

Sacramental Prep Course



Hello parents and students,
My name is Mel Poulin, and I am the Sacramental prep facilitator this year. I am excited to journey with you all towards the reception of your sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

This year each Sacrament will consist of three mandatory two hour student sessions, and each one will include a one hour parent only session, which will also be mandatory. Upon the completion of the three sessions, students will take part in a separate celebration of the reception of their Sacrament.

These preparation sessions are for children, who are currently in Grade 3 or older.

First Reconciliation Preparation - Church

Session 1 - Sunday, Jan 11 2-4 pm

Session 2 - Sunday, Jan 18 2-4 pm

Session 3 - Sunday, Feb 8 2-4 pm

Reception of First Reconciliation - Tuesday, Feb 17 6:30pm



To register please contact the parish office



PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING



Jan 12
Monday
Parish Hall



Knights of
Columbus



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank
St Louis Parish for all donations and volunteer help
with this year's Christmas Hamper Campaign.
You have helped make this annual community project a success!

293 Christmas food hampers were delivered
and **\$44,132.10** was received in donations.



Thank you for your support!

Christmas Hamper Campaign Committee



Dan Dugas - Chairman, Ed Hourd, Terry Shenher and Dave Scott



Have a good singing voice?

Join the Choir



**Youth & Sat
Mass Choir**
Call Patrice at
780-293-7767

French Choir
Call Anna at 780-812-1682.
Practise is Thurs 7:30 pm.
Reading in French is an asset but
not required.

**English Choir
for Sun Mass**
Call Germaine
at 780-812-0846

Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

2026

Jan 11 - French
Jan 18 - Youth
Jan 25 - French

Feb 1 - English
Feb 8 - French
Feb 15 - English
Feb 22 - French

Mar 1 - Youth
Mar 8 - French
Mar 15 - English
Feb 22 - French
Mar 29 - English

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Rene Realuyo, *Pastor*
Dave Scott, *Maintenance* – part-time
Jojo Policarpio, *Secretary*
Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010
OR email officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca
Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Parish Council Elected Members

Dave Sharun – *Chairperson*

Members -----

Vince Spila - Knights of Columbus
Joe Marion - Dr. Bernard Brosseau
Rachel Reid - Notre Dame Elementary
Vince MacDonald Wayne Marks
Leona Bonneau Marie Southcombe
Audrey Campbell Gerarda Germain
Jason Morgan Nathan Gumangan
Maria Shea Lise Medford
Sheldon Germain

Family Committee

Regimbald Family * Taylor Family

Finance Committee

Russ Yarnuch * Luc Vincent * Lorian Lafrenière *
Stacey Taylor * Carrie Goldsmith * Isabelle Hetu

Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell * Germaine Prybysh.

Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh * Annette Schultz
Robert Albert * Paul Husereau * Yvonne Primeau

Adoration - Janet Anctil – 780 826-1085

Adult Servers - Dan Dugas

Baptism Preparation - JoJo Policarpio

Bldg & Maintenance Concerns –

Roger Lafreniere

Camp St. Louis: 780-645-3277

Collections - Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

Communion in the Homes - Call the Parish Office.

Sacramental Preparation - Monique Morgan

Knights of Columbus -
Dan Dugas - 780 826-7422

Liturgical Scheduling

Fran Kusch – 5 p.m. Mass

Audrey Campbell – 10:00 a.m. Mass

Marriage Preparation – Call Fr. Rene
6 months in advance.

Music Ministry

Saturday: Patrice MacDonald
Sunday: Margaret Borders
Dimanche: Anna Laplante

Pastoral Care – Call Parish Office

RCIA – Call Parish Office

Sacristan - Janet Anctil

Sunday School – Natasha Miller
Suzanne Antoniuk

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm

Jan 11 2026



Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday and Friday : 9:00 am
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge
First Friday: 6 pm
Last Friday : 10:30 am Extendingcare

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

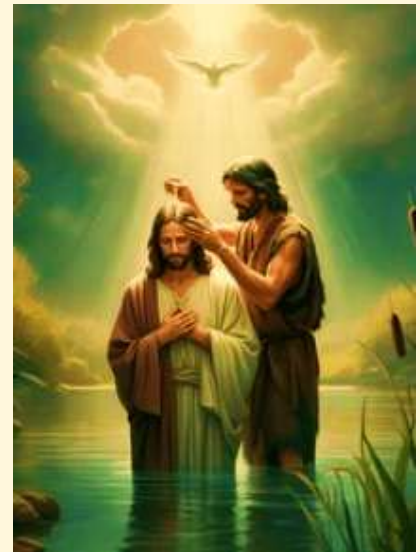
Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus' baptism by John was a mystical experience that Jesus felt deep within his soul at the crucial turning point of his life. The opening of the Heavens with Holy Spirit, descending as a dove upon Jesus, and the Voice declaring of him, "*This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased,*" are God's revelation to mankind of the Mystery that He is Triune. The presence of the Triune God at this baptism, reveals Jesus' true identity and mission. The Heavens' opening also indicates that this was a moment of God's powerful intervention in human history and in the life of His Son.

