From the Sermons of St. Gregory of Nazianzus, Patriarch of Constantinople. Discourse on the Epiphany, 2

I am not able to restrain the outbursts of my happiness. I feel changed and elated. I forget my own meanness while I undertake and try to discharge the office of the great John. It is true that I am not the Forerunner, but at least I come from the desert. Christ is enlightened, or rather, He enlighteneth us with His own light. Christ is baptized; let us go down with Him into the water, that we may come up with Him.

John is baptizing. Jesus cometh. He cometh that He may make holy him who baptizeth Him; He cometh to bury the old Adam in the waters; He cometh to hallow the blessed flood of Jordan. He Who is Flesh and Spirit cometh to open for all that should ever be baptized that power of generation whereby new peoples are constantly begotten of water and the Holy Ghost. The Baptist will not receive Him. Jesus striveth with him. I, saith John, have need to be baptized of thee. Thus speaketh the candle to the Sun, the voice to the Word.

Jesus came up out of the water, having, in a manner, washed the whole world, and brought it up with Him. And He saw the heavens opened not divided, even those heavens which Adam had once shut upon himself and us his descendants, when the cherub's fiery sword barred the gates of Paradise. And the Holy Spirit bare witness, witness unto Him Who is of One Substance with Himself. And witness was given from Heaven, unto Him that came down from heaven.

### Homily by St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. 6th Tract on John

John knew Jesus even before He came to be baptized of him in Jordan, as we perceive by the words I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest Thou to me? Behold, how he knew that He was the Lord, how he knew that He was the Son of God! How do we prove that he knew that He it was Who should baptize with the Holy Ghost? Before the Lord came to the river, when many betook themselves to John to be baptized of him, the Baptist said I indeed baptize you with water but One Mightier than I cometh; the latchet of Whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. (Luke iii. 16.) Behold, John knew this also.

Yet John saith: I knew Him Now, how are we to explain this without calling John a liar? and God forbid that we should ever even think anything of the kind. Was it not that when the Dove descended on Christ, John then for the first time knew Him to have that peculiar attribute, that, whosoever should baptize with His Baptism, whether they were themselves just or unjust, the virtue of the Sacrament should proceed, not from them, but from Him on Whom abode the Dove; so that He is the real Baptizer in every Christian Baptism until the end of time, and it is in this sense that it is said of Him the Same is He Which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost Whether it be Peter, or Paul, or Judas, that performeth the ceremony, the real Baptizer and effectual Worker is Christ. For if the holiness of the baptism depended on the holiness of the particular officiator, no two baptisms would be exactly alike, and every one would be supposed to be more or less regenerated according as the minister who baptized him was more or less of a saint.

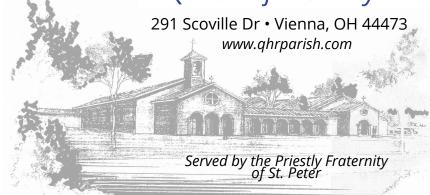
Now, my brethren, understand me. The saints themselves, those good men who appertain to the Dove, those good men whose portion is in Jerusalem, those good men in the Church, of whom the Apostle saith: the Lord knoweth them that are His, 2 Tim. ii. 19, these good men differ one from another by diversities of graces, and are not all of the same worthiness. Some are holier than others, and some are better than others. Supposing then for the sake of argument that A is baptized by B, a righteous saint, and C is baptized by D who is less worthy in the sight of God, who hath attained only a lower degree in godliness, who is not so chaste, and whose life is not so good as B's, yet A and C receive just the same thing. And how is this, unless it be that it is Christ Himself Who is the effectual Baptizer?

## Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions for the 7am Masses This Week

- ◆ Sunday, January 7, 8:00am,11:00am , & 4:00pm: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Intention: For Fr. Roach † by Elaine
- Monday, January 8, 7:00am: Feria of Epiphany, Mass of the 1st Sunday after Epiphany
   Intention: For Michael Baker by Chuck and Mollie Baker
- ◆ Tuesday, January 9, 7:00am: Feria of Epiphany Intention: For Elisa Schnur by Elisa Schnur
- Wednesday, January 10, 7:00am: Feria of Epiphany Intention: Priest's Intention
- ◆ Thursday, January 11, 7:00am: Feria of Epiphany; St. Hyginus, Pope & Martyr Intention: John Spisak, Sr. † by Loretta Spisak
- Friday, January 12, 7:00am & 6:00pm: Feria of Epiphany Intention: In thanksgiving in honor of St. Anthony by Elaine
- ◆ Saturday, January 13, 9:00am: The Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ Intention: In honor of the Holy Family by Elaine
- Sunday, January 14, 8:00am, 11:00am, & 4:00pm: Second Sunday after Epiphany

The 11am Mass each Sunday is offered for the parish.





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# Welcome visitors and new parishioners!

Registration cards are located at the church entrances. Return your card to the church office.

## Holy Mass:

Monday – Friday: 7:00am Saturday: 9:00am Sunday: 8:00am, 11:00am & 4:00pm Fridays additionally: 6:00pm

Most public holidays, Mass at 9:00am. See the bulletin.

Additional Masses as Announced:

- First Fridays: 8:00am (as announced)
- Saturdays: 8:00am (as announced)
   Holy Days as Announced
   Please see the back of this bulletin
   for this week's Mass Schedule and
   Intentions

### Confession:

Monday - Friday: 6:30am-6:50am Friday (additional): 5:30pm-5:50pm Saturday: 8:30am-8:50am and following Mass

Sunday: 7:15am-7:50am; 10:15am-10:50am & 3:30pm-3:50pm

# Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays: 7:40 am
First Fridays: 6:40 pm
During Lent: Stations of the Cross
First Saturdays: 9:40 am
Benediction follows all Masses on
the first Sunday of the month

#### Additional Devotions:

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Wednesdays following Mass
- Novena to the Divine Infant of Prague: Thursdays following Mass

• Exposition, Litany of Loreto, Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary: First Saturdays following Mass

## Blessing of Sacramentals:

Following all Masses on the fourth Sunday of the month or by request

# Is someone you know sick or in need of the Sacraments?

Please call Fr. Fongemie to arrange a visit.

