

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

## INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

9:00 am John & Virginia Zwick (d)

11:00 am Mary Tieves (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, January 10, 2022

8:30 am William Himsel (d)

TUESDAY, January 11, 2022

8:30 am George Koch (d)

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2022

8:30 am Diane Lang (d)

THURSDAY, January 13, 2022

*St. Hilary, bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:30 am Fr. Jim Van Vurst, OFM (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, January 14, 2022

8:30 a.m. Bobby Ronan (d)

SATURDAY, January 15, 2022

BVM

8:30 am Philip Hofmeyer (d)

4:30 pm Roger Hartinger (d)

SUNDAY, January 16, 2022

9:00 am Zwick Family

11:00 am Terri Thiergartner

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY** when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

**Gilligan – Siefke – Grueter**

**Funeral Home**

*Opposite St. Lawrence Church*

**513-921-0302**

**Harry J. Gilligan III**

**Matt Rost**

**Peter J. Gilligan**

***Rest in Peace:*** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Holscher, Jerome Louis, Marjorie Glaser, and Colette Kersting.

## SERVERS

January 15/16

No Servers Scheduled

## LECTORS

January 15/16

No Lectors Scheduled

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January 15/16

To Be Determined

Christmas	\$31,021.00
Additional Christmas	\$ 5,662.50
Christmas Total	\$36,683.50
January 2, 2022	\$ 7,782.63

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** St. Teresa and St. William Parishes invite you to a Winter Faith Formation Series: Monday evenings 6pm in St. William's Fr. Reardon Hall (4108 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.) January 31, February 7, 14, 21. The series will conclude with a Mass on Monday, February 28 at 6pm at St. William Church All are welcome to attend. There is no charge. Questions? Call 513-921-9200 ext. 101

**CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB:** is having a wine and cheese gathering on Sunday, January 23, at 2:00 p.m., at the Purcell K of C Anchor Room, 3621 Glenmore Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211. Please contact Don 513-574-8573 or Larry 513-520-1323 with any questions.



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# The Laurentian



**THANK YOU:** Many, many thanks to all who provided such beautiful music at all of the Christmas Masses, as well as to the ladies and maintenance men who decorated the church so beautifully. Everyone did a superlative job! Again, I wish to thank all of you for your well wishes and Christmas gifts.

Once again, I thank you for your generosity shown in the Sunday collections and the Christmas collection. You just continue to overwhelm me. Thank you.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm. (During January, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Parish Center)

**Beacons of Light:** The final version of the breakdown of parishes of families can be viewed on the Archdiocese website at [www.beaconsoflight.org](http://www.beaconsoflight.org).

**Church Tile Floor:** It will take 4-5 weeks to complete the project. In order for the project to go as quickly and as smoothly as possible, we will move weekend and daily Masses, Eucharistic Adoration and confessions into the Parish Center. In case of a funeral, the funeral home will call St. Lawrence as usual. I will determine whether the funeral Mass will be held at St. Teresa or St. William. The funeral will be planned here at St. Lawrence and we will use our own St. Lawrence musicians, servers and bereavement.

**Holy Hour for the Protection of the Unborn:** Join us Saturday, January 22nd at St. Teresa of Avila Church for the National Day of Prayer for the Right to Life. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers offered for the protection of the unborn at 9am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered during the Holy Hour.

**2022 Cincinnati Men's Conference** Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. Go to [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com) to get tickets.

2022 Headline Speakers

Jim Caviezel

ACTOR (Passion of the Christ)

Raymond Arroyo

FOX News | EWTN

This Conference is intended for ALL men, no matter where you are in your religious journey or what faith you identify with. Please join us.



**IRS TAX STATEMENT:** If you would like a statement of your 2021 donations, please fill in the box below, clip it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail to: St. Lawrence Church, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205.

## **2021 CONTRIBUTIONS**

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From a sermon by St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop

In the mystery of our Lord's incarnation there were clear indications of his eternal Godhead. Yet the great events we celebrate today disclose and reveal in different ways the fact that God himself took a human body. Mortal man, enshrouded always in darkness, must not be left in ignorance, and so be deprived of what he can understand and retain only by grace.

In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us. He therefore reveals himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of his love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding.

Today the Magi find, crying in a manger, the one they have followed as he shone in the sky. Today the Magi see clearly, in swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as he lay hidden among the stars.

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

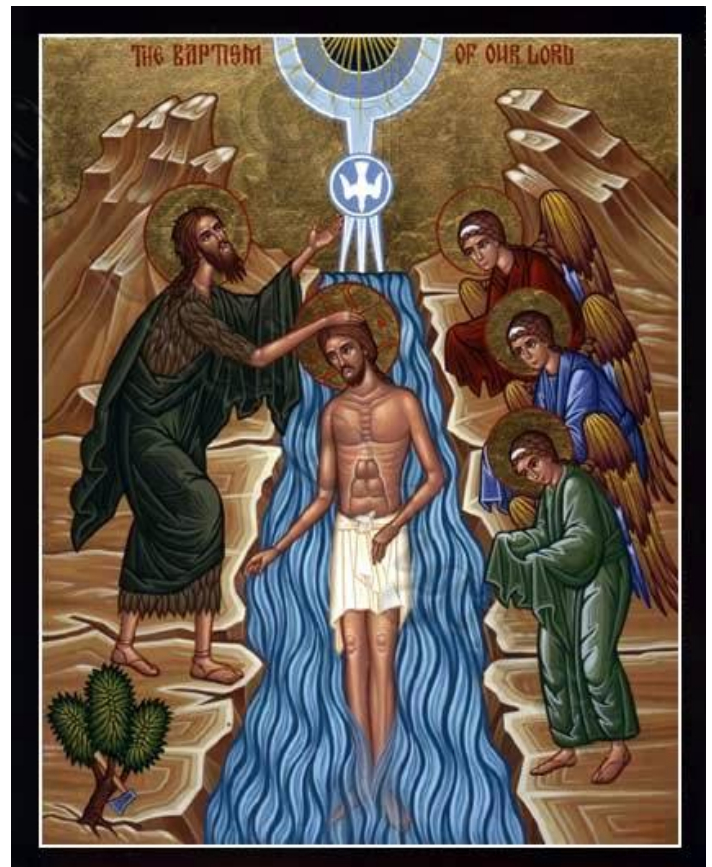
So the Gentiles, who were the last, become the first: the faith of the Magi is the first fruits of the belief of the Gentiles.