According to Rev. William Barclay (non-Catholic Bible scholar) Jesus' baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. **First**, it was a moment of decision. It marked the end of Jesus' private life which had prepared him for his public ministry. **Second**, it was a moment of identification with his people in their God-ward movement initiated by John the Baptist (*quality of a good leader*). **Third**, it was a moment of approval. Jesus might have been waiting for a signal of approval from his Heavenly Father, and during his baptism Jesus got this approval of himself as the Father's "beloved Son." **Fourth**, it was a moment of conviction. At this baptism, Jesus received certainties (*assurances*) from Heaven about His identity (*although he knew it as God even as a child*), a) He was the "Chosen One" and the "beloved Son of God"; and the nature of His mission: b) his mission of saving mankind would be fulfilled, not by conquering the Romans, but by becoming the "suffering servant" of God, i.e., by the cross. **Fifth**, it was a moment of equipment. When He descended on Jesus in the form of a dove (symbol of gentleness), the Holy Spirit equipped Jesus (*although Holy Spirit was one with Jesus always*) with the power of preaching the "Good News" that God is a loving Father, Who wants to save all human beings from their sins through His Son Jesus, in contrast to the "axe" and "fire" preaching of John the Baptist about an angry God's judgment on sinners.

Source: Excerpt from <https://frtonyshomilies.com/2026/01/02/baptism-of-the-lord/>



The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern Churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.

Baptême du Seigneur

As Holy Doors close, Cardinals emphasize God’s arms are always open

Rome

The path to conversion, the door to God's mercy and the call to live in Christian hope all continue beyond the Jubilee Year, said the three cardinals who closed the Holy Doors at three major basilicas in Rome.

On the feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, Pope Leo solemnly closed the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, formally concluding the Holy Year 2025, which Pope Francis opened on Christmas Eve 2024. Diocesan and other local celebrations of the Jubilee concluded Dec. 28.

The Holy Doors are bricked up between Jubilee Years, which usually occur every 25 years. Pope Leo has indicated, however, that an extraordinary Holy Year will be celebrated in 2033, to mark the 2,000th anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

"What is closing is not divine grace, but a special time of the Church, and what remains open forever is the heart of the merciful God," Makrickas said in his homily Dec. 25. While the Holy Door is closed, "the door that truly matters remains that of our heart: it opens when it listens to the word of God, it widens when it welcomes our brother or sister, it is strengthened when it forgives and asks for forgiveness," he said.

"In this basilica, precisely during this Holy Year, we have been granted the grace of a very special task: to safeguard a memory that becomes prophecy," he said, drawing attention to the late Pope Francis, who is buried at St. Mary Major "and honoured by thousands of faithful every day."



Cardinal Rolandas Makrickas, archpriest of Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major, solemnly closes the basilica's Holy Door Dec. 25 as the Jubilee Year was ending.

Source: <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/3258-as-holy-doors-close-cardinals-emphasize-gods-arms-are-always-open>

According to SIR, the news agency of the Italian bishops' conference, an estimated 20 million pilgrims passed through the Holy Door at the basilica in the past year.

Hope, the theme of the Jubilee Year, "moved the countless pilgrims who left on our roads the footprints of steps weighed down by the burdens pressing upon their hearts," Reina told people during the Mass at St. John Lateran. "They passed through the Holy Door in order to find the One they were seeking. The door of our cathedral bears the imprints of the caresses of all those who passed through it in search of mercy."

Though the Holy Door is closed, he said, "we know that the Risen One passes through closed doors and never tires of knocking on our closed doors, in order to offer and to find mercy. Yes, to find it — because He too seeks it."

"Indeed, He has told us of the final surprise: that in the end we will be judged on love, on mercy, on the glass of water given to the thirsty; on the morsel of bread to the hungry; on closeness to those who are imprisoned or ill; on clothing the naked; on welcoming the stranger," Reina said.

