



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Jan. 15th:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, Jan. 16th:
7:30AM - Fr. Santos
9:00AM - Fr. Kuizon
10:30AM - Fr. Santos
12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM
Saturday: 8:00AM
U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

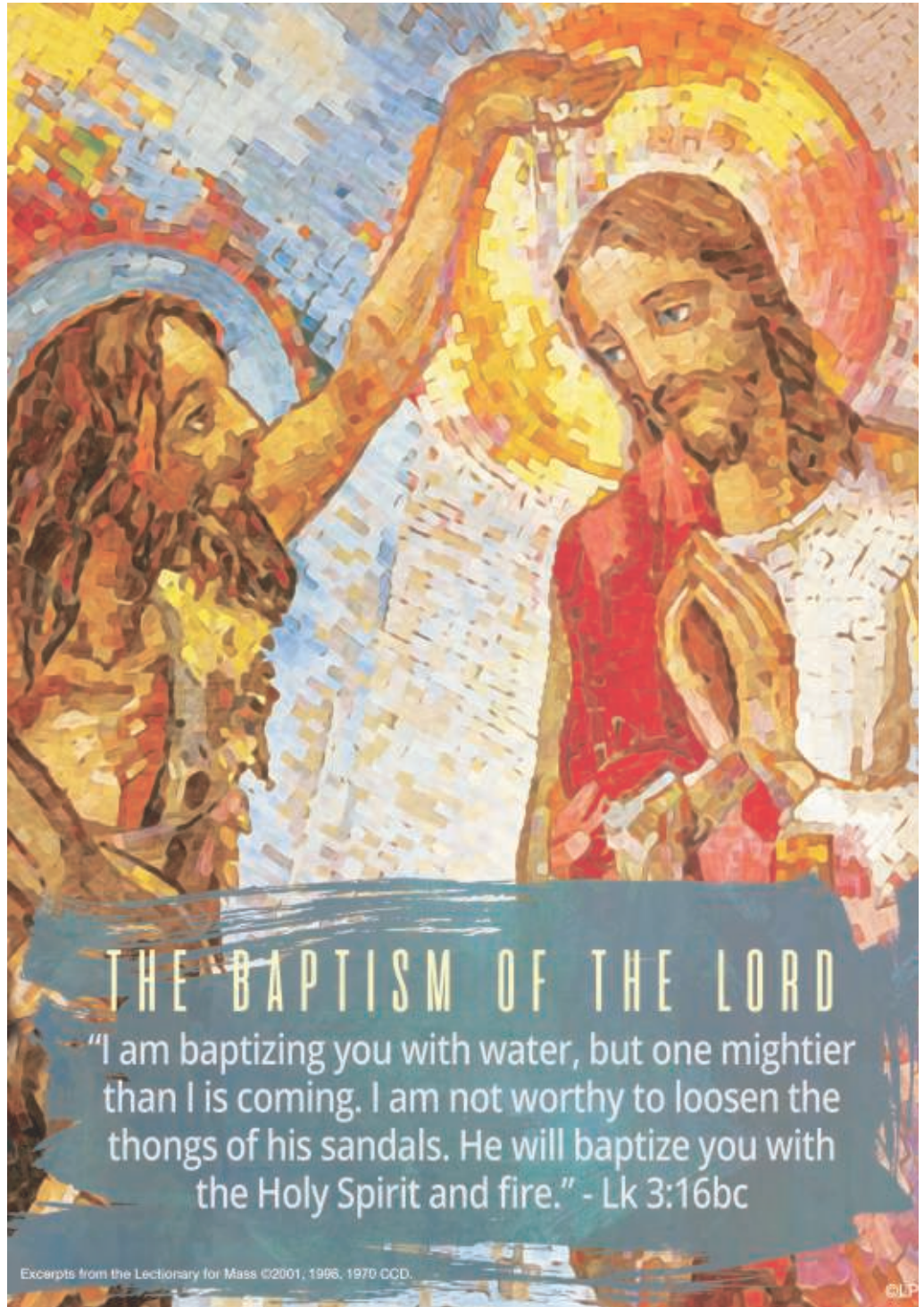
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00PM
or by Appointment;
Please call the Office.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary & Novena:
Mondays at 7:00PM
in the Church and on
Facebook Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Second Saturday of the
Month at 3:00PM



