

January 10, 2021 • The Baptism of the Lord

Welcome to

# THE COMMUNITY OF

# *Saint Denis*

*Celebrating God's Love  
for All People*

## Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00am, 10:30am and  
12:30pm (Spanish)

Monday through Friday at 8:30am

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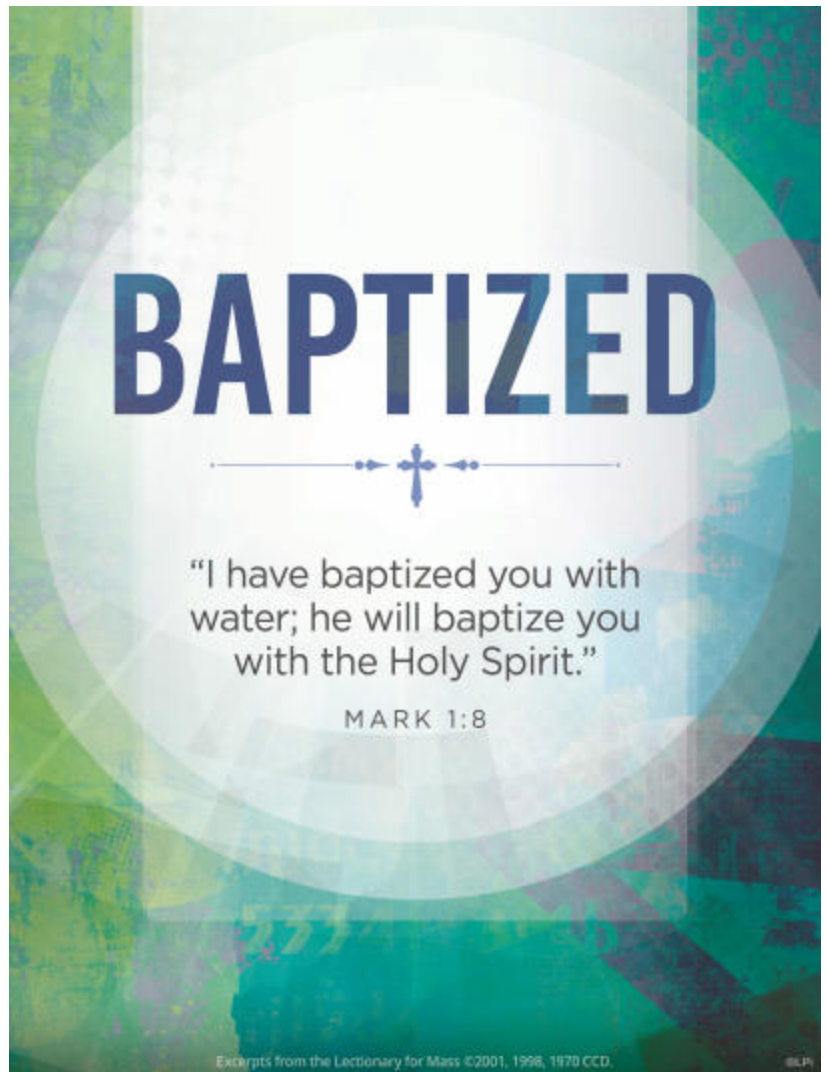
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## Our St. Denis Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Christian Community of St. Denis, as followers of Jesus Christ, call ourselves: to create a prayerful environment; to provide for spiritual, educational and social growth; to promote hospitality; to ensure the evangelization of our faith; and to minister to the people of our parish, our Ashburn community and our world.

## Declaración de Misión de San Denis

Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica Cristiana de San Denis, como seguidores de Jesucristo, nos llamamos a: Crear un ambiente de oración; prever el crecimiento espiritual, educacional y social; promover la hospitalidad; asegurar la evangelización de nuestra fe; y atender a las personas de nuestra parroquia, de nuestra comunidad de Ashburn, y de nuestro mundo.

## THIS AND THAT

Our Sunday readings for Mass are repeated every three years. This year the Gospel of St. Mark will be featured at Sunday Mass.

The symbol for this Gospel is a lion. Lions roar. They are not gentle or meek. We say that lions are the kings of the jungle because they are powerful, authoritative creatures. When a lion roars, everyone sits up and takes notice.

Mark paints a portrait of Jesus who is recognized by many as a powerful healer. Jesus casts unclean spirits out of people. They are healed. The reaction of the crowd is "All were amazed and asked one another, 'What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.'" (Mark 1:27). His fame spread far and wide.

At the same time, very few grasp the reality that he is the Christ, the anointed of God. As the spirits are thrown out of a wounded person they say to Jesus that they know who he is—the Holy One of God. For his part, Jesus shouts to them to be quiet and they are.

Immediately. I am always struck at the number of times the word immediately is used in this Gospel. You get the feeling that Jesus understands there is no time for delay. The Kingdom of God is near, this is the time for it to happen. Therefore, there is a need for repentance and faith immediately.

There is a struggle going on between the Holy One (Jesus) and the evil one (Satan). This struggle is reflected in the roaring of the lion as he attacks the evil one. The struggle continues through the Crucifixion and leads to the Resurrection. The struggle has been won but it is not over. Though we may be afraid, we are to be like the Lion. Jesus tells us, "Go out into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

The Gospel of Mark presents the Good News of Jesus in a strong, vigorous way. If you like stories with plenty of action, this Gospel might become your favorite. In the days to come pick up a Bible and read it at home. Or just listen carefully as the Lion roars at Mass.

May God bless us all,  
Fr. Ted



### ***Those who are ill...***

Elida Diaz, Al Dilger, Renee Pletsch,  
Socorro Martinez Rodriguez

### ***Those who serve our country...***

Patrick Brice, Ryan Danielian,  
Patrick Leamy, Antonio Worthy Jr.

### ***The soul of the dearly departed...***

Jesus Paz, Virginia Swanson, Guillermo Torres

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 9, 2021 Int. of Jim Pletsch
Sunday	January 10, 2021 Marlem Romano
Monday	January 11, 2021 Pelagia Paz
Tuesday	January 12, 2021 John Ryan
Wednesday	January 13, 2021 Jeanne Magold
Thursday	January 14, 2021 Douglas Heimberg

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Thank you.



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**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:**

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.

Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;

Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

**Psalm:**

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation. (Is 12:3)

**Second Reading:**

This is the one who came through water and blood,  
Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

**Gospel:**

And a voice came from the heavens,  
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Mk 1:11)

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**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

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