

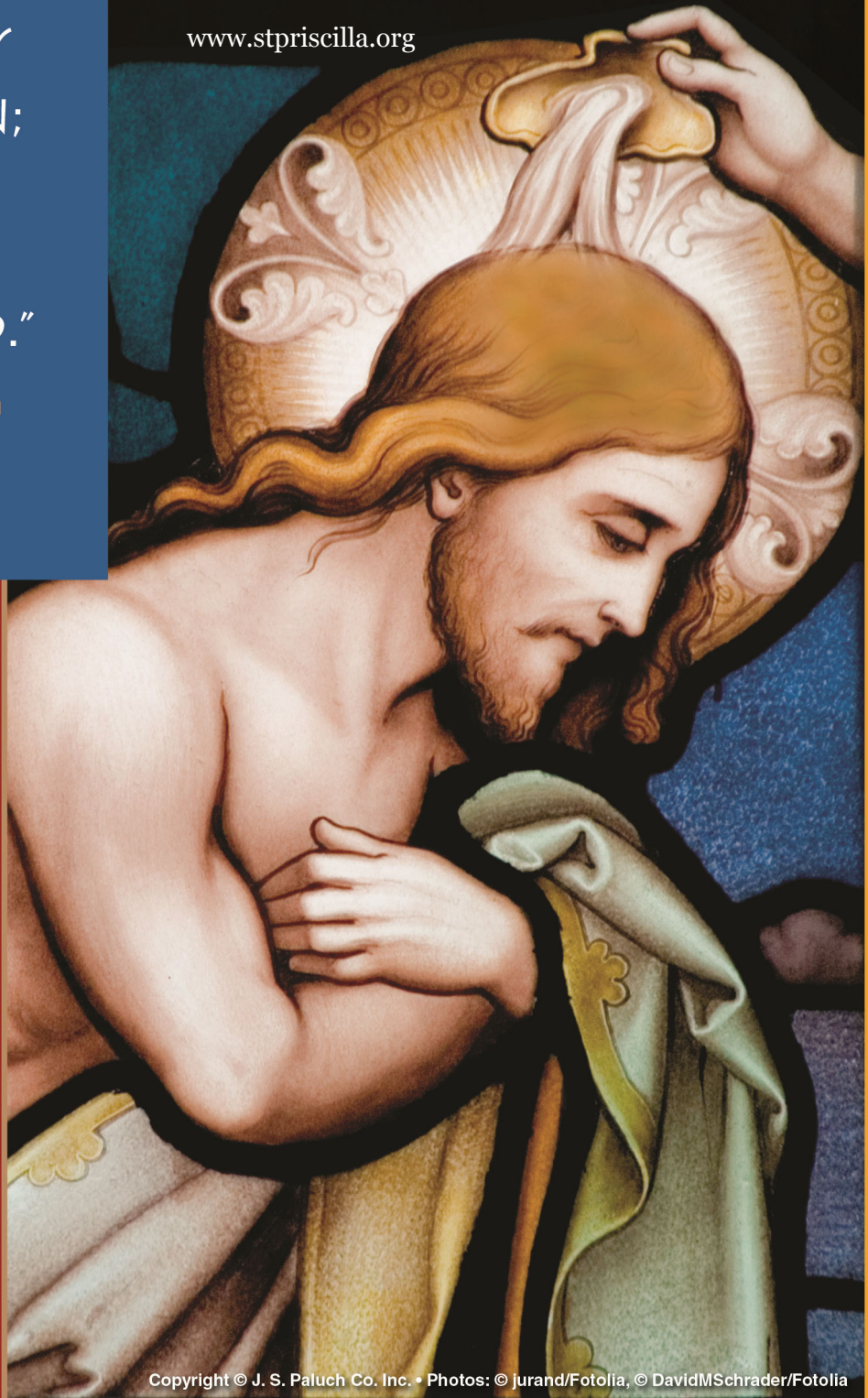
A VOICE CAME
FROM THE
HEAVENS,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU
I AM
WELL PLEASED."

Mark 1:11

January
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THE
BAPTISM
OF
THE
LORD

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Reflecting on God's Word

This is one of the key moments in the life of Jesus. Up north in his hometown of Nazareth he must have heard about John. At some point an inner voice must have said, "Go south, go to the desert. Go listen to this preacher John."

