

St. Gabriel Parish

The Messenger

Religious Instruction January 2024 Newsletter



GOOD NEWS!

St. Gabriel Parish was honoured to have the opportunity to gift our grade 4 RI students with their very own Good News Bibles. We look forward to 'cracking them open' over the next few months as we continue to grow in our faith and discover God's word. The students will be bringing them home once they have completed their RI program in Gr. 6.

We are grateful to the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus for their financial contribution and for supporting our Religious Instruction Program!

RI Newsletters

Misplaced the RI newsletter?

Your child forgot to bring it home?

No worries....Our newsletters are also on the St. Gabriel Parish Website! Please visit

<https://www.stgabrielscatholicchurch.ca/>

Navigate to More...and find them in the RI Corner!

What's Going On?

There are many exciting events taking place at St. Gabriel's Church for our families. Take a gander! Mark your calendar!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Preparations for the First

Reconciliation will start soon!!

If your child is in grade two or older, please contact Theresa for more information. (780- 213-0136)

Regular Mass Times

All are welcome!

Saturday - 5:00pm

Sunday - 10:00 am

Special Invitation

Sunday, January 28th after the 10:00 mass

Join the Knights of Columbus for coffee & donuts

ALSO

Music ministry open invite/meet & greet

Did you know?

February 2nd - Groundhog Day and Crêpe Day

Did you know that Groundhog Day is based on a Catholic Candlemas tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages? “If Candlemas Day is clear and bright, winter will have another bite. If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, winter is gone and will not come again!” Who knew?

In France, February 2nd is also known as Crêpe Day. (thin pancakes). Guess what you can make for supper that night!

(Source: The Catholic All Year Compendium; Liturgical living for Real Life Kendra Tierney)

Mission Possible: January Family Challenge

January 8th was the Feast day of the Baptism of Jesus!

Today, most baptisms take place a few weeks after a child is born. But in Jesus' case, he was about 30 years old when he was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (Jesus' cousin). Baptism is a sacrament. All the sacraments began with something that Jesus said or did. Baptism is the sacrament of welcome. We are baptized with water, just like Jesus was.

Complete the task below and return this slip to the school office by January 17th. Your submission will be added to the draw for the chance to win a Family Gift Basket! Good luck!

Option #1 Talk to your child (children) about their baptism. Have them jot down the answers in the appropriate spaces.

- Who were their Godparents and explain their role?
- What were two rituals that took place during their baptism?
- Why was it a special event?

Option #2 Talk to your child about a baptism that you had the opportunity to witness. Explain the following and have your child jot down the main ideas.

- What are Godparents?
- What are two rituals that take place during their baptism?
- Why is it a special event?

Child's first name: _____ Gr. _____

Please return this slip to the school office by January 17th for a chance to win the Family Gift Basket which will be drawn the week of February 22nd.