

JANUARY 13, 2019 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Dear Parishioners,

Today we conclude the Christmas Season with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord in which is revealed the divine sonship of Christ. We hear the Father Himself proclaim of Jesus: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased". Pope Saint John Paul II, commenting on the sacrament of Baptism, stated that the same words the Heavenly Father spoke of His Son Jesus at His Baptism He also speaks of every person at their Baptism. What a wonderful dignity has been bestowed on us through Christ! St. Paul described the Church as a body, where Christ is the head and each of the baptized form a member or part of that body. This means that each of us is an integral part of the holy Roman Catholic Church founded by Christ. If we want the Church, if we want our parish to grow and to become holier, we need to consider our own participation in its life. God has blessed each of us with an abundance of gifts and talents. My invitation to you as we begin this New Year is to consider how you might use such gifts to better the life of our parish or the greater community at large. There are already many who serve our parish generously and for this we give thanks. If we would like to truly transform our parish others need to also share their gifts. Even a small token on the part of many can be transformative! May Jesus, Mary, and Joseph show us the way forward, keep us united in peace, and prosper the work of our hands in 2019.

In Christ,
Fr. Alessandro

ST. HELEN'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. A night at Studio 54 will take place on **Saturday, Feb. 23**. Raffle tickets (1 ticket -\$10; 3 tickets -\$20; CASH ONLY) will be on sale in the church foyer on Saturday and Sunday services commencing January 12 - February 10.

Prizes are:

- 1st prize- Beats Solo3 Headphones
- 2nd prize- iPad 32GB
- 3rd prize- Lenovo Notebook
- Grand prize- Sony 65" X750 FTV

ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick up your set. Thank you.

ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN LEAGUE (CWL) GENERAL MEETING will be on Wednesday, January 16th, 7pm in the Church Basement. All women are welcome.

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL will be hosting an **Open House** on Thursday, January 17th at 6:00 PM. Learn more about the many great programs and facilities Notre Dame has to offer! 2019 Placement Exam will be on Friday, January 19th at 11:30 AM at Notre Dame.



HOST AND WINE donated for
This weekend Masses for loving memory of
Alessandro Censorio, Gift of Family

If you are interested in donating the Host and Wine in memory of a dear one please contact the office, 604-298-4144. Donations are tax deductible.

SUNDAY COLLECTION (WEEKLY GOAL \$12,000.00)			
Date	Envelopes	Loose	Total
January 6	\$10,668.00	\$ 526.00	\$ 11,194.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>			

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK. Please support **BOSAFOODS**, one of the sponsors who bring to you this weekly Parish Bulletin!

CHURCH CLEANING – JAN. – TEAM 5 – Lina, 604-293-2277

COFFEE HOUR – Jan. 20 – CWL – Christine, 604-436-0169

THE WALL OF FAITH offers a memorable and lasting gift that should be considered for funerals and it is tax deductible. If the family of the deceased person requests a memorial donation to St. Helen's Parish on the occasion of the Funeral Mass in lieu of flowers, deceased's name will be written on the Wall of Faith. Display is in a prominent location in the lobby of the church. For more information and donations, please contact parish office.

"Their names are written in heaven"

We Pray For

Saturday, January 12 [Christmas Weekday]

- 9:00 am - † Antonio & Mariangela Colapinto & Fam., † Ramon B. Natino
- 4:00 pm - † Francesco Renzullo, † Anthony Grippo, † Douglas Renwick
- † Mario Corrado, † Mike Barile, † Alessandro Censorio

Sunday, January 13 [THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD]

- 8:30 am - † Francesco Santini, † Dec. of Tesan Fam., † Bert Laakman
- † Mary & Arthur Galant, † Rob Kozak, † Manville Flynn
- † Elisabet Potscher
- 10:00 am - † Nicolina Marini, † Domenico & Donata Cibelli
- † Dec. of Campanile & Spinelli Fam., † Gianfranco Giammaria
- 11:30 am - † Stan Shaw, † Ana Caloca Lopez, Spec. Int. for Gloria
- † Rafaele, Francesca & Dina Pironaggi, † Maria Schulz
- † Marek Dobrzansky

