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Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord not only begins Jesus' public ministry it is another manifestation announcing his divinity to all.

Jesus did not go to John the Baptist to repent of his sins as others had. Jesus was born without sin and did not need to be baptized. In humility, he welcomes his baptism as an example for the rest of us and a sign of his true identity. Jesus' baptism is a way in which the Father introduced his Son and his Son's mission to the world.



"Dearly Beloved, each word and deed of Our Saviour Jesus Christ is for us a lesson in virtue and piety.

For this end also did He assumed our nature, so that every man and every woman, contemplating as in a picture the practice of all virtue and piety, might strive with all their hearts to imitate His example.

For this He bore our body, so that as far as we could, we might repeat within us, the manner of His life.

And so, therefore, when you hear mention of some word or deed of His, take care not to receive it simply as something that incidentally happened but raise your mind upwards towards the sublimity of what He is teaching and strive to see what has been mystically handed down to us"

St Basil the Great (329-379)
Father & Doctor of the Church

COVID-19 Update

The entire province of Manitoba continues to be under Code Red Alert until at least January 8, 2021. Please be advised that there can be NO gatherings of any size for weekday or Sunday Masses.

If you need to get in touch with the parish: please contact the office and leave a message, or email Sister Maria at cicarellim@shaw.ca, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Let us continue to pray for each other and for our province, country and world during this time of pandemic.

May Jesus & Mary enfold you and your families with peace, joy and love.

Livestreaming of the Diocesan Sunday Masses

Archbishop Albert LeGatt invites you to participate, in as much as possible, in Sunday Mass live, while it is being celebrated. The simultaneousness of our prayers and songs, no matter where we are, represents an active participation in that particular moment of prayer and gathering.

Sundays: In English at **10:30 a.m.**

The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadians: youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HIRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live or on the Diocese's Facebook page at facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live.

Television Masses

While you are unable to attend Mass in person during this time, daily TV Mass can continue to be a source of faith, connection and comfort. Masses are available on Vision TV, Salt and Light TV, and EWTN.

Condolences

We regret to inform you that two of our beloved parishioners, Dorothy Renkewitz and Robert Koblanski, passed away on December 25 and December 27 respectively.

Please pray in a special way for Dorothy and Robert that they may now enjoy the fullness of light in God's loving presence...and for consolation and peace for their families during this difficult time of loss.

Eternal rest grant unto Dorothy and Robert, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

2021 Offering Envelopes

Thank you to all of you for your continued financial support of our parish during this challenging time.

Just a reminder that if you have not already picked up your 2021 offering envelopes, they can be picked up at the church during office hours. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, kindly let us know.

Just a reminder to use your 2021 envelopes when making offerings as the envelope numbers have changed from 2020.

COVID-19 Vaccines

Moral Questions and Principles

Is it OK for a Catholic to be vaccinated against COVID-19? The short answer is: yes, it is. Yet there are many reasons to ask this question.

The moral issue arises from the fact that vaccine development and testing often make use of cell lines derived from either the tissue of aborted fetuses or destroyed human embryos.

We invite you to explore some resources that can help us all reflect and deepen our understanding of Catholic bioethics, as well as pray for the application of the best medical practices in fighting COVID-19!

To read, please visit:

<https://www.archsaintboniface.ca/media/Nouvelles-hebdomadaires-Weekly-News-photos-docs/2021/Vaccines-ENG.pdf>

Free Virtual Catholic Bible Conference January 8-10, 2021

Want to get more out of the Bible as a Catholic, but don't know where to start? This free conference will give Catholics simple and practical tools to open the Bible and hear God's unique message, just for them.

Join dozens of incredible Catholic Bible experts who will give you the tools you need to experience the fullness of the Bible. Learn a few simple insights and skills that will allow you to discover the exciting truth that this Word is alive, and you'll never look at Scripture the same way again.

Please visit: go.virtualcatholicconference.com/bible2021 to register for free.



**Please pray for the sick,
their families and their caregivers**

Sacraments

Baptism: Please email Sister Maria or call the office.

Marriage: Please call the office one year in advance.



How to Donate to your Parish

1. We strongly encourage signing up for direct deposit, especially during this time of pandemic. To sign up for direct deposit please contact the office at 204-669-0501 or finance@hrwpg.ca.
2. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
3. Donations may be sent in by mail.
4. Donations may be dropped off in the mailbox Tuesday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We recommend that donations not be dropped off in the mailbox evenings and weekends for security reasons.
5. Parishioners may donate through the Archdiocesan website using your credit card (not the preferred method as there is a 3% fee that our parish incurs).

Thank you for your continued generosity during this challenging time of pandemic.



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Although we have no Masses at this time, please continue to pray for all of our parishioners and for an end to this pandemic.

Feasts for January 10 – 17 2021

Sunday Jan 10 **Baptism of the Lord**
Tuesday Jan 12 **Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys**
Sunday Jan 17 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

Marguerite was born in France in 1620 and in 1653 crossed the Atlantic to Ville-Marie, present day Montreal. Marguerite was instrumental in establishing the city and is known as the "Mother of the Colony." She founded The Congregation of Notre Dame de Montreal. The sisters would offer education and perform the works of mercy across the territory known as New France. She died in 1700 and was canonized in 1982. She is a patron saint of poor people.



St. Boniface Diocesan High School Virtual Open House – February 3, 2021

Please join us virtually on February 3, 2021 at 7:30 PM for our annual open house in preparation for the 2021-22 school year. Hear about our school, and community, and meet the teachers.

Book your tickets through Eventbrite by going to:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-boniface-diocesan-high-school-virtual-open-house-tickets-122562815681?aff=ebdssbeac>

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Pope Francis' Monthly Intention For January 2021 Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.