

All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish

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January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Our Churches

Assumption 2405 - 12 Avenue S.
St. Basil's 604 - 13 Street N.
St. Patrick's Closed

Our Priests

Fr. Kevin Tumback - Pastor
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Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Assumption
This Mass is Live-streamed
7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - St. Basil's
9:00 a.m. - Assumption
This Mass is Live-streamed
11:00 a.m. - St. Basil's
6:00 p.m. - Assumption

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - St. Basil's

Wednesday 12:05 p.m. - St. Basil's

Thursday 12:05 p.m. - Assumption

Friday 9:00 a.m. - Assumption

Open for Prayer

Assumption Church will be open for prayer
Monday to Friday from 9:30am - 4:00pm
The church will be locked, please ring the office
doorbell and someone will open the east entrance.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday at Assumption Church from 8 - 11:00 pm
First Friday of each month at Assumption. It will
begin after the 9:00am Mass until 6:00pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

By appointment, please phone the parish office.

Tuesday 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Assumption
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm at Assumption
Sunday 4:30-5:30 pm at Assumption

Baptism & Marriage

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.



Sunday Reflection

Baptized with Him

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord let us recall what our own baptism has done in our lives. Baptism has made us co-workers with Christ, emblems of Jesus' love and of God's love for the world. We are baptized into His family, His mission, His work. Let us recall Jesus' witness as He stepped into the

Jordan to begin His ministry on earth and renew our own baptismal vows. May today be another fresh beginning as we step from the waters He has poured out on our spirits to anoint us anew for serving Him.



Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

Ann Morgan, Charlene Lavkulik, Hanna van der Lee, Victor Lund, Lisza Bruder, Vickie Richter, Alice Murray, Sandie Schaaf, Joe Gallo, Donald Wilson, Vonda Danielson, Michael Poirier, Irena Gugala, Cinette Kado, Bobbi Ostafichuk, Zigrids Eisler, Rose Mandl, Clasina Broers, Myrtle Silbernagel & Darwin Kropinak.

and the Deceased

Lenora Parr, August Kaupp & Irene Kudelik.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week

Vincent Converse, Florence Hartman & Saverio Berte.

Baptisms

Please welcome into our Christian community
Mario Asher Rourke Many Fingers who celebrated the
Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



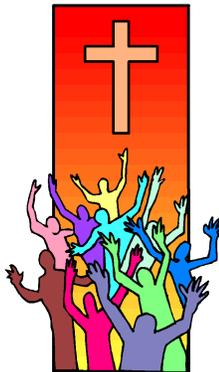
Young Adults Events in January

Adoration Night

Assumption. Friday, Jan. 14 @ 7 p.m. An evening of Eucharistic adoration, together with a talk on living out our faith in the world and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession.

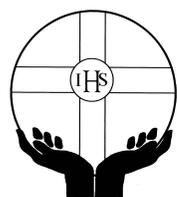
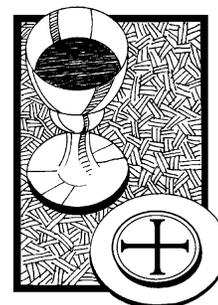
Church History Night

St. Basil's. Thursday, Jan. 20 @ 7:30 p.m. Come join other young adults to learn about the history of the Catholic Church. This evening, we'll look at how God used the civilization of ancient Rome to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Fr. Derek at derek.remus@calgarydiocese.ca or (403) 327-8931.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Jan. 11	10:00 a.m. Golden Acres	Ivanko Jean Vidmar (dec.)
	7:00 p.m.	Nick & Rosina Mucciarone (dec.)
Wednesday, Jan. 12	12:05 p.m.	Joseph Sikora (dec.)
Thursday, Jan. 31	12:05 p.m.	Emma Poehlmann (dec.)
Friday, Jan. 14	9:00 a.m.	Olga Novak (dec.)
	10:00 a.m. Edith Cavell	Vito Boras (dec.)
	11:00 a.m. St. Michael's	Sr. Joanne Drescher (dec.)



Congratulations to Fr. Ian Gagne who is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination on Monday, January 10th.

Pope's Intention for January 2022

Pope Francis: "How is it possible that many religious minorities currently suffer discrimination or persecution? How can we allow that in this society, which is so civilized, there are people who are persecuted simply because they publicly profess their faith? ... As human beings, we have so many things in common that we can live alongside each other, welcoming our differences with the joy of being brothers and sisters."



This month's attention: *We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

Stewardship Reflection

"Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (Isaiah 40.3)

While John the Baptist heralded the coming of Jesus, in our times, Jesus is already here. The obstacles to his glory in the world come from within us. How can you prepare the way of the Lord through your prayer, in your lifestyle, and by joining with others?

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption Church from 8:00 to 11:00pm.

