

THIS WEEK:

5:00 PA

7:45 PA

9:30 3C

11:30 2A

Monday 4B

NEXT WEEK:

5:00 1A & 2A

7:45 6B

9:30 2A

11:30 1A

MONDAY 3A

**UPCOMING
DATES:**

Jan. 14 or 16-Family
Faith Sessions for
grades 1-6 @ 7:00

Jan. 15-Family Faith
Session for 7th grade
@7:00

Jan. 21 VBS Planning

Jan. 24 Movie Night

Catechist Meeting:

ALL-January 22

Dinner- 6:30

Meeting 7:00 PM

Catechist Update

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Christmas-Beloved Children of God

Peace to you and
Merry Christmas!

As we are finishing up the final day of the Christmas Season, it is with great joy that I count each of you as an important part of our formation team. As we look at the gifts we bring, we know that the Spirit is always with us, giving us hope to continue the work we do.

Each of you is a gift to the children you share your faith with. Giving of your time is a great way to allow the children to see how the

Church is still living and growing. It's also a tangible means to show how faith formation is a lifelong process that doesn't end when you are confirmed.

As catechists, it is important to keep growing in our faith too. Burn out is a reality when we don't take time for self-care. With regard to our faith life, this includes opportunities to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God.

To that end, we are offering a few oppor-

tunities to refresh your outlook and just take time to breathe. There is a Mid-Year Retreat being offered at various parishes around the area. We also have the Catechist Institute on Wednesday, February 12 at St. Petronille Parish. John Donahue-Grossman will lead us in prayer and help us bring that prayer to the classroom.

Whatever you choose to do, I hope you find the time just be present to Spirit and listen for God's affirmation-you beloved child of God!

Some Notes

The weather is the weather, whether we like it or not. As such, remember there is anti-bacterial gel in each of the classrooms. Please make sure students use some before class.

Check out our newly designed website at Ourladyofmtcarmel.org We are working on putting more information you need as well as links to continuing education opportunities.

All catechists are asked to complete at least 6 hours of Continuing Education. Please fill out the forms and turn them in to the office when some are completed. You may find extra forms in the copy room.

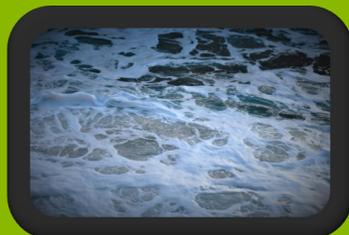


*John said,
“I need to be
baptized by
you, and yet
you are coming
to me?”*

Matthew 3:13-17

Question of the
Week:

*How do we
demonstrate
being beloved
Children of God?*



**We must do
what God
wants**

The Baptism of our Lord- Year A, January 12, 2020

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?”

Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now,

for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the

Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 2:1-12

Gospel Insights

*From the Lectionary Link at <http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>

In today’s Gospel we hear about Jesus’ Baptism. Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River, not because he needs the baptism we receive, but because he wants to make sure that everything is done as written.

John the Baptist was the last prophet to announce the coming

of the Messiah. He preached of repentance and baptized as a way for people to turn away from sin and prepare for the Messiah. John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, and then God’s Voice confirms it.

Jesus asks John to baptize him so that all is in accord with

the will of the Father. In other words, he did as God wanted and so must we.

*In the Gospel, Jesus went to John to be baptized in the River Jordan.

* Jesus’ baptism is a prophetic action, a sign for us that God’s Kingdom is in our midst. Participating in the rituals of his time, Jesus received through the tradition, a confirmation of his calling as God’s Chosen One