



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Sunday Bulletin The Baptism of the Lord Parish Priest: Father Jeyapaul Packiasamy

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Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed with the Holy Spirit and power." The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33). In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, Phd  
More information at [www.stpaulcenter.com](http://www.stpaulcenter.com)

### Crusade Prayer (101) Miracle Prayer to feel the Presence of Jesus

O Dear Almighty Father, Creator of all that is and will be, help all of us who can recognize the presence of Your Beloved Son in the church today, to become very strong. Help me to overcome my fear, my loneliness and the rejection I suffer from my loved ones, as I follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Saviour. Please protect my loved ones from falling into the trap of believing in lies, which have been devised by satan to destroy, divide and cause havoc amongst all God's children. Please help all those who follow the abomination in Your Church to be saved from the eternal fires of Hell...Amen.



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### MASS TIMES

SUNDAY	11:00 am
Rosary	10:30 am
Monday	9:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	9:00 am
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Friday 7:30 – 8:15 pm  
and by appointment

### ADORATION

Friday 7:30–8:15 pm

### Sunday Mass Readings

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7
Responsorial	Psalm 104
Gospel	Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin  
before 5:00 pm Thurs to  
[icccparish@gmail.com](mailto:icccparish@gmail.com)



### The Anointing

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "coheirs" to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance. Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7)...cont'd on reverse.



**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**01-09-2022**

*Parish Pastoral Council meets 1st Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August*  
*Parish Financial Council meets 2nd Tuesday after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August*  
*CWL meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tues after Mass at 7pm; no meeting July or August*

Sunday Collection 01-02-2022 = \$ 468.00  
**\$1,200.00 NEEDED**  
Collection Count January 2022

Date	Lector/Reader 1	Lector/Reader 2	Gift Bearer	Alter Servers/Cross Bearer	Music
01-09-2022	Sharon Lagace	Cecile Gregory	TBA	TBA	Pat Zmean + Chelsea Pal
01-16-2022					Carmen + Shirley + Crew
01-23-2022					Carmen + Mona + Shirley
01-30-2022					Carmen + Mona + Shirley

**Mary's Meals**

You still have time to donate for Mary's Meals for 2022. Mary's Meals is a global movement and they believe every child deserves an education and enough food to eat. They are feeding 1,504,471 children every school day with rice porridge or beans. It costs \$26.00 to feed a child for a whole year. Thank you for your generosity. Please see Rose Major for any details.

Mass Intentions for January 9-15, 2022		
	Offered By	Offered For
Sun		
Mon	John + Mary Vavrek	RIP: Anson Norman
Tue		
Wed		
Thu		
Fri		
Sat		

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**February 4-6, 2022.**

To register go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) and apply for the Grande Prairie Experience. For more information contact Doug and Candice Chappell, 778-479-7900 or [doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org](mailto:doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org)

**Feasts and Saints of the Week**

Friday 01-07-2022 St. Andre Bessette  
Wednesday 01-12-2022 St. Marguerite Bourgeois

**Quote of the Week**

"It is with the smallest brush that the artist paints the best paintings"  
St. Andre Bessette"



**Call Cecile Gregory with prayer requests urgent or emergency 587-202-8887**

Lena Hagerman, Brooklyne Russell and for all the sick and needy in our community.

**Our parish bread ministry is getting noticed** on the Archdiocese of Grouard McLennan website and the Archdiocese newsletter Northern Light. Check out the full story 'Helping those in need'

<https://archgm.ca/helping-those-in-need>

Thank you so much Lucille Partington

**Do you have old palm branches left over from previous Palm Sundays?**

The ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the palms used on Palm Sunday last year. In preparation for Ash Wednesday we invite you to bring your old palm branches to church before Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> so that we have time to burn them before Ash Wednesday.

**Parish Finance Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> after Mass at 7:00pm

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