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



NEWS AND UPDATES

We have received official notice from the Springfield Board of Education that their use of the St. James School will officially end on January 15, 2022. Working with Mrs. Rachel Goldberg, Superintendent, Mr. Michael Plias, Walton Principal, and Mr. Dave Walker, Facilities Manager for Springfield Schools, has been a pleasure. The St. James community is grateful for the opportunity to temporarily lease our school. A big thanks to the teachers, staff and, most especially, the students for their presence among us these past few months. The entire Walton School community is in our prayers as they return to their school building.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The story is told about the baptism of King Aengus by St. Patrick in the middle of the fifth century. Sometime during the rite, St. Patrick leaned on his sharp-pointed staff and inadvertently stabbed the king's foot. After the baptism was over, St. Patrick looked down at all the blood realizing what he had done, he begged the king's forgiveness. "Why did you suffer this pain in silence?", the Saint wanted to know. The king replied, "I thought it was part of the ritual."

Like King Aengus, we, too, may feel limited in our own understanding of the significance of baptism.

It may be that we've witnessed or participated in a baptism, going through the motions as a parent, godparent, family member or friend. When it comes to baptism - we may not be familiar or understand how Baptism conferred, never mind what, where, and when.

This weekend, the Church provides us with an opportunity to explore the significance of the most primordial sacrament of the Church, the Sacrament of Baptism.

Friends, Baptism is about belonging to God!

To grasp the full meaning of this is to understand something really decisive about Christianity.

You see, Christianity is not primarily about becoming a good person...or doing the right thing...or having a heart of gold...because anybody – an atheist, a Muslim, a Jew, a non-believer - could be and should be a good person and possess a heart of gold. And mind you, I'm not bad-mouthing it. I hope that we're all nice people with hearts of gold. I hope we all do the right thing.

But see, none of that is distinctive to Christianity.

Christianity's primary concern is about belonging to God and living out of that space. What we do and how we act should flow from this reality!

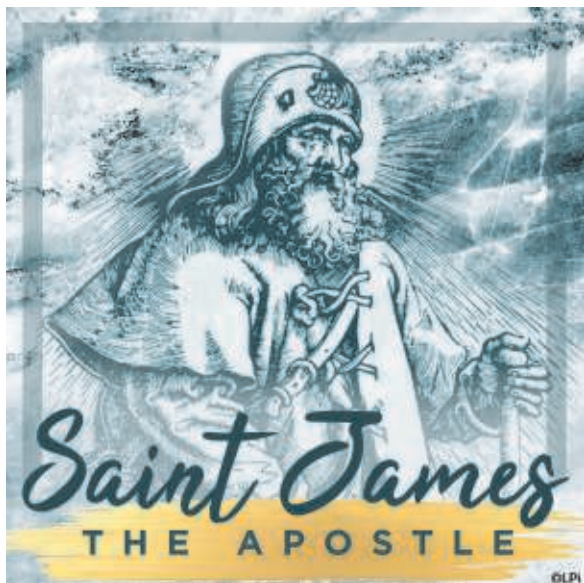
So, as we consider the gift of Baptism in our lives, think about this: To whom do you belong? To God or to the world?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Peoples of every nation, come and receive the immortality given in Baptism. . . . Do you wish to know how to do this? By water and the Holy Spirit. This is to say, by the water through which we are born again and given life, and by the Spirit who is the Comforter sent for your sake to make you a child of God. —Third-century homily

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. David". The signature is stylized and cursive.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations...

Responsorial Psalm 29

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Visit www.usccb.org to access Mass readings online.



Saint James MLK Day of Service

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, families are invited to the school gym to make no-sew blankets and emergency bags which will be donated to our local First Responders on **Sunday, January 16th immediately following the 12:00PM Mass**. First Responders will be on hand to help! (Parents must remain with their children).

Free will offerings will be accepted.

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

*Blessed are those who mourn
for they shall be comforted. Mt 5:4*

Wherever you are on your journey of grief, you don't have to travel alone. We invite you to take part in our grief support program.

Grief is unique to each person, and journeying through it can be painful, lonely, and confusing, but it can be comforting to share this journey with others. Our group will meet at 8:00PM every other week. The sessions include learning about grief and understanding the grieving process, the changes, challenges and choices that occur, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually.

The meetings will be held:
**January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23,
March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20**

For more information contact Jo Ann Andrasko
jahocswim@gmail.com or call 973-768-6222

Because of Covid concerns, there is an option to meet in person at St. James or via Zoom.

PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES



New Health & Wellness information sheets have been placed in the Wellness Ministry brochure holder on the table in the gathering area. This quarter topics that are discussed are the following:

- **Bereavement Services:** provided is a list of area parishes that offer Bereavement Groups, included are schedules of meetings and contact information. In addition are details on programs the Archdiocese offers for parents who are grieving the loss of their child.

- **Healthy Recipes:** Three Immune System Boosting Soup recipes plus two other healthy soups. One is a beet Soup and the other is a Garlic and Spinach Soup. All five recipes are a great way to get vegetables into the family's diet.

- **Best Ways to Combat Seasonal Affective Disorder:** During the winter months, especially here in the northern areas of our country, the shorter days of sunlight can affect a person's mood or give them a sense of lethargy. On average about 4% to 6% of the American population suffer from this disorder, with more people experiencing a milder form. About three out of every four cases belong to women. The handout will give you additional information on symptoms and approaches researchers have found to be beneficial.

If you have any thoughts on subject matters you would like to see featured in the future, or if you would like to write an article to be included as a handout or would like to be part of the ministry, please contact the ministry at nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com



We will be participating in providing new and gently used coats for those in need for St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. We will collect the coats using the donation box in the vestibule. New and gently used coats for men, women and children are requested.

Please return coats to Church after Mass no later than Sunday, January 16th.

As always, THANK YOU for your generosity. Please contact Gianna Hayes at 908-209-1811 with any questions.



St. James is preparing to launch a Saturday morning Men's Group. The group will be meeting monthly on Saturday morning to share in fellowship and discuss the Gospel passage for that weekend. The informal gatherings will provide any adult male an opportunity to connect with other guys while at the same time connecting with his faith through Scripture. If you are interested in participating or want more info, please reach out to John Prescott via email (prescottjw11@gmail.com).



Lent 2022 Small Group Program

Lent will be here before we know it - Stay tuned to learn more about the new Saint James Lenten Small Group program!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE: (973) 376-2061

FAX: (973) 376-4079

Today we welcome our Emmaus Group and Family Faith families to the 10:30AM Mass and to our gathering afterwards in the school gym. We thank them for their generous donations of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. The donations will be delivered to Family Promise of Union County for distribution to the graduate families and those living in temporary housing.

Next Saturday, January 15th, the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with their parent(s) will attend a special retreat focused on this special sacrament of healing.

Spotlight ON FAITH

Q. Why was Jesus Baptized?

A. Jesus did not need to be baptized. The baptism by John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance, and the sacrament of baptism removes original sin. Since Jesus had neither original sin nor actual sin, he did not need to undergo baptism. However, Jesus also had no need to be born, to suffer, or to die as a man. He did so out of love for humanity.

John the Baptist appears to recognize the strangeness of Jesus asking to be baptized (Matt. 3:14) yet obeys Jesus' request.

The baptism of Jesus began his public ministry and gave the first example that we are to follow. For if Jesus, who had no need of repentance or cleansing, humbled himself, then we all the more need to humble ourselves.

Ultimately, the reason Jesus chose to be baptized in the Jordan by John was not for him but for us.

Credit: www.catholic.com

SACRAMENTS AT ST. JAMES



BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

RECONCILIATION

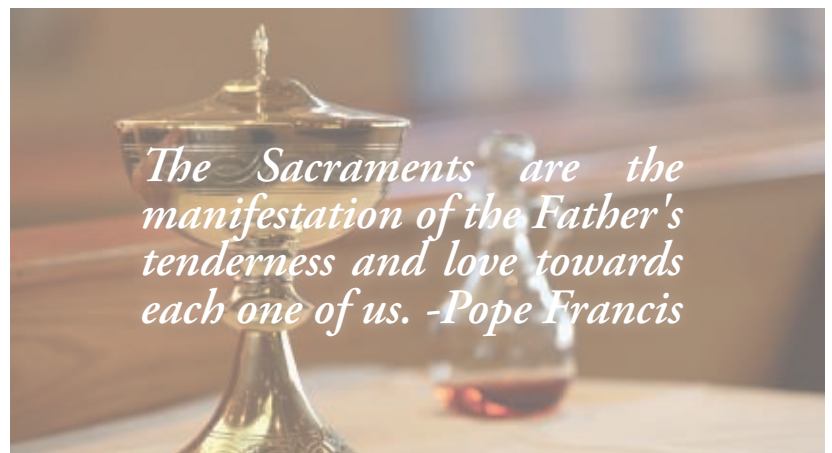
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the RCIA process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life?
Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office:
(973) 497-4365.



MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

5PM Vigil: Florence Impellizzeri
r/b Michael & Theresa Quick

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30AM: Adriano Cafuir Sobretado
r/b Resplandar Sobretado
9:00AM: Salvatore Zorri
r/b Wife & Children
10:30AM: Lorenzo & Anna Senatore
r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale
12:00PM: Barbara Germinder
r/b Enid & John DeLuca

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30AM: Carmela & Rumualdo Circelli
r/b Carmela Fusco

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30AM: Angie Kenyon
r/b Rita, Angela & Pasquale

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30AM: Orlino & Norma Ramos
r/b Carlota Bendicto

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30AM: Ludia Ticzon
r/b Gene & Nieves Salle

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00AM Dominick Piscapo
req. by Lind Graziano
5PM Vigil: John Montana
r/b Janice Montana

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James
9:00AM: Gaetano D'Agostini
r/b Family
10:30AM: Colin Dorney
r/b Barbara & Al Daly
12:00PM: James F. Carney
r/b Patty & John Carney

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 17th, will be celebrated at 8:30AM.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of St. James



To dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Flowers by the Tabernacle to the memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Rose Sinopoli, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Peggy Wysock

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and home-bound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Frank Costa
Gwendoline Caillault
Allen Santiago Rojas
Ava Taylor Fonseca

A TIME TO DIE

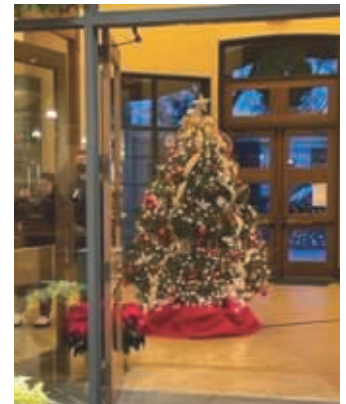
Jeffrey L. Humber, III
For all who have died from Covid-19.

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Philip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki. Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson

Christmas at Saint James

Today marks the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. Here are a few snapshots from Christmas at Saint James - thank you to all who joined us in worship and to all who served and volunteered.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Make a pact to be proactive!



Ron Mowad
Advance Planning Funeral Director

Make a pact to be proactive! Join us on **Wednesday, January 12th from 10-11AM** for a special interactive event on Zoom: "Proactive Planning: Q&A with an Advance Planning Funeral Director" and get the answers to your questions, live and direct from the source!

Learn how to get organized, ways to pay for a funeral or cremation, and why the gift of preplanning can be one of the greatest gifts you leave for your family.

All virtual attendees will receive a FREE Advance Planning Checklist and a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card during the live Zoom raffle. To register or more information, call (973) 635-2428 ext. 140

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER BY JAN. 11:



You Are Mine: LGBTQ Parents & Allies Support Group at Little Flower

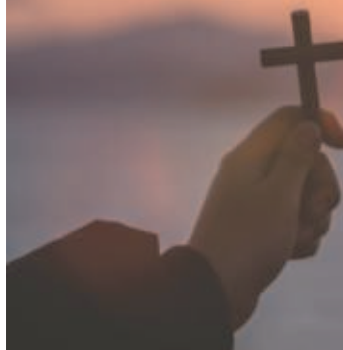
Find a space for respectful conversation where parents, family members and allies of LGBTQ Catholics can share their joys, concerns and faith.

When: Thursday, January 20th at 7:00PM and every 3rd Thursday of the Month

Where: Little Flower Church, Lower Level (park behind church), 310 Plainfield Ave, Berkeley Heights

