



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

*Come as you are and you will be loved; Together we will share all that we have and are:
A dynamic, Spirit-fueled faith community living out the Gospel by serving God's people.*

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2013

Deacon John Vallely



It's amazing how time flies, isn't it? It's not just that we've already reached the middle of January with our Christmas

festivities just a distant memory and our New Year's resolutions likely already in tatters! In less than three weeks, our Gospel readings have taken us from the birth of our Saviour in Bethlehem, through his infancy and childhood in Nazareth, to the adult Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River today, by John the Baptist, and being affirmed as God's Son by his heavenly Father.

While the Church considers the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord to be the closing celebration of the Liturgical Year's Christmas cycle, this event, in fact, marks, not so much the end of Jesus' "hidden life" but, rather the beginning of his public ministry. In each of the Gospels of Luke, Mark and Matthew, Jesus' baptism is followed immediately by the Spirit leading him out into the desert to be tempted by the devil, after which he begins to proclaim the Good News in Galilee.

John's Gospel, too, generally follows this pattern but omits the encounter with the devil.

Because most of us have been baptized as infants, it can be difficult for us to appreciate the connection between our baptism and the adult life of faith to which we are called. At his adult baptism, Jesus heard the voice of his Father, directly claiming him as his beloved. That certainty allowed him to withstand the devil's enticements and sustained him throughout his ministry. At our infant baptism, we aren't able to hear our heavenly Father's words, but God claims us too as his adopted daughters and sons. We have to come to our understanding that we are God's beloved, indirectly through our parents, godparents and those responsible for our religious upbringing. If we do not develop this appreciation that we are loved and lovable, then we will never be able to experience the joy and peace that can only flow from love, nurtured by hope.

As baptized Christians, we are truly joined to the person and the mission of Jesus. We are called to be agents of God's Holy Spirit, speaking God's word to those in

need. Who do we know, adult or child who has been unable to hear God's voice, claiming them as his beloved? Who, beginning with ourselves needs to hear from God, through us, "*You are my child, the beloved; with you I am well pleased.*"



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Sunday Eucharist: Saturday: 5:00 pm,
Sunday: 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am and 6:30pm Life Teen

Weekday Eucharist:

Tues, Wed & Fri: 10:00am; Thurs: 7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Saturday, 11-12 noon

Anointing of the Sick First Wednesday & Thursday of
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Baptism Please contact the office in advance as there
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Readings for next Sunday, January 20, 2013

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

Psalms: Psalm 96. 1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10ac (R.3)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

Gospel: John 2.1-2



Holy Family Seniors - A New Year has begun and so will our new undertaking. Everyone of us is on the journey to go to our eternal home. We will read the book: *'Embracing the End of Life' Help for Those who accompany the Dying.* Some titles of the chapters are: A Culture in

Denial; Care and Compassion; Meaning and Purpose; and Letting Go. After each chapter, there is time for reflections and questions. Our meeting is this **Monday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m.** at the Seniors' Activity Centre, 190 Cherryhill Circle. (Entrance door is at the west side of the building). As always, every senior is welcome.



Knights of Columbus, Roast Beef Dinner, Friday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available after all the Masses on January 12/13 and

January 19/20 or contact George Champagne at 519-641-4280 no later than Tuesday, January 22nd.



Pennies For Heaven Campaign Please bring in your unused pennies before they go out of style on February 4, 2013. **Help our Knights of Columbus to support our northern dioceses through the Catholic Missions in Canada.** Let's fill those jugs that you will see at each of our church entrances, during January, with "unwanted pennies".



Walk to Jerusalem - Are you walking to Jerusalem with the more than 180 of us who began on January 7th? If you haven't already signed up, contact me by sending an email to Heather Cushing at hcushing@dol.ca. We need you to help complete our journey by Easter!

A Special Thank You to the doctors, ushers, staff and parishioners who aided and prayed for us as Fred was taken to the hospital Sunday morning during the 9 a.m. Mass. He was home that afternoon and is resting well. Both Fred & I really appreciate your concern and prayers.

Fred & Aileen Martin

*Thank You For
Your Prayers*



A Message from Fr. Murray Watson

Dear friends and colleagues,

As you know, I have been on leave from my duties at the Seminary for the past six months. I took that leave with the Bishop's blessing to consider and pray about my vocation as a priest of the Church. After much thought and prayer I have come to the decision that I can no longer remain in the Priesthood.

I have been blessed over the years since my ordination with many opportunities to study, to serve and so importantly, to form lasting friendships with my fellow priests, my students and the many friends I have met along the way. Those blessings received and opportunities given have made this decision such a difficult one but I must choose the path that is right for me and indeed the path that I believe God intends for me. It is my hope that I may use the gifts I have been given to continue to serve as a lay person.

