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## **Baptism Of The Lord**

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 janvier

Baptême du Seigneur



## **Welcoming New Parishioners:**

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

## **Sunday Masses:**

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

## **Weekday Liturgies:**

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

## **Baptism:**

Usually any Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

## **Marriage/Wedding:**

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

## **Sacrament of the Sick:**

Please contact the Parish Office. In urgent cases please call a priest.

## Focus of the Sunday Readings

*The fullness of God's Spirit was upon Jesus.*

The Spirit of God moved and worked in the lives of prophets and saints. But the fullness of God's Spirit rested upon his son, Jesus. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in the life of Jesus. When we open our lives to Jesus, we receive the same Spirit that strengthened and sustained Jesus during his life and ministry.

Isiah prophesies that God will send his servant, the one on whom God's Spirit will rest. In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter confirms that God's Spirit was upon Jesus at his baptism. A voice from heaven declared that Jesus was God's beloved son, in whom he was well pleased.

### Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the divine Son.

Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God.

Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969 we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, and on the following Sunday. All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority and the power of Jesus.

In today's calendar the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the wedding at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In the United States (*and in Canada*) we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holy day of obligation, it is celebrated on Jan. 6. In the United States (*and Canada*), the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany.

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**Mary's Veil** Mary's Veil is a moving, musical production that explores and chronicles the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Through the 23 musical numbers of this original production, the audience connects with Mary as she grows from child, to wife, and mother. Songs are performed by the St. Peter's parish choir from Villeneuve. Mary's Veil will show at the Arden Theatre, St. Albert, on January 30 and 31 and February 1, 2015. General Admission \$25. Tickets available by calling the Arden (780-459-1542). Discounts for groups of 20 or more available by calling Ryan (780-419-2500). For more information see [www.sandrabrenneis.com](http://www.sandrabrenneis.com)



## Ordinary Time

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

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## **SAINT ANTHONY**, The ABBOT - *January 17, Patron of: Gravediggers*

ANTHONY was born in the year 251 in Egypt. Our Lord spoke to him saying: "If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell, what thou hast, and give to the poor.

He gave away all he had tried and stated learning how to live a holy life. He lived in the desert, where he lived the life of a hermit for many years. He devoted himself to prayer and penance. For more than twenty years Anthony was tempted by the devil, but he overcame temptation by prayer and sacrifice. Many people flocked to him for advice. He consented to guide them in holiness. He started the first monastery, so people call him the father of monastic life and the patriarch of monks.

His miracles drew so many people so he left and went into the desert again, where he lived by hard work and prayer.

In 305, Anthony founded a religious community of hermits who lived in separate cells. He died in 356 at the age of one hundred and five.

### Prayer

Lord God, You gave St. Anthony the Abbot the of grace of serving in the desert in prayer with You. Aided by his intercession, may we practice self-denial and hence always love You above all things.

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## **Knights of Columbus Christmas Hampers**

The Knights of Columbus, St. Anne Council, on behalf of St. Jean Baptiste Parish and the Morinville Food Bank, would like to Thank you for your generous support again this year.

You have helped to make a Christmas a better time for ninety five families in the Morinville area. The smiles on the faces of the young ones at the sight of the parcels of food and gifts have left a lasting impression on those who delivered the hampers. Your support is very much appreciated.

The Knights of Columbus recognize your commitment to this worthy endeavor that ensures the success of the Christmas Hamper Project. Therefore it is with sincere gratitude that we wish you the peace, love and joy of the Christ Child in 2015.

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## **Reflection Books**

There are some Word Among Us reflection books for January to February 17<sup>th</sup>. They are available at the back of the church Please feel free to take a copy.

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Jan 10 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	RIP Ted – Marge & Family	Baptism Of The Lord
Jan 11 Sun - dim	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	RIP Priscilla Houle – Adrien & Family	
Jan 13 Tues - mar	8:30 am	RIP Armand Tailleur – Family	
Jan 14 Wed - mer	10:00 am 7:00 pm	(Lodge) Living & Deceased members of the LaBrie & Leduc Family – Yvonne Leduc (Church) RIP Anthony & Harmon McKale – Mckale Family	
Jan 15 Thurs - jeu	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Cecile Demers – Family & Friends	
Jan 16 Fri - ven	8:30 am	RIP Normand Boissonneault – Family	
Jan 17 Sat - sam	5:00 pm	For Parishioners	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 18 Sun - dim	9:00 am	Deceased members of our parish - Parishioner	
	11:00 am	RIP Laurent Jubinville – Bob & Elaine Craig	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...** Carol Jean, Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Link Byfield, Louise B. all those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world.



*We welcome to God's family*

**Abram John Lutz**, son of Wayne & Katherine

Baptized on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Kai Robert Andre Chabot**, son of Jerome & Shannon

Baptized on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015



**Calendars 2015** There are some calendars at the back of the church from the funeral home in French. Feel free to take a calendar home.



**CWL NEWS** The CWL 2015 memberships are currently due the membership fee is \$25.00 please put the envelope in the collection basket and **mark the envelope CWL** or you can drop the envelope off at the Parish office.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES    January 4<sup>th</sup> – \$ 3,877.50    Restoration \$ 483.00    THANK YOU! MERCI!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dust Angels</b>	- Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 8:00 am	- Church
<b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>	- Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 6:30 pm	- Office Boardroom
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	- Jan 13 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 4:00 pm	- Office Boardroom