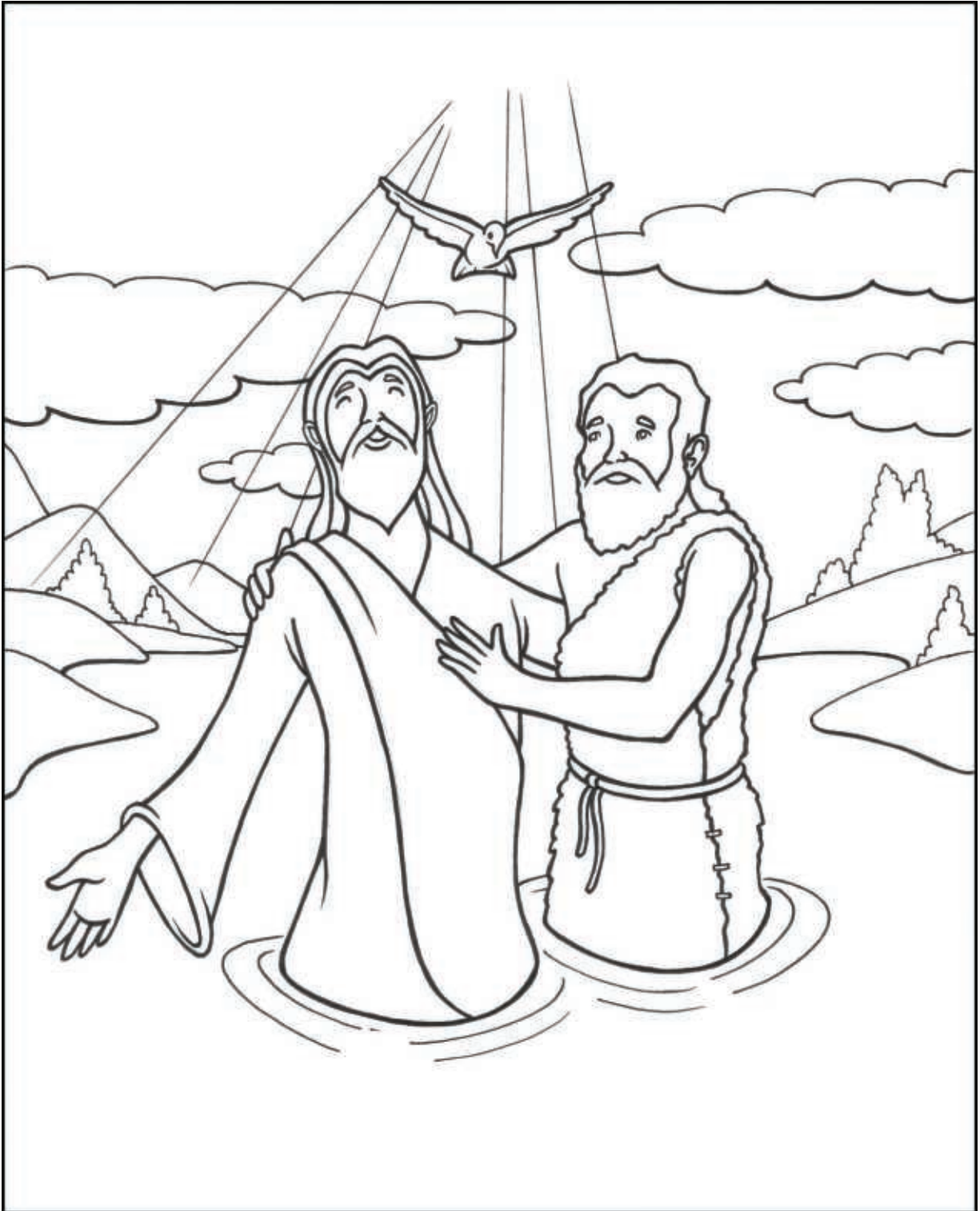
"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME: YOU ARE MINE."

Isaiah 43:1



FOR THE KIDS

The Baptism of Jesus



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Mission

I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning!