7:30 pm - Our Parishioners

Monday, January 14 [Weekday]

- 7:45 am - † Adam Dewitt, † Mary Nezil

Tuesday, January 15 [Weekday]

- 7:45 am - † Patrick Jordan, † Ellen Martin

Wednesday, January 16 [Weekday]

- 7:45 am - † Annette Morrissette, † Dr. Joseph Sochowski

Thursday, January 17 [St. Anthony, Abbot]

- 7:45 am - † Archbishop James Carney, † Dr. Romeo Swarock

Friday, January 18 [Weekday]

- 7:45 am - † Bev Radtke, † All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 19 [Weekday]

- 9:00 am - Special Intention for David Rezmer
- Special Intention for Costanza Colapinto

4:00 pm - † Rita Boivin

Sunday, January 20 [SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME]

- 8:30 am - † Rose & Gabriel Johnson, † Gerard Carpenter
- 10:00 am - † Paola & Alessandro Peretto, † Sergio & Elio Infanti
- † Marcella Carniel, † Gianni Pastro, † Giuseppe Paletta
- 11:30 am - † Baldino Friscioni, † Gloria Lopez, † Arrigo DallaTina
- 7:30 pm - Our Parishioners

GENNAIO 13, 2019 BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE

“UNA VOCE DAL CIELO:”TU SEI IL FIGLIO MIO, L’AMATO”

La parola “battesimo” è un termine greco che significa “immersione”. Vi erano delle immersioni proposte dai profeti per significare la purificazione e il cambiamento di vita ed è ciò che il Battista proponeva al popolo che lo seguiva. Il Signore Gesù non aveva bisogno di essere battezzato, lui che non conosceva il peccato, ma compie un gesto profetico: l’immersione che prefigura la sua morte e l’emersione che annuncia la sua risurrezione. Mentre è in preghiera dopo questo lavacro ecco che il cielo si apre e la presenza dello Spirito Santo ratifica la sua identità di figlio amato dal Padre.

E quanto avviene nella Cresima, in cui lo Spirito dimora in noi con l’unzione del crisma e ci conferma di essere i figli amati del Padre. Si realizza così la consolazione del profeta (I lettura) e la manifestazione della gloria descritta da san Paolo (II Lettura). Gustiamoci i sacramenti che si uniscono al Salvatore ;il Battesimo ci immerge in Lui, la Cresima ci porta il profumo dell’amore trinitario, ‘Eucharistia ci nutre del mistero pasquale di Cristo morto e risorto.

Elide Siviero

LEGA DELLE DONNE CATTOLICHE (CWL). La riunione generale sarà il mercoledì, 16 di gennaio alle 7:00pm, nel sottosuolo della chiesa. Tutte le donne sono benvenute.



SE VOLETE OFFRIRE IL PANE E IL VINO da usare durante tutte le Sante Messe della settimana a ricordo dei propri cari, per favore chiamate l’ufficio parrocchiale.

PANELLO DELLA FEDE e una opportunità per fare un dono memorabile per i nostri cari defunti. L’offerta fatta può essere dichiarata nelle tasse. Se la famiglia del defunto, per occasione della Messa di Funerale, richiede ai partecipanti “donazione a S. Elena” al posto di fiori, allora il nome del deceduto verrà aggiunto al Pannello della Fede. Pannello e preminentemente installato all’entrata della Chiesa. Per informazioni o offerte chiamate l’ufficio parrocchiale.

“I loro nomi sono scritti nei cieli”

LE BUSTE PER IL 2019 SONO DISPONIBILI ALL’ENTRATA DELLA CHIESA. PER FAVORE RACCOGLIETELE.