



JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025  
+ *We are Pilgrims of Hope* +



"HE WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN"

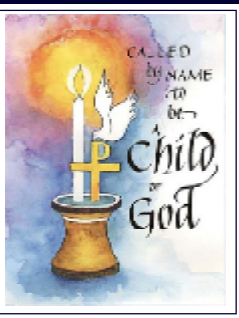
**January 12, 2024 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Sun., Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>HONOURING THIS YEAR'S BAPTIZED</b> (all Masses) and <b>PARISH C.W.L. PIN CEREMONY</b> (all Masses)
	11:30 am	<b>Our January C.W.L. Gathering</b>
Tues., Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
	7:30 pm	K.C. Council 1447 Meeting (Columbus Centre)
Wed., Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Thurs., Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Fri., Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Mass of St. Anthony, the Abbot
Sat., Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>		<b>VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> + The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Sun., Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	<b>MASSES: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>


Special thanks to all who baked, decorated and served at last Sunday's 'COFFEE & CONVERSATION', especially to TIM HORTON'S (Waterloo) for the Coffee and to the HOCKENHULL FAMILY for hosting.

**CELEBRATING THIS YEAR'S BAPTIZED AND OUR VOW RENEWAL**

This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Our tradition on this day, is to honour this past year's Baptized by naming them at all our Masses. and to renew our own Baptismal commitment.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BINGO**

Council 1447 of the Knights of Columbus needs volunteers to help at their Bingo fund-raisers in support of our new Roof campaign.  Please call, Mike Spivak at: 807-628-4255.



Congratulations to: JOHNATHON FALVO who won last month's 50/50 Raffle Draw (Ticket # B-22590. He won \$ 4,078. on December 27, 2024!

**MEETING FOR OUR USHERS** : Those who are, or who wish to become, Cathedral Ushers are invited to a brief meeting in the Church foyer at 12 noon next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Along with Lead Usher Larry Pankuch, we will revisit our Security Protocols and answer questions. *Deacon Derek*

**DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

Last Sunday's Collection .....	\$ 4,752.05
New Year's Collection .....	2,160.65
Initial (for envelope expenses)...	1,195.00
On-Line Donations .....	655.00
Missals/Calendar/Flowers .....	40.00
Votive Candles .....	270.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund .....	55.65

**"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK**

Special Anonymous Donation .....	\$ 10,000.00
Monthly Renovations Collection .....	1,630.00
St. Margaret C.W.L. Donation .....	105.00
Free Will and Online Donations .....	1,340.00
In Honour of Van Voris/Tavares Wedding...	150.00
In Memory of Rose Sandrin .....	100.00
In Memory of Larry Smykalski .....	100.00
In Memory of Fr. Henryk Augustynowicz....	50.00
<b>Donation Totals this Week .....</b>	<b>\$ 13,475.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE</b>	
*** <u>\$ 1,356,464.00</u> ***	



Q. Why was salt placed on the tongue of an infant during the child's Baptism in the past? Is this still done when a person is baptized today?

A. No, this practice is no longer part of the Baptism Ceremony. Unlike yourself, many Catholics are not aware that, until 1964, a pinch of salt was always placed on the tongue of every child at his/her Baptism. This centuries-old practice was dis-

cure meats and to preserve other foods from being corrupted and spoiled by bacteria. Salt symbolizes this protection for the baptized.

◆ The Baptized are given the Pledge of Eternal Life.

Once again the property of salt

continued because the Church felt that, in modern times, the old symbolism of salt was no longer understood by most. In the past, it was used because salt symbolized the following effects of the Sacrament:



.. It Welcomes Us into the Church.

In ancient cultures, salt was given to a newly arrived guest at a home, as a symbol of the hospitality and welcome extended to the person by the host.

◆ It Establishes Our Own Permanent Bond with God

The Hebrews ate salt with another, to symbolize the binding nature of a covenant or bond established between two persons.

◆ Baptism gives us the Spiritual Gift of Wisdom.

From earliest times and in a variety of cultures, salt has been the traditional symbol of wisdom.

◆ Baptism protects Us against the Corruption of Sin and Evil

Many cultures still use salt today to

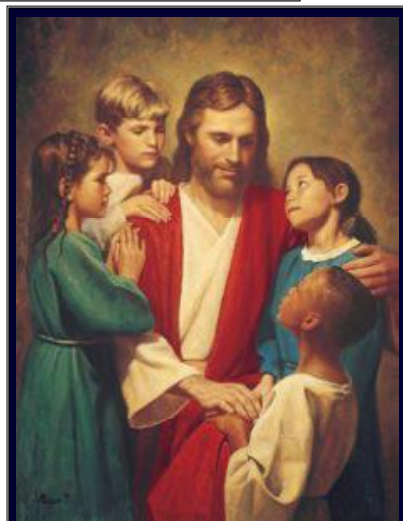
which keeps food from spoilage is another symbol of life without end after death promised to all the Baptized.

A NUMBER OF OTHER BAPTISM SYMBOLS

◆ Blessed Water

This element denotes and effects cleansing, rebirth and new life.

◆ The Two Anointings  
The first, with the *Oil of Catechumens* traced



"You are the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World" (Mt. 5:13-14)

over the heart symbolizes spiritual strength while the second, with *Sacred Chrism* traced on the crown of the head mandates the one baptized to live like Christ.

◆ The Candle

A taper lighted from the Easter Candle is given

to the baptized because Baptism makes one a 'light of the world'.

.. The White Garment

This garment represents 'one's outward sign of Christian dignity' and reminds us of Christ's shroud.



Catholic Women's League

SERVICE PINS WEEKEND

Our Catholic Women's League is proud to announce that the following members will receive their "Years of Service Pins" this weekend. We congratulate and thank them for their 280 years of collective service "For God and Canada".

Joan Joubert

--- 10 Year Pins ---  
Joan Dutli Anastasia Frisby  
Trisha Murphy Theresa Phillips

--- 25 Year Pins ---  
Stella Levesque Alice Ward

--- 40 Year Pins ---  
Diane MacRae Leah Salini

--- 50 Year Pins ---  
Cheryl DeLorenzi

--- 60 Year Pins ---  
Berna Meyer

OUR JANUARY GATHERING

This Sunday, January 12, 2025, after the 10:30 am Mass

SOCKS FOR DEW DROP INN

On January 18/19 we will be collecting new adult and children's warm socks to donate to the "Dew Drop Inn".



Knights of Columbus



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 14 at 7:30 pm. at the Columbus Centre



Development and Peace  
CARITAS CANADA

We support due diligence legislation because it gives harmed communities abroad access to justice in Canada when a Canadian company does not follow legislation.