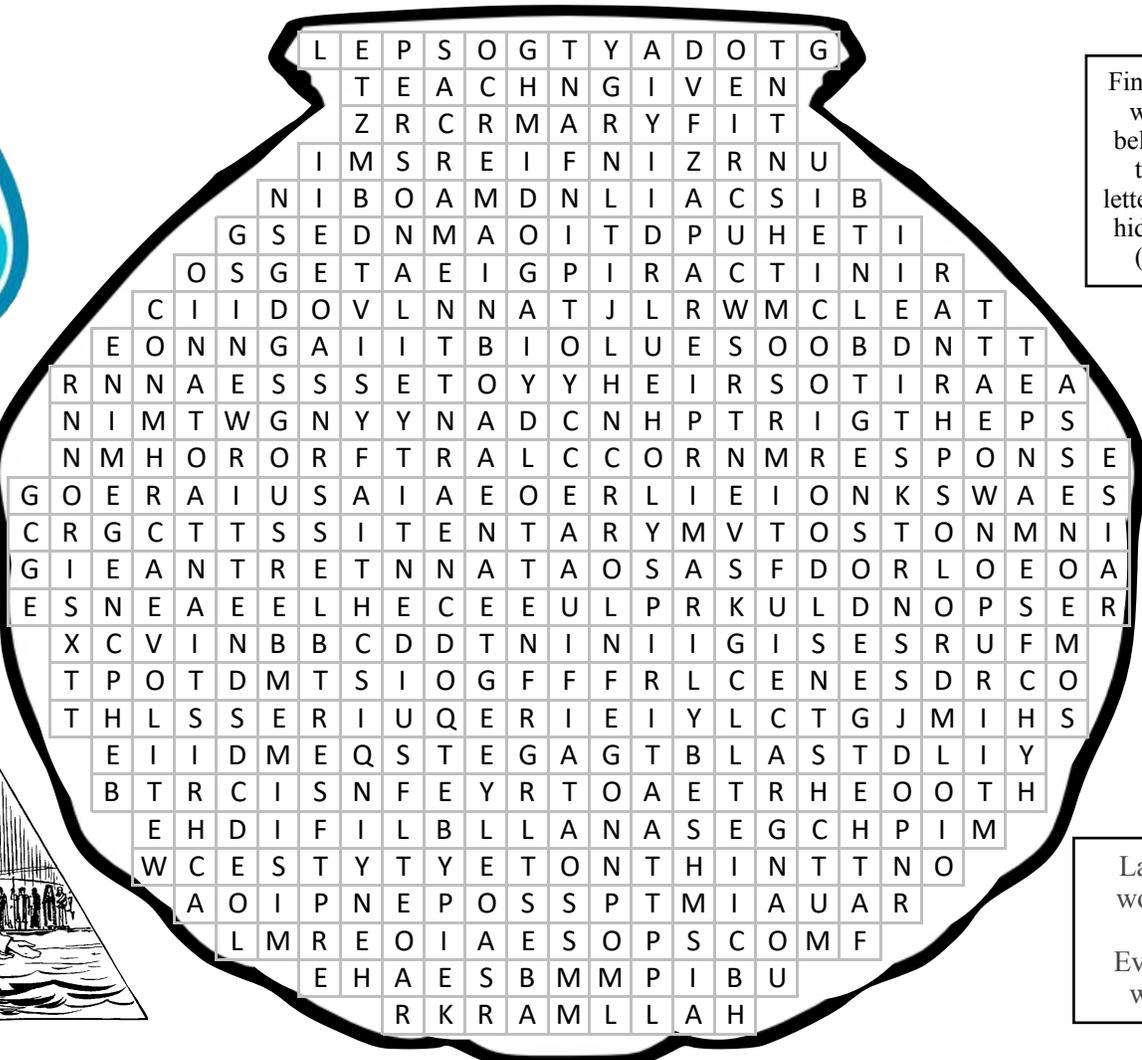
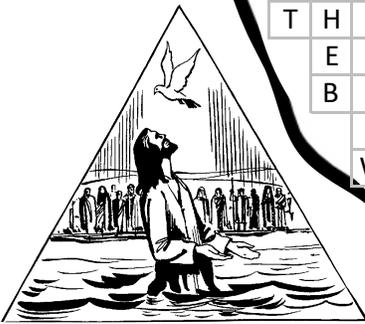
Adoration will be live-streamed for those who cannot get to the church and want to spend some time with Jesus. Live-stream will run from 8pm - 9pm

Confessions are available from 8:00 - 10:00pm



HAPPY CHINOOK!





Find the bolded words from below then use the unused letters to find the hidden phrase. (42 letters)

Last week's word search answer:
Every nation will adore

Baptism, the **door** to life and to the **Kingdom**, is the first **Sacrament** of the New **Law**, which Christ offered to all that they **might** have eternal **life** and which, **together** with the **Gospel**, he **later** entrusted to his **Church** when he **commanded** his Apostles: "Go, **teach** all **nations**, **baptizing** them in the **name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the **Holy Spirit**."

Like all of the sacraments, baptism is **primarily about** our connection to Jesus Christ. Jesus **himself** was baptized at the **beginning** of his ministry, and baptism has been a **hallmark** of Christian **identity since the time** of the **apostles**. To **quote** the **Catechism** of the Catholic Church #1213, "Through baptism we are freed **from** sin and **reborn** as [children] of God; we **become members** of Christ, are **incorporated** into the Church, and made sharers in her **mission**." In other **words**, baptism connects us to Christ, and through him connects us to all of the other baptized.

