

THE BASILICA BULLETIN

Boston's Basilica for Lay People's Spiritual Help



The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019



From the Rector

Very Rev. Joseph Tizio, C.Ss.R.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the official end of the Christmas season. The end of Christmas always calls us back to the regular rhythm of our lives, it calls us back to our daily tasks. However, it also brings us into the heart of winter, into the darkest and coldest months of the year. The

dark, cold, and quiet days after the joyous Christmas celebration remind us that Christ continues to work within us and among us even in the fallow seasons, in the cold quiet darkness, in the times of dryness and searching. I found some lines written by an author named B.J. Hoff which touched me.

Yet in the quiet darkness, Christ is working. His silence in the shadows does not mean He does not care; a part of faith is trusting without reason. Believing, when He cannot be seen or heard, that he is still there.

I was especially touched by the simplicity of the author's words yet what he says is quite profound. Sometimes, it is easy to sense God's presence in the big, joyful celebrations, in familiar gospel stories, in children reliving the nativity. However, sometimes, in the daily routine, in the everyday tasks that we all must perform, in the little and great disappointments and hurts of life, God's presence is hard to find. I like to think of the Magi following the start in the darkness of the night, unsure of where they were going or for whom they were searching. At the end of the journey, they found Christ. So with us, if we just keep taking the next step forward each day, we will come to find the consolation of Christ's presence!

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The Redemptorists

Weekday Masses

7:00am and 12:10pm

Saturday Masses

8:00am and 12:10pm

Vigil: 4:00pm, 7:00pm (Haitian)

Sunday Masses

9:00am, 12:30pm, 5:00pm

11:00am (Spanish)

Sacrament of Penance

Monday-Saturday at 11:50am

Saturday 3:30pm

Wednesday Novena Service

12:10pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm (Spanish),

7:00pm (Haitian)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 8:00am to 5:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

FROM THE RECTOR

En Español

Jan 12 Saturday

8:00am Dias Family
12:10pm The Cazeau Family and Grandchildren
Shrine and Purgatorian Members
4:00pm +Mary, Jimmy, and Jerry Breen
7:00pm Purgatorian Society

Jan 13 Sunday

9:00am Eugenie Bolaud
11:00am +Andres Hernandez
12:30pm Ann and Gerald Melia
5:00pm Donna and Frank Wiggins

Jan 14 Monday

7:00am Patricia Curtis
12:10pm Nancy Griffin

Jan 15 Tuesday

7:00am Shrine Members Living and Deceased
12:10pm Marie LaRose and Family

Jan 16 Wednesday

7:00am +Kenneth F. Bottary and Alan P. Hecht
12:10pm +Charles J. Bunkley
6:30pm Purgatorian Society

Jan 17 Thursday

7:00am TV Novena Donors
12:10pm +Michele A. Appelblatt

Jan 18 Friday

7:00am Shrine Members Living and Deceased
12:10pm +Sister Margaret Patricia Donahue

Este domingo celebramos la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor y el fin oficial de la temporada navideña. El final de la Navidad siempre nos devuelve al ritmo regular de nuestras vidas, nos devuelve a nuestras tareas diarias. Sin embargo, también nos lleva al corazón del invierno, a los meses más oscuros y fríos del año. Los días oscuros, fríos y tranquilos después de la alegre celebración navideña nos recuerdan que Cristo continúa trabajando dentro de nosotros y entre nosotros incluso en las temporadas de barbecho, en las frías y oscuras tinieblas, en los tiempos de sequedad y búsqueda. Encontré algunas líneas escritas por un autor llamado B.J. Hoff que me conmovió.

Sin embargo, en la oscuridad silenciosa, Cristo está obrando. Su silencio en las sombras no significa que a Él no le importe; Una parte de la fe es confiar sin razón. Creyendo, cuando Él no puede ser visto u oído, que todavía está allí.

Me conmovió especialmente la simplicidad de las palabras del autor, pero lo que dice es bastante profundo. A veces, es fácil sentir la presencia de Dios en las celebraciones grandes y alegres, en las historias familiares del Evangelio, en los niños que reviven la natividad. Sin embargo, a veces, en la rutina diaria, en las tareas cotidianas que todos debemos realizar, en las pequeñas y grandes decepciones y heridas de la vida, la presencia de Dios es difícil de encontrar. Me gusta pensar en los Magos después del comienzo en la oscuridad de la noche, sin saber a dónde iban o a quién buscaban. Al final del viaje, encontraron a Cristo. Entonces, con nosotros, si seguimos dando el siguiente paso cada día, ¡encontraremos el consuelo de la presencia de Cristo!