Gospel

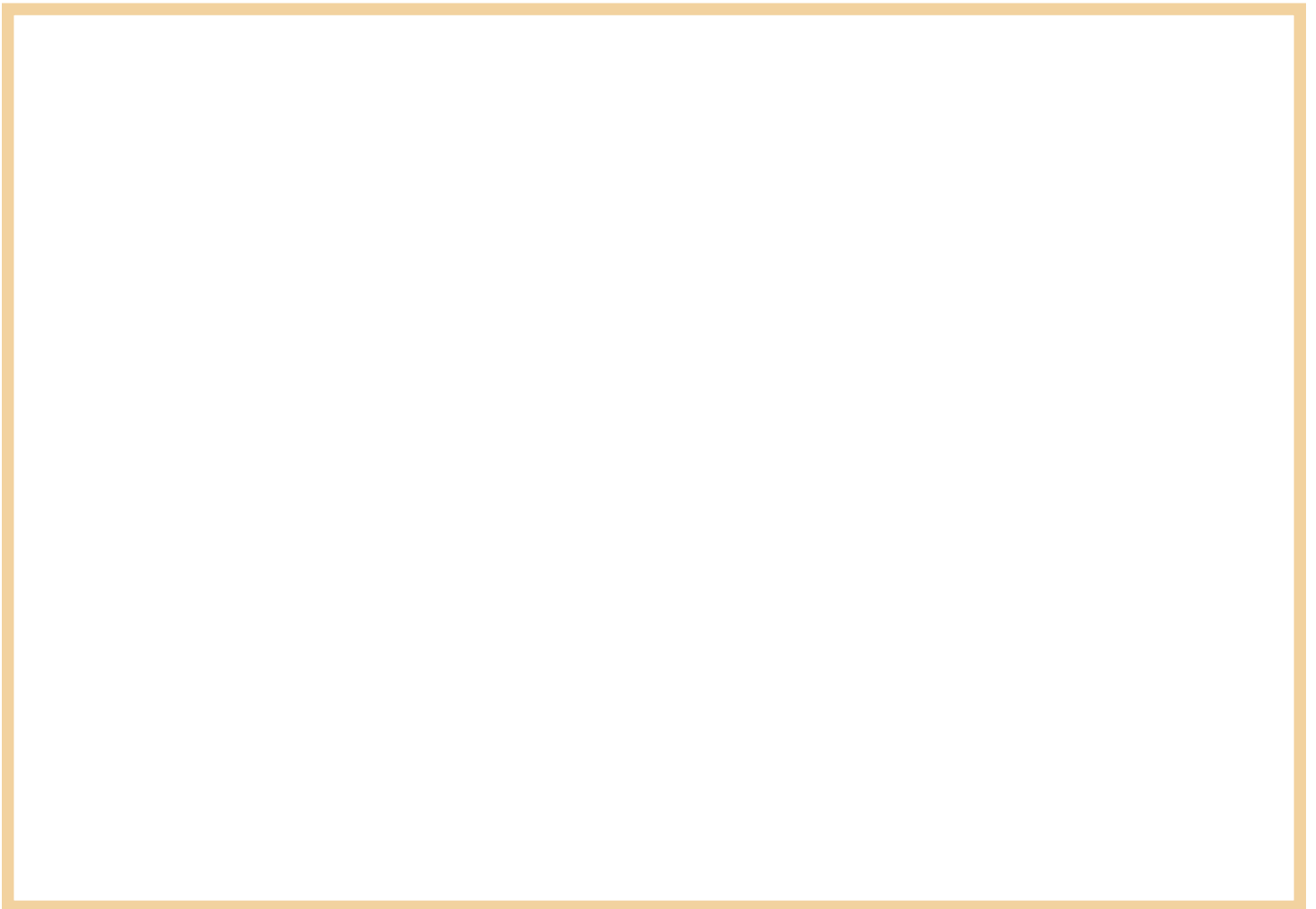
When you were baptized, a priest sprinkled holy water over your head. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." God said, "This is my child in whom I am well pleased." Tell God you are glad that you are his child. Tell him you want to follow him. Tell him that you love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, I want to be a good child of God.

Draw

Draw Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan:



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals December 11-12

(Collection totals for Dec. 19 through Jan. 2
not yet available at time of publication)

Church Collection:	\$7,265.00
Online Collection:	\$2,460.00
TOTAL:	\$9,725.00

Immaculate Conception:	\$1,679.00
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$1,377.00

We also accept online credit card donations.

Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



ONLINE GIVING

To sign up for Online Giving, please visit saintjamestheapostle.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Thank you for your generosity!

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Dear Parishioners, Thank you to all those who have contributed to this year's Annual Appeal. Because of you, *Saint James Church has received \$33,239.00 in pledges from 113 families which represents 66.93% of our goal. Our parish goal is \$49,665.00.* Saint James Church will receive 100% of all funds collected over our goal. This is beneficial to our parish because



we will be able to make some of the much needed repairs to our aging buildings. To date, we have collected \$32,134.00. We invite you to read the complete 2021 Annual Appeal Impact Report by visiting www.rb.gy/jv5dlr or by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for your support!

FRAUD ALERT: Please be aware that emails are being sent out by scammers claiming to be members of the Saint James parish community, including Fr. David Santos. Please disregard any emails from anyone claiming to be associated with Saint James, including Fr. David Santos, with solicitation to purchase gift cards or offer any other cash donations. In any event, please feel free to call the parish rectory to confirm any and all solicitation before contributing. We have contacted the local authorities to make them aware.



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EVERYDAY
Stewardship

January 9th, 2022

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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