When it comes down to it, baptism is a gift from God to **humanity**. Baptism **initiates** us into the family of **God** and **cleanses** us of sin. We do not **need** to **earn** this **gift**. God gives it **freely** to all who are **open** to it. For **someone** who is baptized as an infant, the **personal response** of faith comes as the child **grows** to **respond** to the **graces given** in baptism.

Baptism is **connected** to faith, and this connection is not **lost** when an **infant** is baptized. The **Apostolic Tradition** (**usually attributed** to St. **Hippolytus**) was **written** in the **early third century**. It **states**:

Baptize **first** the children, and if they can **speak** for themselves let them do so. Otherwise, let **their** parents or other **relatives** speak for them.

Today, the Church still **recognizes** the connection **between** faith and baptism. When a child is baptized, the parents' **faith** speaks for the child who is too **young** to have **explicit** faith on his or her own. This is why the Church **requires** a **reasonable** hope that the parents will **raise** the child in the **Catholic** faith before a child is baptized.

The **Lord** God Almighty, through his Son, born of the **Virgin Mary**, brings **joy** to **Christian mothers** as the **hope** of eternal life shines forth **upon** their **children**. May he graciously **bless** the mother of this child, so that, as she now gives thanks for the gift of her child, she may always **remain** united with him/her in thanksgiving, in Christ **Jesus** our Lord.

That Man Is You begins again January 14. That Man Is You! (TMIY) is a program that helps men understand their faith and learn how to be the best version of themselves. We have several different meeting options. Please contact Savio Baptista at tmiylethbridge@gmail.com or 403-320-1876 or to find out more about the program.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25. The 2022 theme "*We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him*" (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon.

Grocery Cards are available - Cards for Save-On- Foods and Sobeys/Safeway are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. The purchases must be made with cash or cheque. You can purchase cards at the parish office or call Shelley Thom at 403-308-5925.

Sunday of the Word of God - Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio Aperuit illis* published on September 30, 2019 establishes that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. This year we celebrate Word of God Sunday on January 23.

Martha Retreat Centre - call 403-932-2012 or visit www.martharetreatcentre.ca for updates or to register.
Book Study: "Women Who Run With the Wolves", author Clarissa Pinkola (In Person) Jan. 13- Mar. 24, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. *Please purchase book in advance.* This deeply spiritual book provides a rich and poetic picture of a healthy woman's psychological and spiritual development from early adulthood to the end of life.
Book Study: "Twelve Steps To a Compassionate Life", author *Karen Armstrong*- Wednesdays, January 19 - March 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. *Please purchase book in advance.* Renowned religious historian, Karen Armstrong, believes that we as humans need to work diligently to cultivate and expand our capacity to live compassionate lives. Using a twelve-step approach, she explores how we can help build a more compassionate life for ourselves and in doing so help create a more just society.

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Get thee to a pun-ery

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

The church janitor was also the organist, and had to watch his keys and pews.

A farmer brought a bucket of milk to church so it could be pastorized.

Some churches welcome all denominations, ours prefers tens and twenties.



Fr. Kevin's Cluttered Desk

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and bring to a close the Christmas season. The image of the baptism of the Lord for many of us comes from a picture in a book or on a wall. But go to the holy land and a new picture arrives. We all know that



water can heal and it can kill. No water and we die, too much water and we can die. Without water plants don't grow, too much water and the plant can drown. For people in a desert water is a most valuable commodity, for it is life. This life and death struggle with water is at the heart of the baptism of Jesus. Those pictures we see generally show Jesus being immersed in the water, an image of almost drowning. Like many things the issue is not going down it is all about coming up. In baptism we rise to new life, each time we enter the church and bless ourselves with the holy water we "rise" again to new life. We come to give praise and worship to God but we also renew our relationship with the one who has offered us the path to eternal life, we rise with Him to a newness of life.

If you ever go to a baptism by full immersion you will notice that the person goes down three times, once for the Father, once for the Son, and once for the Holy Spirit and they rise up to a new life in Christ. In the Stations of the Cross, Jesus falls three times, going down is not the problem, failing is not the problem, the problem is when we fail to rise with Christ. In baptism we receive the Holy Spirit to assist us and help us stay close to God, to rise to a new way of life.

Next time you make the sign of the cross, or bless yourself with Holy Water as you enter the church, ask yourself, who are you rising with?

Peace Fr. Kevin

Our Refugee families

I would like to thank the parish for their continued support of our Syrian refugees. The Takla family has settled in and hopefully will be able to meet all of the parish one day. We are blessed to be receiving another family from Syria, probably arriving in February but we have not received confirmation as to a date of arrival, that will come from the Government. The new family is a shared support between All Saints and St. Martha's. We also have two more families that we are attempting to bring to Canada from Syria. Their paperwork is moving forward but slowly. I would like to thank our Refugee Committee for all its hard work and to the Refugee Committee from St. Martha's for taking on this very worthy cause. If you are interested in getting more involved please call Laura at the office and she will pass on your information to the appropriate people. Again, thank you for your support, please pray for all refugees.

Fr. Kevin