



## Parish Bulletin

Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2021

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



January 10 - 16, 2021

### Sunday, January 10

10:00 \* Telesfora & Arturo Gorospe Gorospe (D);  
Mary Ann Zamora (D);  
and Raymond & Susan Domenici (D)  
12:00 \*\* Parishioners of St. Anne

### Monday, January 11

8:45 \* Stacey Ver (D); Tony Silva (D); Lilia Ramos (D)

### Tuesday, January 12

8:45 \* Fr. Gerry O'Rourke (D); Ed Wildgans (D)

### Wednesday, January 13

8:45 \* Joan White (D)

### Thursday, January 14

8:45 \* Fr. Gerry O'Rourke (D)

### Friday, January 15

8:45 \* Fr. Gerry O'Rourke (D); Rodrigo Zapanta (D)

### Saturday, January 16

8:45 \* Confraternity of St. Anne  
4pm \* Rose Paredes (D)

\* - Watch mass at: <https://www.facebook.com/StAnneSF/>

\*\* - Watch Chinese mass at: <https://www.facebook.com/CCinSF/>

## Pastor's Corner

### Testing Positive

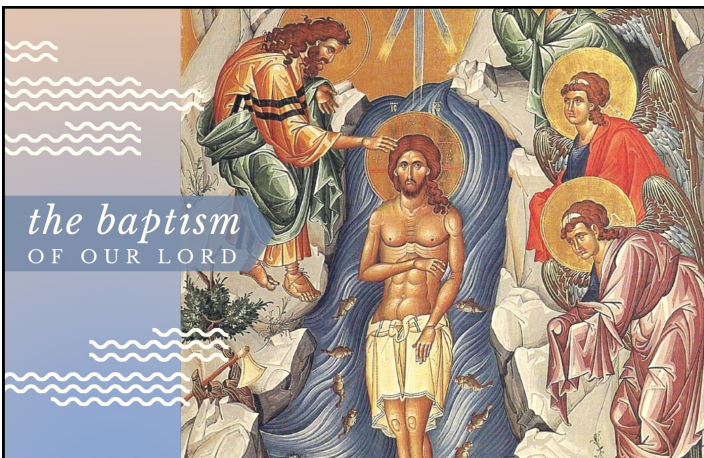
Being cautious like many of you were during the holidays and avoiding social gatherings, nonetheless a member of our little household tested positive at the beginning of the year. Of course immediately we went into quarantine and isolation and discontinued outdoor public masses. Fortunately Fr. Peter, who was away, and who tested negative, remained away and was able to help with our livestream masses. Another fortunate event is that not everyone in our household came down with covid symptoms but everyone has been tested. Following CDC's recommendation, we waited at least 7 days before we were tested and some are still awaiting the results. At the time of this writing on Sat, Jan 9, some are already on the mend. CDC's guideline to end self-isolation is to wait 10 days since the onset of symptoms and 24 hours of being symptom free without the aid of medication. But we will be extra cautious and wait until 14 days from the onset of symptoms and consult our personal physicians for guidance before we reopen the Rectory for Staff and Church for public outdoor worship. We will keep you informed when this will happen. In the meanwhile, let's do all we can to slow the spread. We were fortunate that no one needed hospitalization and are so grateful that so many of you prayed for us and offered us meals and runs to the grocery store. We are better stocked than ever before. Please know how truly grateful we are for your love and concern and know that we are also here for you. Though we're quarantined and our staff is working remotely, we do check the voicemails and emails. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of service. With prayers and blessings,

- Fr. Dan

### Treasures from Our Tradition

Valentine's cards have appeared at the shopping mall, but in the Church it is still Christmas. Today's feast spun off from Epiphany. Originally, a blessing of holy water was an important feature of the Epiphany feast, and in the Greek Church, this was a day for leaping into the sea in grateful recollection of baptism. The gratitude may not be quite as profound among the Orthodox Christians who have to chop holes in the ice to plunge into the waters! Still, there are few better days to celebrate a baptism, and to plunge our hands into the waters of the font. Jesus found the waters of the Jordan irresistible because of what had been done in those waters: people had confessed their sins, and had acknowledged their need to be forgiven and healed. Today, we are the people in the water, and Christ comes to be with us. You won't have to chop a hole in the ice to celebrate your baptism. A beautiful bowl of water on the table tonight, a toast with sparkling water at dinner, or even a leap into the shower with a sign of the cross and a prayer of thanksgiving will suffice!

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*"You are my Beloved Son;  
with You I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11)*