# Not a Catholic and interested in becoming one?

Please let Father know.

January 7, 2024 ~ Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

#### **Collections**

Text GIVE to 330-886-4204 to make secure online payments. You may also use the QR code at the right or visit https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/ giving/qhrvienna.

The collections for the past two weeks will be reported next week due to the office being closed. Thank you for your patience.



Thank you for your support!

### Alma Redemptóris Mater

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti, Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti, Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the accessible Gateway of Heaven, and Star of the Sea, Give aid to a falling people that strives to rise; O Thou who begot thy holy Creator, while all nature marveled, Virgin before and after receiving that "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.

#### **Announcements**

- Deacon Stephen Wetzel will preach and serve as deacon at a solemn Mass at 11:00 am today. Welcome, Deacon Wetzel!
- CCD and Coffee & Donuts will resume today. Please join us for refreshments after Mass in the Parish Hall.
- If you left a container of water to be blessed on Epiphany, please pick it up today.
- Saint Joseph's Men's Group meets for the purpose of building fellowship, prayer and service to our church and parishioners. Our next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, January, 8 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.
- Legion of Mary meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the 5-6 grade CCD classroom. For information about the Legion of Mary, please speak with Fr. Fongemie or call Mollie Baker at 330-647-1620
- 2024 contribution envelopes are in the corridor by the main entrance.
- Youth Group: If you are between 13 and 19 years old, join us on the third Friday of every month at the 6pm Mass followed by a talk by Fr. Houck, food, and games. For information, email Fr. Houck.
- The QHR Homeschool Social Group meets on First Fridays in the hall after 8am Mass. For more information call Sara Perts at 614-706-3107.
- The January Benedictus is available at each entrance. The cost is \$5 each.
- Memorial Bricks: Honor your loved ones and support the church by purchasing a brick for our Holy Innocents Memorial Walk. Order forms are available outside the church office.

## Prayer to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of thy Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of thy fifteen mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening, and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall I acquire the habit of praying while I work, without the aid of formal prayers, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of thee, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic, thy son of predilection, the renowned preacher of thy mysteries, and the faithful imitator of thy virtues. Amen.

#### **Prayer Intentions**

Please pray for the sick, our deceased parishioners, and those who are not able to receive the sacraments.

Arthur Portzer †, Bill Rossi, Kathy Lutsek, Barb Sarko, Mike Vesco, Leonard Nethers, Eugenia Sanders, Daniel Corrado, Janice Reardon, Louise Glassburner, Paula Conti, and everyone on the church's prayer list.

If you are home-bound, please let Fr. Fongemie know how you are doing. If your absence is serious or prolonged, he will try to visit.

## Candles for this Week

These candles are available weekly for your intentions. The Sanctuary Lamp is \$10. Others are \$4 each

- Sanctuary: For Tim and Tammy Palette and Family
- St. Pio: For Deacon Wetzel
- St. Francis: For holy vocations to the priesthood
- Blessed Mother: Josephine Patterson and Virginia White
- Holy Innocents: Barbara Sarko

### Mass Propers

*Introit:* The father of the Just will exult with glee; let Your father and mother have joy; let her who bore You exult. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.

*collect:* O Lord Jesus Christ, You Who while subject to Mary and Joseph, hallowed family life with virtues beyond Leadeription, grant us by their combined intercession, that, having been taught by the example of the Holy Family, we may attain unto their everlasting companionship.

pistle: (Col 3:12-17) Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, a heart of mercy, kindness, L humility, meekness, patience. Bear with one another and forgive one another, if anyone has a grievance against any other; even as the Lord has forgiven you, so also do you forgive. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; unto that peace, indeed, you were called in one body. Show yourselves thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom teach and admonish one another by psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing in your hearts to God by His grace. Whatever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

radual: One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Happy they who dwell in Your house. O Lord! continually they praise You. Alleluia, alleluia.

**G** ospel: (Luke 2:42-52) When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the Boy Jesus remained in lerusalem, and His parents did not know it. But thinking that He was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. And it came to pass after three days, that they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him, they were astonished. And His Mother said to Him, Son, why have You done so to us? Behold, in sorrow Your father and I have been seeking You. And He said to them, How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they did not understand the word that He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and His Mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.

Offertory: The parents of Jesus took Him up to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord.

Cecret: In appeasement, O Lord, we offer You this sacrifice, humbly praying that through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God, and that of St. Joseph, You will establish our households in Your peace and grace.

**c**ommunion: Jesus went down with them, and came to Nazareth and was subject to them.

nost Communion: Grant, Lord Jesus, that those whom You refresh with the heavenly sacrament may ever imitate the example of Your Holy Family, so that at the hour of our death, with the glorious Virgin Mary and St. Joseph welcoming us, we may be found worthy to be received into Your everlasting home.



## Music for today's 11:00 am Mass

- Processional Hymn: We 3 Kings of Orient Are, White Book, #327
- Kyrie and Gloria: Missa de Angelis, VIII, Blue Book 18 Communion: Sancta Nox 20
- Credo: Credo III, Blue Book, p 34-36
- Offertory: Gaudete

- Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Ite Missa Est: Missa de Angelis, VIII, Blue Book 20-21
- Recessional: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, White Book #313