



## HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

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Weekday Mass: Monday—Saturday 9:00am

Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

### The Baptism of the Lord: January 12, 2025



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Today's feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace.

Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the Sonship and Divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

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## RELICS VISIT VANCOUVER



The relics of the Canadian Martyrs and St. Kateri will be visiting Vancouver at Holy Rosary Cathedral today and tomorrow, **Sunday January 12** and **Monday January 13**.

### **Sunday, January 12**

11:00 am Mass with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB (English)

6:30 pm Mass with Fr. John O'Brien, SJ (Spanish)

Public veneration times of the relics:

12:30 pm to 1 pm

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

### **Monday, January 13**

12:10 pm Votive Mass of St. John de Brebeuf

Public veneration times of the relics:

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

This is the first time the major relics have come to Western Canada. Come start the Holy Year with an encounter with the Canada's great saints, and join together in praying for healing and reconciliation in your lives and in the life of our nation.

For more information: [martyrs-shrine.com/relic-tour/](https://martyrs-shrine.com/relic-tour/)

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As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect today upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

*Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: Catholic Daily Reflections

## LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER



Enter the Year of the Snake! Our Knights are selling tickets to the 2025 Annual Knights of Columbus Lunar New Year Dinner on **Saturday February 8** at 6 pm in our Church Hall. Get yours before they sell out! You can also buy tickets at the parish office during office hours.

Good food, fun, and door prizes. There will be a Filipino MassKara dance performance this year!

**Adults \$30.00 | Seniors \$25.00**  
**Children 8-15 \$10.00 | Children under 8 Free**

## THE JESUS PRAYER

It's not too late to join our parish-wide Jesus Prayer 33 Challenge!

Text **JESUSPRAYER** to **514-900-0130**.

Once a day (from Jan. 3 to Feb. 11, 2025), you will receive a text message reminder from the parish to say the Jesus Prayer. The text message will be sent each day at a different hour. (You can unsubscribe from the text messages anytime by texting **STOP** to 514-900-0130).

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of God,  
Have mercy on  
me, a sinner.

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## ADVANCE PLANNING FOR CATHOLICS

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

8891 Montcalm St, Vancouver, BC V6P 4R3

This is a free presentation that offers a Catholic perspective on wills, estates, advance healthcare planning, legacy, meaningful funerals and sacred burials. Register at:

[support.rcav.org/advance-planning-for-catholics-2025/](https://support.rcav.org/advance-planning-for-catholics-2025/)

## HOLY NAME MEN'S BREAKFAST

Calling all adult men of our parish family! (age 18 and up) Save the date **Saturday February 1 after 9 am Mass** for the Holy Name Men's Breakfast, an inspiring and invigorating gathering for men with dynamic national speaker Brett Powell. It will take place in both our Church Hall and the church. For more information, speak with Msgr. Smith.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday January 13 - Sunday January 19, 2025  
(† Deceased)

**Monday:** Celebrant's Intention

**Tuesday:** Agnes Joy Phinn †

**Wednesday:** Ong Bun Tau †

**Thursday:** Helen Lee †

**Friday:** Anecito Bacani †

**Saturday 9 am:** Narciso Sr., Teresita & Marivic Reyes †

**Saturday 5 pm:** Lucy & Mr. & Mrs. P. S. Lee †

**Sunday 9 am:** Parishioners

**Sunday 11 am:** Yen Ching Shum †

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## PARISH FEAST DAY



Our parish feast day, the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus on January 3, was celebrated with reverence and joy! Special thanks to our Assisting Priest, Fr. Jose for celebrating Mass and hearing confessions, and our Catholic Women's League for hosting a full weekend of celebratory treats.



Archbishop Terrence Prendergrast, S.J. (Archbishop Emeritus of Ottawa-Cornwall, Ontario) cuts the first slice of delicious mango cake at last weekend's Sunday Cafe.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Ignite young adults and PREP family members, please stay behind a few minutes **today, Sunday January 12** after 11 am Mass to take down the Christmas decorations and put them in storage. Many hands make light work!

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