I am so grateful to my family, my friends and my brother priests who have given me their time, their support and their prayers during this difficult time. I am particularly grateful to the Bishop for his kindness, patience and understanding during this period of prayer and contemplation. I ask him and all of you for your prayers as I embark on a new and unfamiliar path.

Fr. Murray Watson

A Message from Bishop Fabbro

(This is part of Bishop Fabbro's response to Fr. Murray's letter.)

After considerable prayer and discernment, and after discussions with me, Father Murray Watson has, for personal reasons, made the painful decision to leave active priestly ministry.

We are grateful to Father Murray for his years of priestly service to parishes and institutions in our diocese, and we ask God's blessings and guidance for him as he seeks to use his gifts in a new path of service. Father Murray asks for our prayers and for understanding of this difficult decision, and is deeply grateful to all those who have supported and worked alongside him in his 17 years of ordained ministry.

I thank all who have assisted Father Murray in this journey of reflection and prayer.

*Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London*



***"The Lord will bless
his people with peace."
Psalm 29.11b***

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Mass Schedule for January 15th - 18th		
Tues., Jan. 15	10:00 a.m.	Patrick Doyle Genowifa Amszej Elizabeth Rothwell
Wed., Jan. 16	10:00 a.m.	Dave Williams Lawrence Weekes Sheila Kazarian
Thurs., Jan. 17	10:30 a.m.	Mass at Chelsey Park John Maksymyk Dorothy Szabo Living & Deceased Members of the Mrak & Pus Families
	7:00 p.m.	Dominic Furfaro Int'n of Robert Wink Liesolotte Schroeder
Fri., Jan. 18	10:00 a.m.	Margaret Flanagan Kate Ganter Living & Deceased Members of the Giesen Family

Offertory Collection - December 22nd /23rd

Offertory envelopes	\$ 19, 176.00
Offertory - loose	\$ 1,124.47
Number of envelope users	713
Average Offertory	\$ 26.89

Offertory Collection - Christmas 2012

Offertory envelopes & PAP	\$ 39, 590.50
Offertory - loose	\$ 5, 536.50

Offertory Collection - December 29th/30th

Offertory envelopes	\$ 17, 086.75
Offertory - loose	\$ 893.50
Number of envelope users	643
Average Offertory	\$ 26.57

Thank you for your support



2012-2013 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are still available in the narthex or the parish office at \$4.00/each.

2013 Offertory Envelopes are now available in the narthex. If you are presently not using envelopes and wish to start or you wish to use automatic withdrawal, please contact Sheila at the parish office ext. 222.



J.K. & S.K. Registration for the schools within the London District Catholic School Board is being held **from January 21st to February 1st**, for children who will reach the age of 4 by December 31, 2013. Please call your designated school for an appointment or further information.



Coming up this Week: January 14th - 20th

Monday, January 14

1:00 p.m.: Quilter's Group - Marian Room
1:30 p.m.: Prayer Shawl Ministry - St. Pius X Room
7:00 p.m.: Contemporary Choir - Church
7:00 p.m.: Prayer Shawl Ministry - St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, January 15

10:30 a.m.: Cenacle Prayer Group - Church
10:30 a.m.: Hope Comforters - Blue Room
5:15 p.m.: Campaign Committee - St. Joseph Room
7:00 p.m.: C.W.L. Meeting - Blue Room
7:00 p.m.: Life Teen Band - Church

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 a.m.: Ontario Early Years - Hall
1:00 p.m.: Cards - Marian Room
6:30 p.m.: Whole family Wednesday - Hall
7:30 p.m.: R.C.I.A. - Marian Room
7:45 p.m.: Family Mass Singers - Church

Thursday, January 17

9:30 a.m.: Spiritual Vitality - Marian Room
7:30 p.m.: S.S.V.P. Youth Bagged Lunches - Marian Room
7:30 p.m.: Women of Grace - Blue Room
7:45 p.m.: Traditional Choir Practice - Church

Friday, January 18

3:00 p.m.: Divine Mercy - Church

Saturday, January 19

9:30 a.m.: Children's Choir Practice - Church
11:00 a.m.- 12 noon: Confessions - Church
1:00 p.m.: Social Justice - St. Pius X Room

Sunday, January 20

9:00 a.m.: Children's Church - Hall
12:30 p.m.: COR Upfront Meeting - Marian Room
7:30 p.m.: Life Night - Hall

CALLED BY NAME



- a program to promote
vocations to the priesthood will begin in our parish in
two weeks. Let us pray for vocations.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Compassionate Heart of Jesus,
graciously listen to our prayers.
Give us generous hearts
to respond to your call in our lives.
Lift up courageous men
willing to follow after your heart
as priests.
Help parents and teachers to share the
faith and to encourage young men
to explore priestly vocations.
Guide all people, Lord, in your ways
of compassion, truth, and peace,
that we may find happiness
in fulfilling our vocation.
Amen.