When he came to the desert, he may have stood in a long line before that moment came when he entered the water and John baptized him. Mark gives us only the briefest account of their meeting, but does present John as expecting someone mightier than he who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

It is this same Holy Spirit who came down on Jesus as he was coming out of the water. At that moment, the heavens were torn open, heaven reached down to touch the Galilean, and the Spirit descended like a dove. Have you ever seen a gull descend to snatch a fish or a hawk swoop down to seize its prey? By contrast, the image of a descending dove is one of beauty and grace, of gentle alighting.

The words do not announce Jesus to others, as in Matthew's account, but they are spoken only to him: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (1:11), echoing the words the Lord speaks in the first song of the Servant in the book of Isaiah.

The descent of the dove did not mean an easy life for Jesus, but God had penetrated his being in a way that would then drive him into the desert to begin his mission of confronting the powers of sin and death. This gentle dove came—and continues to come—with a mighty power.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

Living God's Word

At baptism, the Spirit came upon you in the presence of the Christian community, claiming you in Jesus' name, and God said, "You are my beloved son/daughter." Spend some time praying over these words. What do you say to God in return? How does it affect what you do in life?

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WARTOŚĆ CHRZTU ŚWIĘTEGO

A z nieba odezwał się głos: "Tyś jest mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie". (Mt. 1,11)

Podczas dzisiejszej uroczystości wspominamy chrzest Pana Jezusa dokonany przez Jana Chrzciciela w wodach Jordanu. Chociaż Jezus nie posiadał żadnej zmazy, zechciał poddać się obrzędowi oczyszczenia, tak samo, jak poddał się innym nie obowiązującym go przepisom prawa. Stawszy się człowiekiem, poddał się prawom, które rządzą życiem ludzkim i prawom, które rządziły narodem izraelskim, wybranym przez Boga do przygotowania drogi Odkupicielowi.

Jezus przyszedł nad Jordan, aby utwierdzić wszystkich tam zebranych w przekonaniu, że człowiekowi najbardziej w życiu potrzebna jest pokuta. W tym duchu przyszedł Chrystus do Jana, aby potwierdzić słusność jego słów: "Nawróćcie się, bo bliskie jest królestwo niebieskie".

Chrystus przychodzi nad Jordan, aby stamtąd wziąć na siebie grzechy całego świata i iść już stamtąd z nimi na Golgotę. Jezus nie przyszedł nad Jordan po odpuszczenie grzechów, jak przychodzili Izraelici, ale przyszedł po to, aby te ich grzechy stamtąd wziąć na ramiona i podczas swego publicznego nauczania ukazać swemu Ojcu niebieskiemu jak bardzo człowiek jest grzeszny i jak bardzo potrzebuje pokuty.

Święty Augustyn powiada, że Pan zechciał się ochrzcić, "by swoją pokorą potwierdzić to, co było dla nas konieczne.". Na chrzcie świętym otrzymujemy wiarę i łaskę. Dzień ten jest najważniejszym dniem naszego życia. Podobnie, jak zeschła ziemia nie da plonu, jeżeli nie otrzyma wody, tak również my, którzy byliśmy uschłym pniem, nigdy nie wydalibyśmy owoców życia bez tego deszczu podarowanego "z góry".

Podczas dzisiejszej modlitwy powinniśmy podziękować Bogu za ten niezasłużony dar i radować się z tylu darów, którymi Bóg nas obdarował. Objawienie się całej Trójcy Świętej podczas chrztu Jezusa stanowi dla nas dziś doskonałą okazję, aby Jezusowi podziękować także za ukazanie nam i odkrycie przed naszymi oczyma największej tajemnicy naszej wiary świętej. Równocześnie stanowi dla nas zachętę do życia tą tajemnicą oraz wprowadzenie jej w nasze codzienne życie. Cała Trójca Święta, której życia jest jedną wielką miłością, zachęca nas do praktykowania i życia miłością na wzór Trójcy Świętej. Dzięki sakramentowi Chrztu zmieniliśmy się w świątynię Ducha Świętego. Obyś nigdy—wzywa nas święty Leon Wielki—nie wypędził przez swe złe uczynki tak zacnego Gościa, ani też nie poddał się niewoli diabła: ponieważ posiadasz wartość Krwi Chrystusa.