Reflexión

"respondió Juan a todos, diciendo: «Yo os bautizo con agua; pero viene el que es más fuerte que yo, y no soy digno de desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Él os bautizará en Espíritu Santo y fuego»." (Lucas 3:16)

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica afirma que "la inmersión de Jesús en el agua es una señal para todos los seres humanos de la necesidad de morir para hacer la voluntad de Dios". En otras palabras, como católicos bautizados solo hay un regalo que debemos dar a Jesús - el don de nosotros mismos. Ríndete a Dios, deposita tu confianza en Él y permite que el Espíritu Santo trabaje a través de ti para la mayor gloria de Dios.

Reflection

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.





NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome Deacon Sarno

We are happy to announce that Cardinal O'Malley has appointed Deacon Alfred Sarno, Jr. to serve here at the Basilica. Deacon Sarno was ordained as a permanent deacon six years ago and recently served at St. Anne's Parish in Salem.

Thank You

We thank everyone who was so generous with our Christmas flower and music collection. As always, we deeply appreciate all you do for our community!

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Requests for Rosaries from the missions far exceed the supply. You are needed to help answer Our Lady's requests, by purchasing rosaries from our table at the back of the church. The money from the sales goes towards the postage to mail the rosaries overseas as well as for rosary making supplies. The rosaries we send to missions will be given to those who otherwise may never own one! Our purpose is to continuously encourage and promote the saying and the praying of the Most Holy Rosary especially for people who cannot afford to have access to a rosary. You are making the increase of prayer in the world possible.

Annual CORI Forms

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all clergy, parish staff (full and part time), together with all volunteers (17 years of age and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled, undergo a CORI check. This process requires an individual to fill out a CORI request form annually in accordance with this policy. Please bring your Driver's License or Massachusetts ID to the Rectory Office for verification. Thank you!

2019 Mass Intentions

Remember a deceased loved one or pray for an intention through a High Mass request to be said as part of our daily and Sunday Masses. Intentions may be booked on a first come, first serve basis. Intentions for 2019 can now be taken, please visit the Rectory Office. High Mass stipends are \$15. Mass cards for deceased, sick, special intention and birthdays are also available:
www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop

Stewardship

Please remember that we depend on your weekly offering to continue the ministry of our parish. We ask that you consider giving the equivalent of one hour of your weekly salary. It's a goal that would strengthen the offertory to be in line with current expenses. If you can not commit one hour at this time, we ask that you contribute at least \$5 as a minimum offering for the upkeep and mission of the church. Every gift will be used wisely and carefully. Thank you for the sacrifices you make for this community!

2019 Intenciones de Misa

Recuerde a un ser querido fallecido o ore por una intención a través de una petición de la Gran Misa que debe ser dicha como parte de nuestras misas diarias y dominicales. Las intenciones pueden ser reservadas en un primer llegado, primero sirven la base para 2019 visitando la oficina de la rectoría. Los estipendios de la Alta Misa son \$ 15. Las tarjetas masivas para los difuntos, los enfermos, la intención especial y los cumpleaños también están disponibles, así como las sociedades perpetuas de matriculación en masa, www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop

Los Enfermos en los Hospitales y en el Hogar

También cuando conozca de algún enfermo que este en el hospital o en su hogar y necesite la visita de un sacerdote por favor llamar o pasar por la oficina parroquial para hacer arreglos para dicha visita.

Los Bautismos en Español

Les informamos que si necesitan Bautizar sus niños, ellos deben ser menores de 7 años para ser Bautizados aquí en la Basílica. Si son "mayors de 7 años" deben tomar clases de catecismo por 2 años consecutivos. Los bautismos en Español son el primer domingo de cada mes.

Novena Hispana a la Virgen del Perpetuo Socorro

Lo invitamos a unirse a nosotros cada miércoles por la noche a las 6:30pm en la capilla de la casa parroquial semanalmente a la novena en español a la Virgen del Perpetuo Socorro.

