



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16bc

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### Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

## Sacraments

**Baptism** – On an individual basis by appointment.  
Please contact the Rectory Office.

**Reconciliation** – By appointment

**Matrimony** – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

**Ministry to the Sick** – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



**Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon**

## Parish Meetings

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

**Children's Choir:** 2:00 p.m. Friday in church

**Religious Education:** Sundays, bi-monthly from 9:00 to 11 AM

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We, at Immaculate Conception Church, are a welcoming community of faith that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus by journeying in faith, sharing in joy, and living in hope. Come join us.**

### Adoration and Holy Hour

First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.

Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

### Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved.

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### JANUARY 2022 SCHEDULE

- Wed. Jan, 12 Half Day dismissal at 11:30  
Faculty and Staff Meeting  
Dress Down for \$1 which will be  
donated to St. Jude Hospital.
- Thurs. Jan. 14 PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED
- Mon. Jan. 17 Martin Luther King Day
- Thurs. Jan. 20 Banking
- Mon.-Fri. Jan. 24-28 Midterms for grades 6 – 8
- Jan. 29-Feb. 4 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 9, 2022

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Think of what it's like to wait a long time.  
Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for  
centuries? No one person lives that long, of course.  
But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories  
from generation to generation.  
They had been conquered time and time again,  
and now "the people were filled with expectation,  
and all were asking in their hearts  
whether John might be the Christ."  
They had been waiting for a Messiah,  
one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things;  
someone aglow with the glory of God.  
We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed.  
But what if your hopes were fulfilled?  
That day at the Jordan River,  
an audience had gathered.  
Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man.  
Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert.  
His hands had the calloused palms  
of a tradesman, a carpenter.  
He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the  
familiarity of the cousins they were.  
This man wades into the Jordan for a good,  
solid dunking.  
As he rises from the water,  
the One who breathed life into Adam  
gasps for air like any other man.  
But then "heaven was opened."  
The clouds in the sky part miles above.  
"And the Holy Spirit descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove."  
An apparition with substance sails through the sky.  
It exudes gentleness and power all at once.  
"And a voice came from heaven,  
'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"  
Can you imagine the sight?  
For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen,  
who they have seen.  
Can you imagine this encounter with our God  
who keeps His promises?  
What are you waiting for?

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**MASSES**

**Saturdays – 4 PM**

**Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM**

**SATURDAY - January 15, 2022**

**4 PM Anthony J. Cassella 9th Anniversary  
Patricia. Leonard McDonnell**

**SUNDAY - January 16, 2022**

**8 AM For the Parishioners**

**10 AM Henry A. Sousa, 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Donald J. Bickford, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**December 25, 2021**

**Clergy Trust Fund: \$15,743.00**

**December 26, 2021**

**Weekly Collection: \$2,379.00**

**Building Fund: \$2,342.00**

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- A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force
- Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Michael Trout US.Marines Camp Pendleton, CA

**NATIONAL GUARD**



What have been the most significant moments in your life?  
 You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations?  
 Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married.  
 Do you have children?  
 The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget.  
 Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies.  
 As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them.  
 Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you \and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant.  
 Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place.  
 You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all.  
 However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ.  
 You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you.  
 On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth.  
 Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day.  
 It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God.  
 If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Immaculate Conception  
Religious Education Calendar  
2021-2022

Sundays listed below from  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Immaculate Conception School

JANUARY 2022 09 and 23



FEBRUARY: 06 and 13



MARCH: 06 and 20



APRIL: 03  
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**NEW COVID DIRECTIVES**

As of December 18/19, 2021  
Cardinal Sean is mandating  
all people attending public Masses,  
including weddings and funerals,  
wear masks.

Expires January 17, 2022.

Mass celebrants, deacons, lectors,  
servers, choir members, and should  
wear masks except when they are  
speaking.



WELCOME TO ALL  
WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR  
CHURCH

From January 23, 2021 to May 30, 2021

Sofia Alison Breingan  
Theodora Thomasin Graceffa  
Isabella Jean Savarese  
Clarissa Myrtha Maitre  
Evelyn Audrey Dudley  
Emery Jean McLeod  
Myla Mae Lebel  
Kennady Marie Cooper  
Margaret Mary Branco  
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Zoey Grace Rourke  
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Sophie Louise Lintag You  
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Abigail Grace Robaina  
Nevaeh Esmeralda Siri  
Isabella Elena Sok  
Norah Paige Smith  
Reagan Lorraine Morancy  
Justin Munoz Suarez  
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Ella Ann Abcunas  
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A'Leyan Chalice Siri  
Ellie Ann Fink

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
**MASSES**

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 9, 2022**

**4 PM Joseph M. Moloney, 5<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**SUNDAY – JANUARY 10, 2022**

**8 AM Reilly and Harris Families**

**10 AM Living/Deceased Members of W. G.**

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**BAPTISM**

**WELCOME TO ALL**

**WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR**  
**CHURCH**

**From May 30, 3031 to October 24, 2021**

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