the Lord*? He will teach them the way that they should choose. They will abide in *prosperity*, and their children *shall possess the land*. The *friendship* of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes his *covenant* known to them...*O guard my life*, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame...

Psalm 25:4-5 (italics added, see below)

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew...fishermen..."Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

Mark 1:14-17



### *Jesus' Great Gifts: Even, Indeed, for Children: Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation*

Many of the words of Psalm 25 quoted above inspire us to seek and celebrate with our children the teaching, forgiveness, salvation, friendship and generosity of God, which He gives in Jesus through the sacraments. For Jesus promised heaven, that great "land" that our children are to possess too, to the thief who confessed his sinfulness beside Him on the cross (Luke 23:40-43) and to those whose sins the apostles forgive (John 20:22-23). He gave the Eucharist to us to receive well repeatedly to prevent spiritual death: "This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh." (Jn 6:50-51.) This gift, given at the Last Supper, showed the depth of His friendship by the bread and wine's signification of His sacrifice for us: "In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood.'" (1 Corinthians 11:25). The "fear of the Lord," necessitated in the Psalm, is the beginning of special gifts of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2, Psalm 111:10); this Holy Spirit and His gifts are given especially in Confirmation. Since teaching is needed, by those trained to continue the Apostles' mission of "fishing for people" as per the above passage of the Gospel of Mark, we invite those with children in grade 2 and up who haven't yet received these sacraments to **register by January 31** in sacramental prep classes. Registration forms are available in the church entrance, at the Parish Office, and (with further info) at [stpeterregina.ca](http://stpeterregina.ca).



## Jan. 31 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!... For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Psalm 95:1-2,7

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, He entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22

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### **For Those in Financial and/or Emotional Distress**

God has called many agencies, charities, and other service providers to come to the aid of those in all kinds of trouble. Here are some ways to find sources of help that may apply to your situation:

**Sask-2-1-1:** Many sources of aid in many categories are listed. If the list seems overwhelming, you can speak with someone by phone or web chat. [Sk.211.ca](http://Sk.211.ca) / phone 2-1-1.

**Mobile Crisis:** Helps with immediate physical (food, shelter, etc.), financial, emotional, and domestic emergencies. [www.mobilecrisis.ca](http://www.mobilecrisis.ca) / 306-757-0127.

**For federal and provincial government benefits,** see [benefitsfinder.services.gc.ca](http://benefitsfinder.services.gc.ca) and [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca) (click on "COVID-19 Financial assistance") / call 1-800-O Canada (1-800-622-6232). Note, the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) program has been replaced by the Canada Response Benefit (CRB) and other programs.

**Saskatchewan Income Support and related:** see [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/financial-help](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/financial-help).

(see next page.)

**For Those in Financial and/or Emotional Distress, continued...**

**To access government and charity web sites if you don't have Internet:** Regina Public Library locations have computers that library card holders can use. If you don't have a library card, you can get one quickly at any location (bring ID and proof of address).

**Of Special Mention:**

**Visitation House:** A Catholic charity that supports women and children with counselling and various basic needs; phone for details, 306-352-0016.

**The Marian Centre:** A Catholic charity for men in need that serves free lunches Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; often clothing and hygiene products are available too; 306-757-0073.

**Particularly recommended by the City of Regina,** [www.regina.ca/home-property/safety-emergencies/emergency-preparedness/covid-19/community-partners](http://www.regina.ca/home-property/safety-emergencies/emergency-preparedness/covid-19/community-partners): **Regina Food Bank**, 306-791-6533; **Salvation Army**, 306-757-4600; **City of Regina/critical food services**, 306-777-7000; **for critical poverty, a Provincial Client Service Centre**, 1-866-221-5200.

**The Archdiocese of Regina Outreach / Samaritan Project:** We think this is still running, though our calls go to voicemail. From [archregina.sk.ca/archregina-outreach](http://archregina.sk.ca/archregina-outreach): "If you need groceries or essential items but are ill, immobile or quarantined and so not able to leave the house AT ALL (noting that NONE of us should be leaving more than absolutely necessary!) please contact us and we will set you up with a volunteer who can help. Please also contact us if you live alone and are feeling lonely and isolated." [outreach@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:outreach@archregina.sk.ca) / 306-541-3086.

Note – most places that normally receive people who need help now prefer or require appointments and/or now operate differently to achieve social distancing and minimize contact.

**Please join in praying the Regina Pro-Life Association's  
Respect for Life Novena, Jan 21-29.**



Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in Your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your hands and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Concluding Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and a Glory Be.

| Jan. 9-Feb. 5 Special Mass Intentions |                     |   | 17 Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m. All parishioners /available         | 28 Th 9:00 a.m. available                           |
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| Date                                  | Day/Time            | Intention                               | 19 Tu 6:00 p.m. †Nina Grudnizki                            | 29 Fri 9:00 a.m. available                          |
| 9                                     | Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.  | Mark Gabriel / †Nina Grudnizki          | 20 We 9:00 a.m. †Ursula Flynn                              | 30 Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m. †Louis Hompoth                |
| 10                                    | Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m. | All parishioners / Dick and Joanne      | 21 Th 9:00 a.m. †Fred Myers                                | 31 Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m. All parishioners / available |
| 12                                    | Tu 6:00 p.m.        | †Ursula Flynn                           | 22 Fri 9:00 a.m. †Jakov Simic                              | 2 Tu 6:00 p.m. available                            |
| 13                                    | We 9:00 a.m.        | Richard Shanner                         | 23 Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m. †Lee Schnell                         | 3 We 9:00 a.m. †Ning Leung                          |
| 14                                    | Th 9:00 a.m.        | †Muriel Moore                           | 24 Su 9:30, 11:00 a.m. All parishioners / †Hanz Jacob Fabi | 4 Th 9:00 a.m. Kean Seno                            |
| 15                                    | Fri 9:00 a.m.       | †Lee Schnell                            | 26 Tu 6:00 p.m. †Catherine Pflieger                        | 5 Fri 9:00 a.m. available                           |
| 16                                    | Sa 4:30, 6:00 p.m.  | †Ursula Flynn / †Wadel family relatives | 27 We 9:00 a.m. available                                  |   |

- **Anointing of the Sick:** If someone in the hospital needs anointing, please contact the hospital chaplains: **Pasqua**, 306-519-1380. **Wascana**, 306-530-6511. **General**, 306-519-1405. For outside the hospital, please see the front of the bulletin.
- **To donate** to our parish if you aren't attending Mass yet: • For **pre-authorized debit, Interac e-transfer, or credit card**, see [archregina.sk.ca/giving](http://archregina.sk.ca/giving). • By **phone**: call Deacon Barry Wood at 306-519-8997. • **Mail** donation envelopes to our parish.
- **Please refrain from wearing scents** when you come to church, because some parishioners have allergic reactions to them.