



# Blessed Trinity

60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

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WEEKEND MAGAZINE

The Baptism of the Lord

## Pray this prayer when using holy water to bless yourself



By Phillip Kosloski

*A short prayer taken directly from Psalm 51 perfectly summarizes the symbolism found in using holy water.*

Most of the time when we dip our fingers into the holy water font, either at church or at home, we simply make the sign of the cross and go about our way.

Making the sign of the cross with holy water is a prayer in itself and asks the Holy Trinity to surround us with protection and grace.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our  
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Confessions can be arranged with

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However, there is also an additional prayer that can be said (though certainly not required) that is found in the *Golden Manual*. It is a short prayer that is taken directly from **Psalm 51**, and perfectly summarizes the symbolism found in using holy water to bless ourselves.

Water is always seen in Christian theology as a means of **purification**, and so we ask God to **cleanse** us every time we use holy water. Below is the optional prayer that can lead to a more fruitful experience of dipping your fingers into the holy water font.

*Sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; wash me, and I shall be made whiter than the snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

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## Office of Communications

### New Video: Year in Review

The Diocese of Petersburg invites you to take a look back at this unforgettable year and to thank God for the grace to stand firm in the faith, courageous and strong. We've produced a video with some of the most compelling photos of 2020. To view the video, go to [www.youtube.com/diocesepet](http://www.youtube.com/diocesepet). To view the top news stories of 2020, visit [www.dosp.org/news](http://www.dosp.org/news).

*The Lord will bless his people  
with peace.*



**Father Wayne is sharing his column,  
*Thoughts Worth Sharing*, with Bishop Parkes this week.**

## **Becoming closer to God through Baptism**

*"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* - Mark 1:7-11

You've probably heard the phrase "born again." It's a term that Catholics may not be very familiar with, but many of our Protestant friends are. It might be that they were baptized or even verbally committed their life to Christ. Many Catholics are traditionally baptized as infants, and in their teenage years recommit and confirm the seal of the Holy Spirit they received. It can be a spiritually uplifting time for many.

The Gospel for this weekend comes from St. Mark and it's the account of the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. We know that Jesus was conceived without sin and He remained sinless His entire life. So, we might ask the question, "why did Jesus have to be baptized?" Throughout salvation history, God gives us both extreme and practical examples of His love for us. Jesus is His son and you and I are children of God. Just as Adam and Eve were created by God, so were you and me. Like Adam and Eve, we are sinful creatures and we often use our free will to make poor decisions. It's just the nature of man. The only way we can attain our place in Heaven is to be cleansed by water and the Holy Spirit, through the blood of the lamb, Christ's eternal sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus submitted to the ritual cleansing that was being performed by John in the Jordan River, not because He needed it, but because we do, and so He sanctified, or made holy, the waters of baptism. God said to Jesus at His baptism, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." Imagine the God of the Universe, creator of all, saying the words, "John, Mary, Greg - you are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased, who I created to live with me, to be with me for all eternity." Know that God loves you more than anything and invites you to be close to His heart.

If you would like to learn more about coming into the Catholic Church and the Sacrament of Baptism, visit your local Catholic parish today.

*Bishop Gregory Parkes*



**"THE  
FUTURE  
STARTS  
TODAY,  
NOT  
TOMORROW."**

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**

## ***Stewardship Prayer***

*O Divine Giver of all gifts,  
grant us the daily graces we  
need to follow closely in the  
footsteps of Jesus in the way we  
live out our lives and make use  
of our gifts.*

*Daily, may we renew with You  
our small part of the world by  
allowing Your will to be accom-  
plished in and through us.*

*Help us to trust in Your love for  
us and to grow in our fidelity  
and relationship with You.*

*We thank You for the trust You  
place in us as stewards of our  
personal gifts. May the Holy  
Spirit guide us in placing our  
time, talent and treasure at the  
service of each other so that  
together we may faithfully wit-  
ness the Christian message and  
thus become Your holy people.*

***Amen***

## **Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?**

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### **Baptism**

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

### **Website Mass**

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: [btsp.org](http://btsp.org) and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, January 9**

4:00 p.m.

