



Our Lady of Fatima Mission

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January 13, 2024 Baptism of Our Lord

Mass Intention

Jonathan Spann (Michelle Spann)

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord

The thoughts of the Church today are fixed on the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan, which is the second of the three Mysteries of the Epiphany. The Emmanuel manifested himself to the Magi, after having shown himself to the Shepherds; but this manifestation was made within the narrow space of a stable at Bethlehem and the world knew nothing of it. In the Mystery of the Jordan, Christ manifested himself with greater publicity. His coming is proclaimed by the Precursor; the crowd that is flocking to the river for Baptism is witness of what happens; Jesus makes this the beginning of his public life. The star has led the Magi to Christ; they had long waited for his coming, they had hoped for it; now they believe. Faith in the Messiah having come into the world is beginning to take root among the Gentiles. But faith is not sufficient for salvation; the stain of sin must be washed away by water. *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.* Now the decrees of divine Wisdom had chosen Water as the instrument of this sublime regeneration of the human race. But in order that Water should have the power to purify man from his sins, it was necessary that it should be brought in contact with the Sacred Body of the Incarnate God. The Eternal Father had sent his Son into the world, not only that he might be its Lawgiver, and Redeemer, and the Victim of its salvation, but that he might also be the Sanctifier of Water; and it was in the sacred element that he would divinely bear testimony to his being his Son, and manifest him to the world a second time.

Chair of Unity Octave

January 18-25 is the Chair of Unity Octave. The following indulgenced prayer should be recited every day:

That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me (*Jn 17:21*)

V: I say unto thee that thou art Peter

R: And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and vouchsafe to grant unto Her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy Will. Who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen. (*300 days during the octave*)

Spiritual Life

Renew the promises of your baptism, thanking God for having given you Jesus as your brother.

In all temptations, especially those to sadness and discouragement, at once invoke the Blessed Virgin with great confidence.

Blessed be God, Who hath not rejected my prayer, nor withdrawn his infinite mercy from me. - Bl Peter, lay brother of the Dominican Order

Enlighten, O my God, all who fight against Thy Church, and who resist the Holy Ghost by lack of mortification the heart. - St. Catherine of Sienna

Do not hesitate, even if you stand alone, to affirm and maintain the maxims of faith without fear, and that in all their fullness, but with discretion and humility.

Announcements

Christmas decorations will be taken down after Mass on January 27. If you are able, please stay for a few minutes after Mass to assist.

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, cahilliard7@gmail.com.

Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Sharon Rose, Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

Upcoming

January 27: Mass, 10 AM

January 28: Septuagesima Sunday

February 2: Purification BVM

February 10: Mass, 10 AM

February 14: Ash Wednesday

Collections

Last Mass: \$3,164

Total Collections for 2023: \$25,078

Thank you for your generosity in support of the mission!

Dress Code

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

- Women and girls must cover their heads.
- Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.
- It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.