Today Christ enters the Jordan to wash away the sin of the world. John himself testifies that this is why he has come: *Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.* Today a servant lays his hand on the Lord, a man lays his hand on God, John lays his hand on Christ, not to forgive but to receive forgiveness.

Today, as the psalmist prophesied: *The voice of the Lord is heard above the waters.* What does the voice say? *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

Today the Holy Spirit hovers over the waters in the likeness of a dove. A dove announced to Noah that the flood had disappeared from the earth; so now a dove is to reveal that the world's shipwreck is at an end forever. The sign is no longer an olive-shoot of the old stock: instead, the Spirit pours out on Christ's head the full richness of a new anointing by the Father, to fulfill what the psalmist had prophesied: *Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.*

Today Christ works the first of his signs from heaven by turning water into wine. But water [mixed with wine] has still to be changed into the sacrament of his blood, so that Christ may offer spiritual drink from the chalice of his body, to fulfill the psalmist's prophecy: *How excellent is my chalice, warming my spirit.*



## The Laurentian

### God wills our Good

God wills only our good; God loves us more than anybody else can or does love us.

God surrounds us with his loving care lest we suffer eternal damnation: "O Lord, thou hast crowned us as with a shield of thy good will". (Ps.5:13). He is most solicitous for our welfare: "The Lord is solicitous for me." (Ps. 39:18). What can God deny us when he has given us his own son? "He that spared not even his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how hath he not also, with him, given us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). Therefore we should most confidently abandon ourselves to all the dispositions of divine providence, since they are for our own good. In all that happens to us, let us say: "In peace, in the self same I will sleep, and I will rest: Because thou, O Lord, hast singularly settled me in hope." (Ps. 4:9, 10).

Let us place ourselves unreservedly in his hands because he will not fail to have care of us. "Casting all your care upon him, for he hath care of you." (1 Ptr. 5:7). Let us keep God in our thoughts and carry out his will, and he will think of us and of our welfare. Our Lord said to St. Catherine of Siena, "Daughter, think of me, and I will always think of you." Let us often repeat with the Spouse in the Canticle: "My beloved to me, and I to him." (Cant. 2:6).

St. Niles, abbot, used to say that our petitions should be, not that our wishes be done, but that God's holy will should be fulfilled in us and by us. When, therefore, something adverse happens to us, let us accept it from his hands, not only patiently, but even with gladness, as did the apostles "who went from the presence of the council rejoicing, that they were accounted worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus." (Acts 5:41). What greater consolation can come to a soul than to know that by patiently bearing some tribulation, it gives God the greatest pleasure in its power?

Spiritual writers tell us that though the desire of certain souls to please God by their sufferings is acceptable to him, still more pleasing to him is the union of certain others with his will, so that their will

is neither to rejoice or to suffer, but to hold themselves completely amenable to his will, and they desire only that his holy will be fulfilled.

If, devout soul, it is your will to please God and live a life of serenity in this world, unite yourself always and in all things to the divine will. Reflect that all the sins of your past wicked life happened because you wandered from the path of God's will. For the future, embrace God's good pleasure and say to him in every happening: "Yea, Father, for so it hath seemed good in thy sight." (Matt. 27:46). When anything disagreeable happens, remember it comes from God and say at once, "This comes from God" and be at peace: "I was dumb and opened not my mouth, because thou hast done it." (Ref.??). Lord, since thou hast done this, I will be silent and accept it. Direct all your thoughts and prayers to this end, to beg God constantly in meditation, Communion, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament that he help you accomplish his holy will. Form the habit of offering yourself frequently to God by saying, "My God, behold me in thy presence; do with me and all that I have as thou pleases." This was the constant practice of St. Teresa. At least fifty times a day she offered herself to God, placing herself at his entire disposition and good pleasure.

How fortunate you, kind reader, if you too act thus! You will surely become a saint. Your life will be calm and peaceful; your death will be happy. At death all our hope of salvation will come from the testimony of our conscience as to whether or not we are dying resigned to God's will. If during life we have embraced everything as coming from God's hands, and if at death we embrace death in fulfillment of God's holy will, we shall certainly save our souls and die the death of saints.

Let us then abandon everything to God's good pleasure, because being infinitely wise, he *knows* what is best for us; and being all good and all loving, having given his life for us, he wills what is best for us. Let us, as St. Basil counsels us, rest secure in the conviction that beyond the possibility of a doubt, God works to effect our welfare, infinitely better than we could ever hope to accomplish or desire it ourselves.

by St. Alphonsus de Ligouri