Haitian Prayer Group meets first Saturday at 5:00pm

"Zanmi Manman Pèpetyèl yo", ap toujou rankontre chak premye samdi, a 5 h PM pou rive 6h45 PM, nan mizik room lan. Nou konte sou prezans tout manb yo, pou nou kontinye viv karis nou ki bati sou twa wòch dife. " lapriye, fòmasyon, ak fratènite"

Bible Class in French/Creole Every Second Tuesday at 8:00pm

Mes frères et soeurs. On ne peut donner ce qu'on n'a pas. Tout chrétien, doit connaitre la parole de Dieu. Donc, il est important de se mettre à l'écoute, et à l'étude de la parole de Dieu, pour pouvoir partager avec les autres, combien Dieu nous aime. Dans le souci de répondre mieux à notre vocation chrétienne, nous avons un cours biblique chaque deuxième Mardi du mois à 8:00 PM.

« Frèm ak sèm yo, nou pa ka bay sa nou pa genyen, donk antan ke kretyen, nou dwe, konnen Paròl Granmèt la. Se sak fè nou gen you kou labib, chak dezyèm Madi, a 8:00 PM. »

Haitian Mass Every Saturday at 7:00pm

Frèm ak sèm yo, Bondye, avèk Manman Pèpetyèl toujou la pou li pran swen nou, pou li ban nou nouriti kap kenbe nou solid nan lafwa. Se sak fè Granmèt la toujou mete, sevètè pou sèvi nou. Pou nou ka jwen nouriti spirityèl sa, chak Samdi a 7 pm, nap gen lamès an kreyòl, nan Legliz Pèpetyèl la. Nou tout, ayisyen yo, nou se pitit Manman Pèpetyèl, vini, pou nou selebre lafwa nou, nan lang manman nou.

BASILICA MEMORIALS

Basilica Memorial Plaque

Honor a loved one with a permanent memorial inside the Basilica. A limited number of engravable metal plaques are mounted near the Shine and Purgatorian altar for donor contributions of \$1,000 or more. Your gift directly benefits the Basilica and the on going restoration work that is continually needed. A 1" x 4" metal plaque can be engraved with up to 20 characters on each line, up to 4 lines. Spaces and punctuation are characters.



Masses and Enrollments

The Basilica's sacred altars and presence as a spiritual home for over a century provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the liturgy for your intentions. Masses for living and deceased can be offered throughout the year. We also have special perpetual Mass enrollment societies that provide daily and weekly remembrances as long as the Basilica endures.

For details visit the Rectory Office or our website, www.bostonsbasilica.com/shop



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast

The Secretariat for Evangelization & Discipleship and Black Catholic Ministries, with St. Katharine Drexel Parish invite you to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast, Monday, Jan. 21, from 9AM - 12PM. Guest speaker will be Mr. Bryan Barnett from WHDH Channel 7 News and music will be provided by Boston Black Catholic Choir. For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/2019MLKprayer>.

Intentional Discipleship Conference

The Archdiocese of Boston's 2nd Annual Intentional Discipleship conference will be Saturday, March 2 at Fontbonne Academy. This year's theme, Intentional Discipleship: CALLED will feature keynote speakers Hosffman Ospino, Gina Bauer, and Scott Powell. Mass will be celebrated at 4PM by Bishop Robert Reed, followed by dinner and another keynote by Katie Prejean McGrady. For more info, visit disciplesinmission.com/conference.

Cathedral Food Bank

The Cathedral of the Holy Cross operates a food bank open to all in need on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00am-3:00pm. Located at 1400 Washington Street, Boston in the lower church facing Msgr. Reynolds Way. A photo id is required for distributions. For more information please call 617-506-6600.

Transformed in Love Marriage Prep

Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2018-2019 dates, locations, and registration information, visit bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

Evangelization Workshops

Forming Disciples in Mission, a workshop in evangelization, is offering workshops this spring. Visit disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples to register. Also, a workshop on leadership, Forming Leaders for Mission, helps discern your gifts for leadership in your parish, family, and community. To register visit: disciplesinmission.com/formingleaders.

Pregnancy Help

Pregnancy Help is a pregnancy resource center sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston to provide alternatives to abortion. Pregnancy Help provides free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, referrals, and ongoing support. All services are free, confidential and available for English, Spanish and Portuguese speaking clients. For assistance call 888-771-3914, text 617-903-7960.



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