January 12, 2020 - The Baptism of the Lord

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16

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Church Hours
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Weekdays
7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturdays
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sundays

MASS TIMES
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. Chapel
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS
4:00-4:45p.m., Saturday, or by appointment

DEVOTIONS
Holy Hour & Rosary:
Monday-Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
(except Tuesdays)
Sundays after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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### Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Philip the Apostle Church

We offer a Holy Hour following the weekday Masses (excluding Tuesdays) and on weekends, after the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass and on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**What is a Holy Hour?** Holy Hour is the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Next Sunday’s Readings (1-19-2020)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 – You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory.

**Psalm:** 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 - Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 - You have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy.

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34 - Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

### Mass Intentions

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### Let us remember in our Prayers...

Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, especially the home-bound and the elderly, that God will assist them in their time of need and that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

- John Bamber
- Michael Brust
- Mary Dekle
- Corrado DeMartini
- Marian Dickey
- Danny Forchione
- Laura Garcia
- Denyse Hale
- Dolores Martin
- Fred Jungmann
- Mow, Kain Chiu
- Ron Ramirez
- Bill Matthews
- Agnes Piva
- Crystal Zapata
- Cody Bordelon

Those who have died, the deceased of our parish, and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the Perpetual Light shine upon them.

### We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

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We encourage you to enroll in our online giving Program

It’s easy to set up

Gives you real-time access of your charitable donations

Please visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org and select the online giving tab on the homepage.

Alternatively, you can download the mobile app “Online Giving” from Googleplay or the Apple App Store.

Register by entering our church ID of (4254)
Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

In today’s gospel we hear Matthew’s version of the baptism of Jesus by John. John is said to have preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In Mark, so one question naturally arises: why would sinless Jesus undergo baptism for the forgiveness of sins?

Baptism is an ancient practice with some roots in the Essene community and in the ministry of John. Many of those ancient Jewish people who felt a need to repent of sin and experience forgiveness were baptized by John in the Jordan. How strange then that Jesus, too, went to John to be baptized. This has been a theological quandary ever since.

Thus, Matthew includes the exchange between these two. John protests and recognizes that he is the one who should be baptized by Jesus. Jesus does not match the apocalyptic vision John has been preaching. Instead, Jesus is mixing with sinners, those truly in need of baptism. In short, John objects to this state of affairs. But Jesus holds his ground and proposes that they proceed to fulfill “righteousness.” The salvific intent of God has been foretold in the Scriptures. Each now is to play a designated part.

The command “Allow it now” by Jesus is followed by the straightforward “Then he allowed him.” This, too, echoes ancient Scripture whereby God would command and it would be followed. For example, in Genesis when God said to Abram, “Get up and go,” Abram “got up and went.” This is a classic “command-execution” formula.

Ultimately, the gospel passage we read today is not so much about baptism of Jesus as it is about the revelation of Jesus’ identity to John and the others. Even the passive voice phase “After Jesus was baptized” is only one word in Greek. Matthew spends much more time on the revelation of Jesus’ identity, the spirit of God, and the voice from heaven.

Today’s feast is an opportune moment for all of us to recall the dignity of our baptism. Baptism is the sacramental beginning of a life of missionary discipleship and the doorway to all the sacraments. It is what makes us full and complete members of Christ’s body.

Let us be aware of anything we do or say that may lessen the dignity of the baptized or communicate that one needs something more than baptism to be recognized as members of God’s holy priesthood: “By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission … Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1268).
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The Baptism of the Lord

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. “He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water” (St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634). Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.

9 Days for Life

JANUARY 21-29, 2020

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join in with thousands of Catholics nationwide who want to build a culture of life.

You can sign up to receive daily prayer intentions for the novena at https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life.
Parish Volunteers are Cordially Invited to

St. Philip’s Appreciation Luncheon
Sunday, January 19, 2020
12:00 p.m., Parish Hall

RSVP to the Rectory Office by Monday, January 13th. 415-282-0141

Congratulations to Thavas Antonio
on your First Holy Communion.
December, 2019
Parents, Arun & Rupa Antonio
PARISH REGISTRATION—ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG

Our parish is blessed and enriched by the presence of new parishioners. We welcome all new families and individuals. If you are interested in joining the Saint Philip’s parish community, feel free to call our office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form, or go online at www.saintphilipparish.org to complete the form online.

Are you planning a 2020 wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our Administrator and reserve the church.

Keep in mind Archdiocese guidelines require couples contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?

Parents are required to meet with Father John Mary Chung prior to attending a preparation session.

Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism.

Next Session will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

We are seeking and organizing Ushers for our Masses here at St. Philip’s. Anyone interested in this service for the church, please contact David Castellanos. david.castellanos@mac.com

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Did you know that our parish school can earn cash by collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education?

You may recognize the logo noted above on several products you purchase throughout the year. All you need to do is clip that little logo, collect several and turn them in to the school or rectory office. It’s that easy.

Watch for those logos on various baking item goods as you start your holiday baking goodies!

Year-end Tax Contributions

This is the time of year when you may be reflecting on catching up on your charitable contributions for the 2019 tax year.

If you plan to include St. Philip’s to your list, please make sure your donation is dated by December 31, 2019 in order to receive credit for 2019. As always, year-end tax contribution letters are available to you by request.

If you have a loved one who is homebound or know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion from our altar but unable to attend the Mass celebration, please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 with their contact information so we can reach out to them. We have several ministers who are willing to help. Thank you.

All children ages 4-6 are welcome to participate during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the chapel.

Our leader’s role is to open the hearts of the children to the word of God and allow them to respond. Parents are welcome to sit with their children if this is a new experience for them.

All our volunteers have participated in the Virtus Training Program for the Safety and welfare of our children.
ANointing of the Sick
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

Baptism
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. These sessions will take place the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The preparation maybe done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

Faith Formation
Sacerdotal formation is a one year program here at St. Philips. First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details, 415-282-0141.

Our Confirmation Program is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade or already in high school. These sessions begin in the Fall, held in the Lyons Room. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141.

R.C.I.A.
Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

Homebound Ministry
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

Marriage
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

Reconciliation
Every Saturday of the month 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

Parish Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
415-282-0141  Fax: 415-282-8962

Protecting God’s Children
If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our secure and confidential hotline of the Archdiocese of San Francisco at 415.614.5506