

BAPTISM OF THE LORD**January 9, 2022**

THERE'S NOTHING ORDINARY ABOUT ORDINARY TIME. Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is part of the Great Epiphany of Christmas. With the words, "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," the Father in heaven acknowledges Jesus, the Son of Mary to be his own Son. Once again, the two natures of Christ, his divinity and humanity are revealed to us in the person of Jesus. This is all part of the divine revelation of our Messiah. The Baptism of the Lord and the Epiphany of Jesus to the Magi were observed as one solemn epiphany in the Early Church. The remnants of this connectedness are reflected in the Antiphon for the Canticle of Mary for Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Three Kings: "Three mysteries mark this holy day. Today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast. Today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation."

With today's feast day of the Baptism of the Lord, we once again enter into Ordinary Time, which continues until Tuesday, March 1st, the day before Ash Wednesday. But it is not a return to ordinariness. It is a time to reawaken the extraordinary call we have through Baptism to share in the work of our Savior through a deepening of our faith and our commitment to good works in Christ's Holy Name. Just as in Baptism the water, the oil, the light are not just ordinary symbols, but life-giving, life-changing channels of holiness that wash away sin, mark us permanently as members of Christ's Body and enlighten us with grace, so also this is an extraordinary time for us to live our Baptism as beloved sons and daughters of God, bringing light to a world in darkness, hope to a people overcome by fear, God's love and peace to a world marked with selfishness. Ordinary Time? Not for us who accept our call to bring Christ to our world!

POSTPONEMENT OF EVENTS. St. Mary Slovenian School Benefit Dinner scheduled for January 16th will be postponed to Sunday, March 13, 2022. Also postponed is the annual Pristavska Noč sponsored by Slovenska Pristava, which was scheduled for Saturday, January 22nd. More information will follow for these events.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS. Because nearly a third of our parishioners do not pick up a copy of their contribution statements, this year we will only prepare statements for those who wish to receive them. Statements will be ready by the end of January. If you wish a statement, please fill out the form below.

Yes, I wish to receive a copy of my contributions for the year 2021 to St. Mary Church.

NAME: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____

Last Sunday's Offering: \$3,630**New Year's Day: \$1,887**

Church Needs: \$50 in memory of Agnes Valencic from Josephine Sovich; \$100 in memory of Julia Omahen from Jože Omahen; \$50 in memory of Marija Lavrishka from Jože Omahen; \$50 in memory of Dr. Edi Gobec from Jože Omahen.

The Following in Memory of Ignatius Omahen: \$25 from Elaine Peskar; \$50 from Mira Kosem, \$25 from Florian & Pat Osredkar, \$25 from Milena Gobetz, \$25 from Mari Celestina, \$20 from Matija & Nežka Golobič, \$20 from Victor Stepec, \$20 from Ursula Stepec, \$20 from Jože Tomc & Family; \$50 from Bob & Sue Frederico

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS: \$2,000.21 anonymous; \$1,250 anonymous; \$200 Greg & Cathy Clack; \$200 M/M David Hocevar; \$200 Anne Nemeč; \$200 James Omahen; \$200 Joseph Omahen; \$100 Mrs. Ignatius Omahen; \$100 Mrs. Eleaine Peskar; \$50 Ethel Barbish; \$50 Vanessa Ezell; \$50 Majda Grcar; \$50 Antonia Švigelj; \$50 M/M Lawrence Young; \$150 from Christopher Russ; \$100 from Marianna Vege; \$200 from Josephine Kastigar; \$125 from Dorothy Griff; \$50 from John Koren

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS: \$750 from St. Mary Court #1640, Catholic Order of Foresters; \$100 from Michael & Debra Mayernik; \$300 from Mirko & Maria Kristanc; \$50 from Catherine Ball; \$100 from Cyril & Audrey Zupan

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

SUNG LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Today on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, as we bring to a close the Christmas Season, we beseech the prayerful support of the Most Holy Mother of God with the Slovenian Sung Litany of Mary, immediately after today's 10:00 a.m. Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS. After last Sunday's Holy Hour, members of our Altar Society enjoyed their Christmas Party, the first since the beginning of the pandemic. During the meeting, election of officers was held. New officers are the following: President, Maria Marsic; Vice-President, Vera Marsic; Treasurer, Marjanca Tominc; Corresponding Secretary, Joanna Pope; Recording Secretary, Cathy Clack. Our congratulations to our new officers and our gratitude and appreciation for the officers who have completed their term.

ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE, sponsored by St. Mary Holy Name Society will be on Saturday, February 5th in the parish hall. Dinner and Mainboard tickets are \$60, extra dinner tickets are \$40. Music by Joey Tomsick. There will be Side Boards and Open Bar. For tickets, please contact the rectory office at 216-761-7740 or Bob Frederico at 216-387-5773 or Art Cafardi at 440-655-8039.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

O Bless the Lord, my soul.

