



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021**

**“This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.”**

INTRODUCTION AND CONFITEOR

We celebrate birthdays with a lot of fuss. But never our baptism. Yet this is our birthday as Christians. In today's liturgy we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. In celebrating his baptism we celebrate our own baptism too and renew its grace within its grace within us.

Lord in baptism the Father made us His children and His favour rested on us. Lord, have mercy.

In baptism You made us your brother and sisters. Christ, have mercy.

In baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon us to live as Your disciples. Lord, have mercy.

HEADINGS FOR READINGS

First Reading (Is 55:1-11). Here the prophet invites all to the rich banquet of life God provides for His people. In baptism we share in the life of God.

Second Reading (1Jn 5:1-9). Faith in Jesus leads us to love one another and gives us the ability to overcome evil. Jesus' baptism and death bear witness to His identity.

Gospel (MK 1:7-11). This tells how Jesus was baptized by John The Baptist in the river Jordan, and the signs that accompanied His baptism.

MASS INTENTIONS AT OUR PARISH

Owing to the large number of requests for Mass intentions throughout the year, we will have to limit these to 15 Masses per individual parishioner. Alternately, we can receive Mass intentions as unannounced Masses (offering \$10.00) that we will forward to our Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre and these Masses will be given to missionaries to offer.

2021 CHURCH SUPPORT BOX ENVELOPES are available in the foyer during December. *receipt not 2020*. If you want a box of envelopes please call the parish office during the week at 905-985-7071

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 11th,
+Paul Prior
Req. by Maureen & Charlie Johnson
Tuesday, January 12th
+Gerry Louvelle,
Req. by Liz & Tony Sheedy
Wednesday, January 13th
+Andrew Onyskiw,
Req. by Anita Onyskiw.
Thursday, January 14th
+Intentions of Teresa Louvelle
Req. by Martin & Loretta
Friday, January 15th
Intentions of Rose Lau,
Req. by Lau Family.
Saturday January 16th,
For Tyler Lowy
Req. by Pat & Mac Sheahan
Sunday, January 17th,
For the people of our parish.



**Please remember in your prayers:
For those who are sick and for those who love
and minister to them.....**

Martin Portier Rini Bouwmeester

**To have someone placed on or removed from our
Bulletin prayer list, please call the Parish Office.**

**DIRECTIVE FROM THE DURHAM MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH**

A new instruction has been issued in Durham Region that now makes the use of masks or face coverings inside all public places mandatory. This includes churches and our own parish. Those coming to church are asked to bring a mask or face covering and wear it upon entering the church. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this new directive.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Those who wish to have their own personal copy of the St. Joseph's Sunday Missal, they are available in the vestibule. The cost is \$5.00. Please put your payment in the envelope/box provided.

FROM FATHER KEITH WALLACE our new pastor.

Greetings in the Lord. It is my honour and joy to have been appointed as your new pastor.

Assuming a new pastoral assignment during a lockdown in the midst of pandemic can be a challenge. We rely on the graces of the Lord and the gentle hand of Mother Mary.

I look forward to meeting each of you when the time is proper. I give great thanks to Fr. Marco for his kindnesses to me this last month. As a brother priest Father has been very patient with me. I thank him for all he has done for me. I thank him for all that he has done for the parish. Thank you also to Robin our parish secretary for her time and patience.

I was born in 1959 in Cobalt Ontario. My father Carl worked for the hydro and so I was born in northern Ontario in “the bush”. I have three brothers and one sister and many nieces and nephews. Family is important to me. We grew up in Mississauga (St. Patrick’s Cooksville..Fr Charles was pastor there for a few years). I attended Catholic Elementary School but because there were no Catholic High Schools in Peel at the time I attended Glenforest High School. I then attended U of Toronto where I was studying to become a Chartered Accountant. In my last year I received the call, invitation and grace to change the course of my life and enter the Seminary to become a priest of Archdiocese of Toronto. Fr. Marco and Fr. Peter were with me in the Seminary although I was a few years ahead of them. I was ordained April 30, 1988. A most beautiful day in my life. In these 32 years I have been a priest at 8 parishes: St. Monica’s Toronto; St. Frances de Sale Deaf Ministry fluent in sign language and thus you may see deaf visiting in Immaculate Conception); St. John. Newmarket; Star of the Sea, Port Credit (Mississauga); St. Therese, Courtice; Holy Spirit, Barrie (I was assigned here for the ministry of building a new church which now stands on Essa Road, Barrie); one year with my parents as my dad died of cancer 8 years ago; St Bernadette, Ajax and now Immaculate Conception. I love my priesthood and all God’s People, the church and over these 32 years have had rich experiences of His Grace. I am also pleased that I am near the Kawarthas in that my mom lives with my sister in Peterborough. Mom was born in Lakefield (Nee: Hamblin) and our ancestors were the founding pioneers of Young’s Point in 1825. Mom is turning 89 and has stayed healthy this past year. Myself and all the family were and are extremely careful and protective of her during these covid times. She has not been back to Mass and so each Sunday night I offer Mass in her apartment. Pray for her please. I look forward to many years being your priest. Sorry - that this such a long

intro, as most of us will not meet until the end of January. Finally~I am guided by my many graces and inspirations in life as in the lives of the Saints. My favourites – St Theresa of Avila “The Will of God will never lead you where the Grace of God cannot keep you”. St Augustine –“For you I am a priest; With you I am a Christian”. St Francis of Assisi – “ Preach the Gospel at all times; Use words only when necessary” and again St. Francis – “Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible”. Let us pray and ministry with one another – for the salvation of one another and of the unfolding of his Kingdom. God bless, Fr. Keith.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR FR. MARCO TESTA

I have organized a spiritual bouquet for Father. You are invited to promise a certain number of Masses; certain number of rosaries; certain number of personal sacrifices – all for graces for Fr. Marco. Please email or call the number of each in to the office. I shall total them and mail a framed parchment to Fr. Marco. Priests need our prayers. Thank you, Fr. Keith.

PRIVATE PRAYER

During this lockdown the church is open for personal prayer daily 9:00 – 11:00 (except Tuesday) 10 max in the church. Masks please. Social distancing please. You may also request Communion, Confession, Counselling - contact Fr. Keith thru the parish office or his email = kgmwjc@hotmail.com **No plan is perfect – we are all trying our best**

LIVESTREAMING BY FR. KEITH

These many months I have been livestreaming thru facebook and You Tube – Masses, Religion classes for Schools, Adoration and so on. I wish to continue this and invite you to join in. My ‘private’ MASS from Immaculate Conception will be livestreamed Sunday’s noon then reposted to Facebook and You Tube. For Facebook – go to “Keith Wallace” send a friend request then you can go on line. For YouTube-go to “Father Keith”no need to send a friend request anyone can view.

ROSARY AND REFLECTIONS ON ST. JOSEPH

during the Year of St. Joseph will be livestreamed Saturdays at noon and reposted on Facebook and YouTube. For those without internet copies of the St. Joseph Reflections will be available at the church.

