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*January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord*

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass: 8:30AM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Drive thru Communion: 11:30 AM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM and By Appt

**This is My
Beloved Son**



Parish Office Hours:

9:30AM -12:00PM – 12:30PM - 3:00PM

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School Office Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Calendars

Calendars for 2021 are available in the church office and in the back of the church.

**Financial
Report**

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Week of December 27, 2020

\$6,557.00

Week of January 3, 2021

\$5,728.99

Assumption Parish Mission Statement

Assumption Parish is a culturally diverse and vibrant Catholic community which strives to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by accepting the challenge to build a Christ-centered community that draws on the wisdom of our seniors and the energy of our youth. We are committed to Catholic education at various levels. We are nurtured by inspired Liturgy, active and enriching faith formation programs, and inclusive family ministry, all of which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.

A Word from the Pastor

Please enjoy the following article:

When James Sanders' daughter was 5, her goldfish died. As a practicing Catholic and licensed marriage and family therapist, Sanders' mind immediately went to the big question: "How can I introduce death to my 5-year-old daughter?" He set up a burial scene in the backyard, and gave a short eulogy, making sure to bring in some Catholic principles. His daughter listened solemnly, then said, "Dad, our fish is going into the ground and it's going to decompose and help the soil, but its soul will go to heaven and become an angelfish." On the grief scale, the death of a pet fish is a small occurrence. Still, Sanders' daughter used one of the tools Sanders finds important when helping others deal with larger losses. "Using stories and metaphors can help us realize that death is a transition," Sanders explains. "And help us to better understand that if there wasn't death there wouldn't be life. We can appreciate life more because we know it's temporal."

Of course, understanding what happens after a person or animal dies doesn't always help with the often more looming question of why. Why, if God is good, does tragedy occur at all? Father Thomas P. Rausch, the T. Marie Chilton Professor of Catholic Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, says, "People sometimes are tempted to blame God in times of tragedy, but that doesn't work. God does not cause tragic loss or suffering; Jesus, as one like us, knew it intimately, and God grieved for the suffering of his only beloved Son, as he grieves for all the pain of the children he so passionately loves."

Sanders adds, "People will ask 'Why did this have to happen?' and we say, 'Who are we to question God's decisions and plans?'"

The power of people "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," published in 1981, is a seminal book about coping with grief and loss that attempts to answer the "why" of tragedy. Written by Rabbi Harold Kushner after the death of his son as a result of a degenerative disease at age 14, the book is an exploration of the doubts and fears that arise in the face of great loss. It has become a beacon for many who are suffering tremendous grief.

In a new preface written by Kushner in 2001, he said there is a line from the book that is often quoted back to him. It's not a sentence written by Kushner, but a quote he found by a 19th century rabbi: "Human beings are God's language." The meaning, writes Kushner, is that God sends us people to

help us deal with loss: Friends to help us through, doctors and nurses to heal us, family to sit by our side. This sentiment coincides with what Father Rausch advises for dealing with grief. He says, "People who are grieving need people to be with them, just to be present; also, we have to allow ourselves time to grieve. It does little good to try and suppress it, or to deny it." For most, the "Why" of grief will never be sufficiently answered, but there are ways to ease yourself or others through the suffering process. In addition to a support network of friends and family, counseling can be useful, as can books about the topic. Sanders likes to get patients involved in finding a book that resonates with them, rather than picking one for them to read. When enough time has passed, tragedy can be dissected for meaning, or become a learning opportunity. Try and make it more of a positive process and let it help you appreciate the relationships you have in your life." Father Rausch suggests you see grief as a way to better connect with God. "Grieving means dealing with pain, loss, tragedy, which is our share in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus; it means that we enter into his passion in faith so that we, too, might share in the Resurrection." This article was by Heather Skyler 4/26/2015

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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JANUARY 9—JANUARY 16, 2021

We Remember at the Eucharist

Saturday 9

8:30a.m. Mina Riccio+

Sunday 10

10:30 a.m. Robert Chabre+

Monday 11

8:30a.m. Jean & Alice Dupont+

Tuesday 12

8:30a.m. Jean & Henriette Dupont+

Wednesday 13

8:30a.m. Patty Gilmore+

Thursday 14

8:30am Pete & Bernice Robino+

Friday 15

10:0am Louie & Maggie Pacheco+

Saturday 16

8:30a.m. Jim O'Brien+

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 55:1-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Isaiah 12:2-6.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or 1 John 5:1-9.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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St. Vincent DePaul

After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. With your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and trust.

This week through your gifts we were able to help a gentleman recovering with COVID-19 with his utilities and a single mother with her rent.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance,

please call our Help-Line 510-352-6079.

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