Jim Lawler (Dec)  
and Patricia Sullivan (Dec)

### **Sunday, January 10, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 a.m.

Doug Watson (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Floyd Passardi (Dec)

### **Monday, January 11, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.

Verna Morin (Dec)

### **Tuesday, January 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.

Edith C. Schaefer (Dec)

### **Wednesday, January 13, Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m.

For Vocations

### **Thursday, January 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.

Tom Pedulla (Dec)

### **Friday, January 15, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.

Margarite Israelson (Dec)

### **Saturday, January 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.

Verna Morin (Dec)

4:00 p.m.

Mary Ward (Dec)

### **Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.

Verna Morin (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

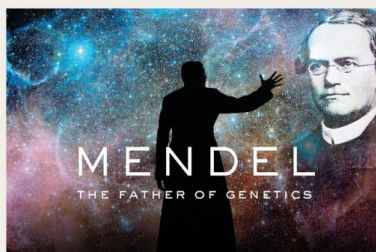
William O'Shea (Dec)

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### I would like a Tax Statement for 2020

\_\_\_\_\_ For my Church donations  
\_\_\_\_\_ For donations to St. Vincent de Paul

My Name is : \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out and return to the parish office  
or drop in the offertory basket.*



## Weekly Giving

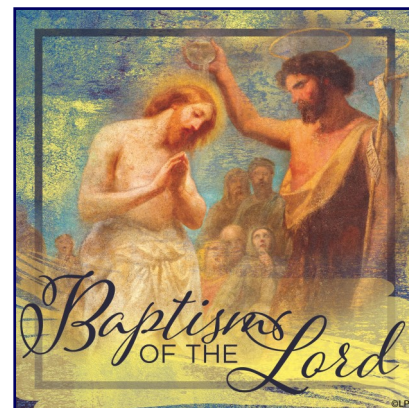
### Online Giving December 28— January 3

Offertory	\$ 3,395
Christmas	\$ 105
Building Fund	\$ 40
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 200
Holy Day	\$ 25

### January 3, 2021

Offertory	\$ 8,089
Holy Day	\$ 1,706
Christmas	\$ 685
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 125
Building Fund	\$ 465
Gift Shop	\$ 234
Other	\$ 55

### Thank you for your generosity!



## Winter Residents

The boxed offertory envelopes for 2021 can be picked up in the parish office during regular office hours Monday-Friday or can be picked up after Mass in the church on the weekend.





## 40 Days For Life 2020

Great News regarding the past year's 40 Days For Life Campaigns:

One Thousand Eighty One Babies Lives were saved.

Fifteen abortion workers quit this ugly business.

AND, the one hundred seventh abortion facility closed.

All thanks to those who supported these life saving efforts by praying in front of local abortion clinics. Keep praying to Our Lady Of Guadalupe for even better results in 2021.

Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Patroness of unborn children,  
we implore your intercession for every  
child at risk of abortion.  
Help expectant parents to welcome from  
God the priceless gift of their child's  
life.  
Console parents who have lost that gift  
through abortion,  
and lead them to forgiveness and heal-  
ing through the Divine Mercy of your  
Son.  
Teach us to cherish  
and to care for family and friends  
until God calls them home.  
Help us to never see others as burdens.  
Guide our public officials  
to defend each and every human life through just laws.  
Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life,  
to speak for those who have no voice.  
We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen

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## 911 Program

Our Parish Family is invited to carry on the effort to save the lives of the most vulnerable in society, those helpless unborn babies who are scheduled to die at All Women's Health Center, 4131 Central Avenue. Our "911 PROGRAM" simply means praying for those little ones during the hours of 9-11 every Saturday morning, in front of the clinic.

No written commitment is required, this is a very informal get-together where Parishioners can pray individually or with a group. You are invited to be comfortable while praying, please bring a lawn chair.

Need A Ride? Questions or comments, please contact Rich or Lynn at 727-258-7406 or [rmalo-ney67@gmail.com](mailto:rmalo-ney67@gmail.com)  
Cyndee and Larry at 239-218-7798; Cathy at 646-552-8015; Marilyn at 727-867-2390

## 3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



WASH YOUR  
HANDS



DON'T TOUCH  
YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE

Stay Connected While You're Away.



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## Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: [bulletinbt@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinbt@gmail.com).

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