THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“One mightier than I is coming after me... I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

~ Mark 1:7, 8
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This Week’s Readings

Monday: Heb 1:1-6;
Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9;
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18;
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11;
Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19;
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

Mass Intentions of the Day

Sunday, January 10
† Catherine Noonan
† Carol Ann McBrayer
Parishioners of St. Michael’s

Monday, January 11
† Evelyn and Michael Mann

Tuesday, January 12
† Ryan Schillaci
† Evangeline Maldonado

Wednesday, January 13
† Robin Vaught
Foundation Fund Members

Thursday, January 14
† Joan Reid

Sunday, January 17
† Jose Luis Lopez
† Letita Joran
Parishioners of St. Michael’s
2020 Tax Letters

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE PARISH. YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

If you required a tax letter for your tax filings, please let us know. You can notify us by email (pkrier@st-mikes.org) or call the main office (312) 642-2598. If you know your envelope number that would be helpful, but not required. If you have any questions, please let us know.

2021 Church calendars!

A limited number of calendars have arrived. Any available calendars will be at the back of church after the Masses, and in the Parish Office. You might consider calling prior to coming to the office to see if there are available. (312-642-2498)

2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass Book is open, but at this time we are only accepting mass intentions through April. Because the uncertainty when we will be resuming a full schedule, we felt it was prudent to only do a quarter at a time. If you want mass intentions later in the year, let Jane know; she is keeping a list and will contact you when the next quarter or the entire Mass book is open. Thank you for your patience.

Make Your Reservation NOW!

Public Masses at St. Michael’s are held on Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00am and daily Mass on Tuesday at 8:00am with the devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and confessions afterwards.

Thank you!

8:00am Daily Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass is offered at each of our local Renew My Church parishes one morning a week. Register in advance at the parish where the Mass is being offered.

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Baptism of the Lord ...

This weekend is the official end of the Christmas season in the Church. Some traditions carry the Christmas season to February 3 when we celebrate Candlemas day (blessing of the candles). So, if you are not ready to end Christmas you can extend it a few more weeks.

We celebrate today, the Baptism of the Lord. In the Gospel of Mark we hear a very short version of the baptism of Jesus. Basically, Jesus is baptized and the heavens open, the Spirit in the form of a dove comes down and He hears a voice acknowledging Him as his Son in whom He is well pleased. In this Gospel, Jesus is the only one to hear the voice of God, so the revelation is for Him alone. God is assuring Jesus that He is doing His will. Later, at the Transfiguration, the apostles will hear the same voice acknowledging Jesus, so that they too will know that Jesus is indeed the Son of God. Jesus’ baptism marks the beginning of His public ministry.

In our own baptism we were assured that we are a child of God and that our public ministry can begin. Now, most of us were children when we were baptized so it would have been difficult to begin any kind of ministry but as we mature, we are encouraged to carry out the ministry of Jesus in the world. Ministry is not just for the priests and religious in the world but the responsibility of all baptized Christians. We minister to others by the kind of life we live and the way we treat others. We teach others about Jesus by doing the things he did, fed the hungry, cured the sick, and preached the Good News.

The way we carry out our ministry will be different for each of us, but it is our role, as baptized children of God, to be His ministers in our world.

Peace,
Fr. Larry

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St. Michael’s Book Club!
St. Michael's Book Club - December Selection!
"The Vanishing Half "by Brit Bennett

Join the book discussion on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Zoom for the discussion of "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. There will be a designated leader for guiding the group and comments. Everyone is welcome, email Mary for information and to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

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Sock Sunday
January 24

On that weekend, we will be collecting warm, new socks for men, women and children and donating them to programs serving the homeless and needy. A collection box will be provided in the back of church. On the last Sock Sunday, we collected 238 pairs – an inexpensive, easy way to help those in need. Socks can also be delivered to the parish office at 1633 N. Cleveland.

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Do Your Feet Get Cold?
We have had a challenging time over the past 10 months, whether in our personal, social and most importantly in our spiritual lives. With the halt of attending Masses in-person, moving to only live streaming of Masses, to the gradual reopening of St. Michael’s Church for liturgies, it has been a struggle for everyone. For those of you who have returned to our Masses in-person, we safely welcome you back with open arms and doors. For those who are still worshiping with us via live stream, we are glad that you are actively involved with your parish. We are so grateful for all our volunteers who have stepped up to make St. Michael’s a safe environment to worship in again.

As you may have read in the letter that you received from the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, you know that St. Michael’s Church has and continues to experience significant constraints in meeting the challenges of keeping the parish viable. Not only financially, but we also have had to make considerable changes to the staffing that had already been drastically reduced prior to the pandemic to meet the financial realities. This past December, our parishioners have all been generous, even though many may have been struggling financially. We sincerely thank you for everything that you have done – whether it was donating to ensure the church was decorated for Christmas, your generous Christmas financial offerings, your support of the Human Concerns Toy Drive, or your donations for maintenance and repairs. Through your support, we have been able to bank enough money to pay for 2 months (through the end of March 2021) of the minimal operational expenses for the parish — barring no surprises.

Without your active participation, St. Michael’s Church would just be an empty building. Thank you for all you do!

Fr. Sanders, the staff, the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils of St. Michael's Church

Support the Co-Redemptorists on Sign-up Sunday

Co-Redemptorists are lay men and women who take an active role in helping to recruit and support young men who choose to pursue religious life as Redemptorist priests and brothers. Co-Redemptorists are also members of a powerful community of prayer and support. Please take this opportunity to learn more about this important work.

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Ways to Give at St. Michael’s!

In this time of separation, the contributions to St. Michael’s have decreased significantly! These times are difficult for everyone, and we understand that. If you are able, please continue to contribute in any of the payment methods listed below. Just like a household, the church has utilities and insurance and other monthly bills it must pay. The Parish Office staff have returned to the office, salary reductions, layoffs and reduced hours for other employees have been implemented. Please consider signing up for a recurring online donation so your giving comes in even if you aren’t able to come to Mass.

We strive to make giving convenient and current with modern technology choices and online giving. Consider setting your donation up online so even though we are apart, your donation won’t be! Below you will find options for you when you find yourself wanting to donate.

1. **Online** From the St. Michael’s home page, you can view our website for information or gain access to our Online Giving System. You can create a regular donation plan and donate to all the various projects at St. Michael’s. If are unable to use a computer, please call Pat Krier in the office for assistance. (312-642-2498).

2. **We accept donations** of checks mailed to the Parish Office at 1633 N. Cleveland Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.

3. **Venmo!** Enter this link to signup, [https://venmo.com/signup](https://venmo.com/signup). See page 7 in the bulletin for complete directions!

4. **Estate (planned giving) or stock donations** are accepted also. To donate the value of stock, go to [http://legacy.archchicago.org/departments/financial_services/stock-donations.aspx](http://legacy.archchicago.org/departments/financial_services/stock-donations.aspx).

These donations are handled by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the monies then transferred to St Michael’s. For planned giving options, call 312-642-2498.

We appreciate each donation no matter the method, frequency or amount. Each gift allows St. Michael’s to continue its mission and pay our utility bills, salaries and more. If you have any questions about giving options, call Pat Krier at 312-642-2498 or email pkrier@st-mikes.org.

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All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. — *Psalm 72:11*