— Ks. Idzi —

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (11)**

- 8:30 — Health and Blessings for the St. Priscilla Holy Name Society members and their families
 ++Salvatore and Maria De Simone (*Michael*)
 +Deceased members of St. Priscilla Holy Name Society
 +Dorothy Turbid (*Bill*)
 +Eryk Piecha Death Anniversary (*Wife and sons*)
 +Diane Nierzwicki (*St. Priscilla Choir*)
- 10:30 — O zdrowie, Boże Bł. i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla Stanisława Tołwińskiego (*Polska Grupa*)
 Dziękczynna za otrzymane łaski oraz o Bł. Boże dla Daniela Majcher w 11-stą rocz. Chrztu Św. (*Rodzice*)
- O radość w wieczności dla:**
 +Patricia Tytro w 1-szą rocz. śmierci
 +Dominik Kalinowski (*Żona i dzieci*)
- 12:15 — +Henry Koziara 15th Death Anniversary (*Family*)
 +Mieczysław Miłkowski 7th Death Anniversary (*Family*)
- 6:00 — O dary Ducha Świętego dla Emilii Tytro i jej rodziny
 +Patrysia Tytro w 1-szą rocz. śmierci (*Rodzice*)

MONDAY (12) Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

8:00 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #2

TUESDAY (13) Weekday (Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor)

8:00 — All souls in Purgatory #22 (*Za zmarłych polecanych w wypominkach*)

WEDNESDAY (14) Weekday

8:00 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #3

8:30 — Za zmarłych polecanych w wypominkach #23

THURSDAY (15) Weekday

8:00 — +Patricia Tytro 1st Death Anniversary (*Family*)

+Ruth Schweitzer (*Friend*)

+Edward DuPlantis Death Anniversary (*Denise*)

FRIDAY (16) Weekday

8:00 — +William Jenkins (*Wife Maria*)

SATURDAY (17) Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #4

8:30 — O Boże Bł., zdrowie i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla Doroty i Piotra Obal

4:00 — In Thanksgiving (*Cuison Family*)

+Jack Ferrier Birthday Remembrance (*Wife*)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (18)

8:30 — Birthday Blessings for Denise DuPlantis

+William Taschler 22nd Death Anniversary (*Barbara and Family*)

++Michele Passarelli and Donato Allegretti (*Family*)

10:30 — O zdrowie i Boże Bł. w dniu urodzin dla Justyny Matelski (*Babcia*)

O Boże Bł., zdrowie i wszelkie łaski dla Dorianka z racji 14-tych urodzin (*Babcia*)

O radość w wieczności dla:

+Maria Mortka w 3-cią rocz. śmierci (*Brat z rodziną*)

++Victor i Adolf Burzynski (*Hanna*)

+Jerzy Kisło w rocz. śmierci (*Rodzina*)

+Dominik Kalinowski (*Żona i dzieci*)

12:15 — +Pietro Massanisso (*Wife and Family*)

6:00 — O zdrowie i Boże Bł. dla Anety Sulewskiej z racji urodzin (*Chrzestna*)

Pray for ...

Pat Abella
 William Balog
 Joe Bargi
 Lorraine Belokon
 Evelyn Cademartrie
 Maria Ceglarek
 Jan Drożdż
 Jean Hanisko
 Dorothy Heck
 Jennifer Hebda
 Marian Henaghan
 Andrew Jennings
 Carrie Kacen
 Marie Kane
 Janet Kaplan
 Maureen Kearney
 Chester Kmiec
 Laverne Kmiec
 Helen Kumiega
 Helen Lapore

Maria Lech
 Peter Leyden
 Joseph LoPiccolo
 Mary Lund
 Mary Lynch
 Michael Manczko
 Barbara McDonald
 Gwen Moncada
 Mike Muka
 Antoni Nierzejewski
 Carol Niewinski
 Stefan Nowik
 Anna Oracz
 Henry Orry
 Joseph Rath
 Marge Reavis
 Alice Reckmann
 Augusto Sandoval
 Norbert Schultz
 Helen Sterling
 Gina Swensen
 Roger Vlasos
 Jola Wolfe
 Katie Young
 Carla and Adam

If you would like to have a name added or removed from our Parish "Pray For..." sick list, please call the rectory at 773-545-8840 ext. 221. Thank you!



