

Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2026

Intentions:

January 11 - For the Holy souls in purgatory and for those who have no one to pray for them, requested by Janne Campbell.
Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection:

January 01 - \$420.00
January 04 - \$768.00 Thank You

January 12



Saint Marguerite Bourgeys: Marguerite is often referred to as the “Mother of the Colony” for her contributions to the establishment of Ville-Marie, the place we know today as Montreal. Born in France in 1620, Marguerite crossed the Atlantic in 1653 to join in the colonizing efforts begun by Monsieur de Maisonneuve. Her mandate was to develop educational opportunities for aboriginal children and for the families of the French settlers in Ville-Marie. Marguerite received the help of Jeanne Mance, founder of the Hôtel-Dieu Hospital. Other women joined her and the group formed an institute of uncloistered sisters, the *Congrégation Notre-Dame*. Marguerite and her companions took on many roles, including teaching, introducing vocational courses for youth and assisting couples preparing for marriage. She resisted Church pressure to change her community to a cloistered one and lived to see her order’s rule confirmed in 1698. Marguerite was well loved. She died in 1700 at the age of 80 and was declared a saint on October 31 1982. In 1997, archeologists uncovered the foundation of the chapel Marguerite built in Ville-Marie 325 years earlier. Marguerite is a patron saint of poor people.

"It is sin that has brought discord into the beautiful order of the world."
~ Saint Marguerite Bourgeys ~

January 13

Saint Hilary of Poitiers: (c. 315 – c. 368) This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France. Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was

soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.



Reflection: At his baptism the heavens were opened and the Spirit descended upon Jesus, anointing him as Messiah. Thus anointed, he was enabled to “fulfill all righteousness”, to bring forth justice to the nations: he makes the blind see, gives prisoners freedom, brings light to those dwelling in darkness, went about doing good and healing all those oppressed. The voice from heave revealed to Jesus his identity and a mission that called forth a response-his life of preaching, teaching, healing, forgiving, etc. This same identity and mission is revealed to us, and calls forth from us the same faithful response. This is our Christian and our Vincentian life. (Living Liturgy, p.40)

Vincentian Meditation: “Blessed are those persons who, under the guidance of Divine Providence, are called upon to continue the ordinary practices of the life of the Son of God through the exercise of charity.” -St. Louise de Marillac- (Gibson and Kneaves, *Praying with Louise*, p. 36)



Lost and Found
Periodically , please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

NOTE:

- 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are available at the rear of the church. Suggested donation in \$8.00.
- 2026 donation envelopes are displayed at the back of the church please take yours home at the end of mass.
- There will be no weekday masses in January 2026. Fr Anthony will be on holiday then.
- Readers 1st quarter schedules is available at back of the church.

Pope’s Intentions for the Month of January
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.



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Note:

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

Love the Dad's reply!
"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

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Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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Weekly Eucharist

St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

Sunday 11:00 am Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

live streaming link on YouTube St. Michael's Mass at 9 am Sunday

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Confessions and Sacrament Of the Sick are also available by request.
Please contact Fr. Anthony directly to book an appointment.

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