

This Week at St. James

Sunday, January 10

Coffee and Donuts:

The Vietnamese families are serving coffee and donuts this morning. Join us in the lower hall after the morning Masses.

Religious Education Classes:

All ages K-12 meet in the Upper Hall after the 11:00 Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Altar Society Meeting — 10:30am, Lower Hall

Wednesday, January 13

Tai Chi Class — 1:00 pm, Upper Hall

Thursday, January 14

RCIA — 7:00 pm, Upper Hall

Friday, January 15

Church Cleaning — 7:30 am, Church

Saturday, January 16

Reconciliation — 3:30 pm, Church

Upcoming Events... Mark your calendar

Farewell Reception for Anne Eyford

Sunday, January 17th, after 9 & 11 Masses

Shrove Tuesday: Supper, Raffle & Bingo

Tuesday, February 16th, 5-7 pm

Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society will hold the first meeting of the year on the 2nd Tuesday of January (the 12th) at 10:30 am. Mass will follow at 12:10. New members are invited.

This group of ladies does so much for our parish. Funeral lunches, care of the altar, social functions, providing for candles, altar breads and wine and cleaning the church every Friday. We have men that help too. Please consider joining this great group. You'll have fun too!

Boxed Offering Envelopes

Boxes are available on the tables at the entrance to the church. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. There is considerable cost to mailing them out. Thank you for saving the postage costs.

If you would like to receive a box, please call the office or write your name and address on the clipboard by the envelopes. They will be ready next week.

Tax Statements

End of year donor tax statements will be mailed out before the end of January, 2010. If you have moved, please notify us of your current address.



Thank you

*A special
thank you for
all the lovely
christmas*

*gifts and remembrances.
Your generosity is greatly
appreciated.*

F. Dominic Ash

A Thank You & Farewell Reception for our Parish Secretary, Anne Eyford

Next Sunday, after the 9am and 11am Masses, we will have a special reception in gratitude to Anne. She is retiring after serving the Parish for 13 years.

The Altar Society will be hosting this reception in the Lower Hall. Please come by and give a word of thanks for all that she has done for this parish. Her years of service have been a blessing to us all.



*Congratulations & Welcome
Evan Joel Martynowicz*

*Baptized on
January 3, 2010
St. James Catholic Church,
Vancouver, WA*



MASS INTENTIONS

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Offerings of Treasure for January 3rd

Regular Offering _____	\$11,242.47
Capital Campaign _____	\$11,189.67
St. Vincent de Paul _____	\$536.00
Feast of Mary _____	\$1,109.50
Other Holy Days _____	\$65.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Adult Confirmation Preparation

Any adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in our set of preparation classes. The classes will begin Sunday, February 14th. They will be held immediately after the 11:00 Mass and last about an hour (12:10—1:10). The Confirmation will take place at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 3rd.

If you are interested please contact Joseph Salazar in the Parish Office, 360-693-3052.

Adult Faith Formation

The Baptism of the Anointed One

Last week's Liturgy revealed the mystery of God's plan - that in Jesus all peoples (symbolized by the Magi), have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. Today we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus" - opening up the promised land of Heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God.

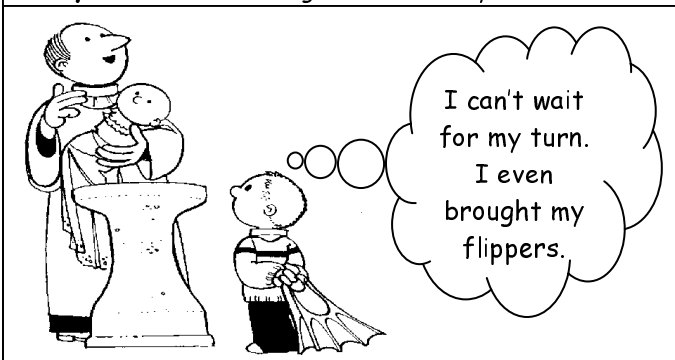
Today's Second Reading tells us that Jesus is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power." The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob". The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest. That's why the crowds are so anxious at the beginning of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary - Jesus is the Son of the Most High.

He has sanctified the waters of Baptism, made them a passage-way to healing and freedom - a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

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Holy Humor — Looking forward to Baptism



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January 2010

General intention: For young people and social communications media

That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

Missionary intention: For Christian Unity

That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Catholic Community Services Envelopes

In you pew you will find envelopes entitled, "Changing Lives, Together." You are invited to use these envelopes for your donation to Catholic Community Services. You may place your donation in the Sunday collection during Mass.

Catholic Community Services provides local help through counseling, children's mental health programs, family preservation, home care for elders and people with disabilities, emergency shelters, pregnancy support and Project Rachel, foster care and adoption, and much more.

For more information about Catholic Community Services you can pick up a brochure from the table in the vestibule or visit their website, www.ccsww.org.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Birthright has an immediate need for new & gently used **preemie & newborn clothing**.

If you are able to help, please bring clothing donations to 214 E. 17th St, or call 694-8156.

Pro-Life Rally

Oregon Right to Life invites all people to join them from 2-3pm on Sunday, January 17th in Pioneer Courthouse Square. Archbishop John Vlazny will speak there.

For more information call Portland 503-463-8563 or go to the website www.portlandproliferally.com.

Dynamic Marriage Course

Registration is open for this intensive 9-week course which is open to all married couples, Catholic and non, newlyweds to golden anniversary veterans. Class size is limited to 12 couples. It will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on Tuesdays 7-9pm, starting Jan. 19th.

To register contact Terri Gilbride 360-882-0760, tlg_bride@yahoo.com or see www.familydynamics.net.