Rest in Peace

Diane Nierzwicki

Arkadiusz Ruszczyk



December 28, 2014

Currency	\$ 4,145.00
Checks	\$ 2,468.00
Loose Coin	\$ 7.82
Total	\$ 6,620.82

Weekly Goal	\$ 7,500.00
Budget Year to Date	\$195,000.00
Collections Year to Date	\$159,495.20
Under Budget	\$ <35,504.80 >

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is invaluable to the future of the faith in this region. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please give with a joyful and generous heart. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week's collection.

In Nicaragua, families face many challenges as they strive to live and share their faith. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Diocese of Juigalpa was able to build its capacity for sharing the faith by forming family evangelization teams in all of its twenty-two parishes. Thanks to the training they received, participants are now able to accompany married couples and those preparing for marriage. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith with the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you!



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The family around the world today faces tremendous challenges. In Latin America, where Christian values remain important, many families are wounded by hostility from the surrounding environment and by broken relationships within the family. Yet throughout the hemisphere, the Church continues to point the way to Christ as the source of hope and healing within the family and in society. Many family and catechetical ministry projects funded by the Collection for the Church in Latin America offer families and communities a way to strengthen, affirm, and celebrate their life together in faith, offering a different and hopeful vision of relationships with one another and with God.

In Cuba, migration and economic pressures are only a few of the many internal and external circumstances that pose threats to Catholic families, as they strive to practice and share their faith. A grant requested by the Archdiocese of Havana is addressing these challenges by forming family pastoral ministers who are helping nourish families, so they can live an authentic, integrated experience of faith at home and in the wider community.

Through this project, the archdiocese placed an increased focus on family ministry, supporting ninety-eight communities with existing programs. Monthly, one-day meetings are held with the communities, which includes workshops, interactive exercises, and best practices for family ministry. The project also promotes the Rosary and prepared people for both the National Day of Families held in May and the Annual Diocesan Gathering of Families held in June of 2014. In addition to the monthly meetings, a separate retreat was held for the facilitators of the groups that work with young couples.

Our archdiocese will take up this collection the weekend of **January 18, 2015**. Please be generous in this collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you. Sincerely yours in Christ.



St. Priscilla Choir Party

January 6, 2015



We would like to sincerely thank all Adult and Youth Choir members and Mrs. Anna Ewko, our organist, for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. They help us to understand and they beautify the Liturgy every week during Mass with their voices. New choir members are always welcome to join. Once again, thank you and may God Bless you for your continued service to St. Priscilla Church.

St. Celestine Parish located at 3020 N. 76th Ct. will be hosting the showing of the movie "40", on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the church.

40 is a compelling documentary which presents abortion as the most important human and civil rights issue of our time. It features inspiring stories and deeply personal interviews with many of the names in the Pro-Life movement. There will be a light refreshment afterward.

Please call (708) 453-2555 with any questions.



2015 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS "Entrusted with Responsibility"

The 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal is underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop Cupich. He asks that you make a pledge to the 2015 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Please respond generously.

The Appeal supports both parish and Archdiocesan ministries.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is **Entrusted with Responsibility**. We each have a responsibility to recognize God's gifts to us and to nurture them.

As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude.

As you review the mailing from Archbishop Cupich, please note the ministries and services funded by the Appeal, including the ones that directly support the work of our parish. Then please give generously. Note that when our parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Unite



The great and sad effect of Original Sin is that it separated us from God and from each other. The great and wonderful grace of baptism is that it **unites** us with Christ and each other. Recall what Saint Paul says, "All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death... For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:3,5)

Baptism unites us to Christ, and that means that his destiny and ours are intertwined. If we want to see how our life will unfold or ought to unfold, we look to him. If we want to see the path that we must traverse, we watch the road that he traveled. Really, the key to our life is given to us in our Baptism. That key is our union with him who is our hope.

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STARTS AT FEDERAL PLAZA (50 W ADAMS)

— SPEAKERS —

Abby Johnson

Joe Schiedler

National Director of Pro-Life Action League

Dr. Erwin Lutzer, *Senior Pastor of Moody Church*

Representative Dan Lipinski (D), IL-3

Representative Peter Roskam (R), IL-6

Pastor Mark Jobe

Pastor of New Life Community Church

and more...

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this week, on Sunday, January 18, and continues through Sunday, January 25. The theme for 2015 is Jesus said to her, "Give Me A Drink." (John 4: 7) Use the Daily Scripture and Prayer Guide to join with Christians around the world praying "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Plan to join with members of other Christian churches and communities in our area for the following special observances...

VISIT: http://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/index.html