Masses for the Week of January 10-16, 2022

Monday:	(1/10) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Karl Zajec (Family)
Tuesday:	(1/11) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Stanley Kebe (30 Day)
Wednesday:	(1/12) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Roy Sankovic
Thursday:	(1/13) ST. HILARY (Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
7:45 a.m.	Pavo Bohn (George Rozman)
Friday:	(1/14) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Dr. Janez Janež (Mari Celestina)
Saturday:	(1/15) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Baby Urbanija (Bothers & Sisters)
5:00 p.m.	Štefan & Vera Korošec (Mary Ann Korošec)
Sunday:	(1/16) SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Slovenska Šola
12:00 noon	Elaine Vadnal (M/M Jeff Pecon)

Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of January 15th/16th)

Friday	5:00 p.m.	Judi Ferra /Paul Lipold
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Joanna Pope/Kathleen Spilar
	10:00 a.m.	Urška Pišorn/Paul Sedmak
	12:00 noon	Laura Merkun/Marie Kushner

Please Pray for Our Sick: Kristjan Sedmak, Tom McNulty, Ted Jenda, Dušanka & Mladen Lengel, Sally Kerman, Norah Konrad, Baby Dylan Hoffert

May They Rest in God's Peace:

+Rose Miklich
 +James Corrigan



VSAKOLETNI REVERSE RAFFLE, ki ga pripravlja Društvo Najsvetejšega Imena bo v soboto, 5. februarja, v župnijski dvorani. Vstopnice za večerjo in Mainboard so \$60, za dodatno večerjo pa \$40. Za zabavo po preskrbel Joey Tomsick. Na voljo bodo tudi side boards in odprta točilnica. Za vstopnice kličite župnišče na 216-761-7740 ali Bob Frederico na 216-387-5773 ali Art Cafardi na 440-655-8039.

ODLOŽENI DOHODKI. Dobrodelno kosilo Slovenske Šole pri Mariji vnebovzeti, načrtovana za 16. januarja, bo predstavljena na nedeljo, 13. marca 2022. Prestavljena je tudi vsakoletna Pristavska noč pod pokroviteljstvom Slovenske pristave, ki je bila na sporedu za soboto, 22. januarja. Več informacij o teh dogodkih sledi.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
Slavi, moja duša, Gospoda.

PRAZNIK JEZUSOVEGA KRSTA

NIČ NI NAVADNEGA V NAVADNEM ČASU. Današnji praznik Gospodovega Krsta je del velikega Razglašenja Božiča. Z besedami: "Ti si moj ljubljeni Sin, nad teboj imam veselje," Oče v nebesih prizna Jezusa, Sina Marije, da je njegov Sin. Spet sta dve naravi Kristusa, njegovo božanstvo in človečnost, nam razodete v osebi Jezusa. Vse to je del božanskega razodetja našega Mesije. V zgodnji Cerkvi sta bila Gospodov krst in razodetje Jezusa modrim praznovana kot eno slovesno razodetje. Ostanek te povezanosti se zrcali v odpevu za Marijin slavospev za večernice na praznik Svetih Treh Kraljev: "Tri skrivnosti zaznamujejo ta sveti dan. Danes zvezda vodi modre k detetu Kristusu; danes se voda spremeni v vino za svatbo. Danes Kristus želi biti krščen od Janeza v reki Jordan, da nam prinese odrešenje."

Z današnjim praznikom Gospodovega krsta ponovno vstopamo v navaden čas, ki se nadaljuje do torka, 1. marca, dan pred Pepelnično sredo. Toda se ne vrne v navadnost. To je čas, da se ponovno obudimo izrednemu klicu, ki ga imamo po krstu, da sodelujemo pri delu našega Odrešenika po poglobitvi naše vere in našo obveznost dobrih del v Kristusovem Svetem Imenu. Tako kot pri krstu voda, olje, luč niso samo navadni simboli, ampak poživljajoče, življenje spreminjajoče poti svetosti, ki sperejo grehe, nas za vedno zaznamujejo kot ude Kristusovega telesa in nas razsvetljujejo z milostjo, zato je tudi to izredni čas za nas, da živimo naš krst kot ljubljeni Božji sinovi in hčere, da prinašamo luč svetu v temi, upanje ljudem prevzetim od strahu, Božjo ljubezen in mir svetu, ki je zaznamovan s sebičnostjo. Navadni čas? Ne za nas, ki sprejmemo naš klic, prinašati Kristusa v naš svet!

PETE LITANIJE MATERE BOŽJE. Danes na ta praznik Gospodovega krsta, ko zaključujemo božični čas, prosimo za molitveno podporo Presvete Matere Božje s slovenskimi petimi litanijami Matere Božje, takoj po deseti maši.

NOVICE OLTARNEGA DRUŠTVA. Po sveti uri zadnjo nedeljo, so članice našega Oltarnega Društva uživale Božičnico, prvo po začetku pandemije. Med sejo so imele volitve novega odbora. Nove odbornice so: predsednica Maria Maršič; podpredsednica Vera Maršič; blagajničarka, Marjanca Tominc; tajnica Joanna Pope in zapisnikarica Cathy Clack. Čestitke našim novim odbornicam ter naša zahvala in priznanje odbornicam ki so končale svoj odnos (rok).

IZKAZI PRISPEVKOV ZA 2021. Ker skoraj tretjina naših župljanov ne poderejo kopije prispevkov, bomo letos pripravili izkaze samo za tiste, ki jih želijo prejeti. Izjave bodo pripravljene do konca januarja. Če želite izjavo, izpolnite spodnji obrazec.

Da, želim prejeti kopijo svojih prispevkov za leto 2021 od Cerkve Marije vnebovzete.

IME: _____

KUVERTNA ŠTEVILKA: _____