At St. Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of the Apostle Paul, Harvey noted that the Jubilee's theme, "Hope does not disappoint," was taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. "It is not only a motto, but is most of all a profession of faith," the cardinal said.

"In a world marked by war, crises, injustices and confusion, the Church wanted to reaffirm that Christian hope is far different from trying to flee history," he said; rather, "it is expressed in the ability to pass through it with one's gaze fixed on Christ."

The Holy Door is not simply a material passageway, Harvey said, "it is a spiritual threshold, a call to each one of us to leave behind that which weighs on our hearts to enter the space of mercy. Crossing it means recognizing that salvation flows from humbly entrusting ourselves to the only One who can give us fullness of life."

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Eucharistic Adoration

What is Adoration?

Adoration is a time of prayer and worship before Jesus in the blessed sacrament. Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist ~ Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Why do we do it?

- To spend time with Jesus, like visiting a close friend
- To pray and reflect in silence
- To grow in faith and peace



Adoration is every Tuesday following 9 AM mass till 1PM.

The first Friday of every month it is after 6 PM mass till 7:30PM

Come for 15, 20 maybe 30 minutes. It feels good for the mind and soul.

If you have any questions, please call or text Sylvie at 403-861-0425

"Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." **John 1:32,34**

Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Jan 10	5:00 pm	Church	For All Parishioners		
Sunday dimanche Jan 11	10:00 am	Church	+Gary Hill	Terry and Paulette Coleman	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday Lundi Jan 12					St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
Tuesday mardi Jan 13	9:00 am 9:30- 1 pm	Church	+Alphonse Bourget Eucharistic Adoration	Frances and Vince MacDonald	Saint Hilary
Wednesday Mercredi Jan 14	10:30 am	Hospital	For the Intentions of the Jacqueline Dinter-McFeeter's Family	Audrey & Rob Campbell	
Thursday jeudi Jan 15	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	+ Aline Lacombe	Marcel & Evelyn Dallaire	
Friday Vendredi Jan 16	9:00 am	Church	+14 years Death Anniversary of Mona Gryba	Georges & Grace Lambert	
Saturday samedi Jan 17	5:00 pm	Church	+Ted Turzanski	Lucy Turzanski & Family	Saint Anthony
Sunday dimanche Jan 18	10:00 am	Church	For all Parishioners		Week of Prayer for Christian Community

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
<i>Dec 21 Offering</i>	\$9888.00	<i>Offrandes 21 décembre</i>
<i>Dec 25 Offering</i>	2740.00	<i>Offrandes 25 décembre</i>
<i>Dec 28 Offering</i>	1978.00	<i>Offrandes 28 décembre</i>
<i>Dec 31 Offering</i>	140.00	<i>Offrandes 31 décembre</i>
<i>Total Building Fund</i>	2269.00	<i>Remplacement du toit</i>
<i>Total Christmas Offering</i>	7160.00	<i>Offrande de Noël</i>
<i>Poor Claire Monastery</i>	10.00	
<i>Catholic Missions of Canada</i>	5.00	

<i>Jan 1, 2026 Offerings</i>	\$1265.00	<i>Offrandes 1 janvier</i>
<i>Jan 4, 2026 Offerings</i>	5819.00	<i>Offrandes 4 janvier</i>
<i>Total Building Fund</i>	949.00	<i>Remplacement du toit</i>
<i>New Year's Offering</i>	130.00	<i>Offre du Nouvel An</i>
<i>Envelopes</i>	210.00	<i>Enveloppes</i>
<i>*Does not include e-transfers</i>		
Thank you for your generosity! Merci!		

**January 2026
Pope's Prayer
Intention /
Intention de prière
du Saint-Père**

*For Prayer with the Word
of God*
Let us pray that praying
with the Word of God be
nourishment for our lives
and a source of hope in our
communities, helping us to
build a more fraternal and
missionary Church

*Pour prier avec la Parole de
Dieu*
Prions pour que la prière
avec la Parole de Dieu soit
une nourriture pour nos
vies et une source d'espoir
dans nos communautés,
nous aidant à bâtir une
Église plus fraternelle et
missionnaire.

**Next Week's
Readings
Jan 18**

1st Reading
Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
*I will give you as a
light to the nations,
that you may be my
salvation.*

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 40:1+3a ,6,7- 8,9
**R: Here I am Lord I
come to do your will.**

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 1: 1- 3
**Grace to you and
peace from God our
Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.**

Gospel
John 1:29-34
*Here is the Lamb of
God who takes away
the sins of the world!*

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.

First Friday Mass
February 6, 2026 at 6 pm
Eucharistic Adoration to follow till 7:30 pm