

*St. Patrick Catholic Community - January 12, 2025*

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**BAPTISM**



*I will look twice until I see Christ in you*  
**LOOK  
TWICE**



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday 8:30 - 4:30 pm

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**Weekend Mass:** Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm  
**Weekday Mass:** Monday through Friday 8:00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 pm  
**Holy Days:** 8:00 am, 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm

## SACRAMENTS:

**Baptism:** To arrange a baptism and begin the required preparation class, call 480-998-3843 a minimum of three months in advance.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made a minimum of nine months in advance. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Anointing of the Sick or Communion to the Sick:** To request either sacrament, call the Parish Office.

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# First Down with Fr. Eric



Dear Friends,

January 12, 1969, is a date that will live in my memory. As a 10-year-old boy I learned about supporting sports teams I liked. My team growing up was the Baltimore Colts. Each week I lived or died on the outcome of their games. The boys would gather at school and we would express pride in the teams we liked. On that day in 1969, the Baltimore Colts lost to the New York Jets, as the Colts were an 18-point favorite. I cried and was so heartbroken that I could not look at any newspaper reports, TV highlights, or the history of Super Bowl III for over 25 years. One day it changed for me and I was able to say 'let it go' and look at what really matters.

That event in my childhood was part of growing up, learning to accept things that do not go my way, my pride with the boys was wounded, and it hurt. Now I see events much differently, not being defined by the losses in my life, or being disappointed in things around me. Does it still hurt? Of course. But now I am able to have a different perspective and not hang on to the pain for so long.

January 12, 1969, is a date that began a journey to figure out how to mature when dealing with disappointment. Disappointment with people, events, sorrows, and pain. That kind of thing can never be totally avoided, but learning how to navigate through it all is what we can do better in life.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

## STAY CONNECTED

Scan the code to subscribe to the weekly *Community Connection* email to find out about events and ministry at St. Patrick. You can also contact Laurie Coffman at [lcoffman@stpatcc.org](mailto:lcoffman@stpatcc.org) or 480-998-3843 ext.126.



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Christian Disciples in Mission Living Beyond Sunday

BY ERIC TAMAYO,  
Pastoral Associate

# What is Baptism?

As our Gospel directs us, this week we reflect on the very first Sacrament we receive as Christians. There is a lot that can be said about the Sacrament of Baptism, from the prefigurations of baptism in the Old Testament to the specific graces we receive. For most of us baptized as children, we hardly ever look back and think about the significance of baptism or how it has affected our life. Unfortunately, most of us have either forgotten or never received proper catechesis on the significance of baptism.

So, what exactly is Baptism? The word baptism is taken from the Greek, baptizein, meaning to plunge or immerse. The Catechism teaches that, "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made shares in her mission." Baptism is fundamentally a gift from God. We call it a gift because it is given to us without any merit of our own. When we are baptized we are anointed and given a candle as a reminder of Christ's continuing presence in our life. A white garment is used as a sign of our purity and new life as the person "puts on Christ."

The use of water is also important. It is a symbol of our burial into Christ's death and the life we receive in his resurrection. Through Scripture we get a better sense of why we use water and see the deeper meaning behind it. For example, Noah's ark foreshadows our salvation by Baptism as we are saved through water. Water of course carries a dual meaning of both life and death. It can be a wellspring for life but also a cause of death in the

sea. The crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites is a perfect example of both life and death that comes from water. All the prefigurations of the Old Testament ultimately find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. This is why the Baptism of the Lord is so important and why we celebrate it. You may be asking if baptism is intended for sinners, why was Jesus baptized to begin with? Jesus' gesture is an expression of his self-emptying. In his baptism we get a glimpse into the mystery of the Holy Trinity as the Holy Spirit descends upon Christ before the Father.

The Lord himself affirms the necessity of Baptism for salvation and gives his disciples the command to go and baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In baptism we don't just go through a symbolic ritual. As Catholics, we believe a real change occurs. Baptism seals the person with an indelible mark of his union to Christ. No sin can erase this mark. This is why Baptisms are not repeated. In baptism we receive God's sanctifying grace and are cleansed from all sins including original sin. In baptism we are conformed to Christ and incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ. I can only scratch the surface of why Baptism is so important. But this week I encourage you to reflect upon your own baptism. Maybe give thanks to the person who baptized you and give thanks to God for the graces you received that day. I pray that you receive many more to come.

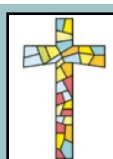


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# Praying

How will we make this new year different? Will we prioritize our prayer life as we form new habits and intentions for the year ahead? In what ways can we be more intentional with our prayer?

Loving God,  
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For more information, please contact John Nichols at: [tmiy@stpatcc.org](mailto:tmiy@stpatcc.org).

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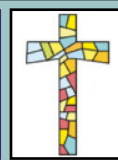
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8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Fenlon Hospitality Center - 10815 N. 84th St - Scottsdale

To schedule an appointment, visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) (Enter Blood Drive Code: P1S25) or scan the QR code. For questions or information, please contact Paul Neihart at (602) 692.5051 or Pat Geranis at (480) 272.9045

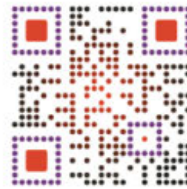


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**Donations will benefit the Aid to Women Center.**



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Baby bottles will be distributed outside after each Mass the weekend of **January 11-12.**

The filled bottles will be collected outside after each Mass the weekend of **January 25-26.**







# Family **SUPER SERVICE HOUR!**

**Sunday, Feb. 9 from 9:30 - 10:30 am**  
(between the morning Masses)  
Fenlon Hospitality Center



Families, before enjoying an afternoon of football fun, let's pause and spread the love of Jesus through service! We will have a variety of service projects set up around Fenlon for families to complete together. There will be fellowship, donuts and fun!

**"We choose to kickoff so others can receive." ~ Fr. Eric**



**No need to RSVP.**  
**Questions? Contact Diane Kar**  
**([dkar@stpatcc.org](mailto:dkar@stpatcc.org)/480-998-3843 ext. 209)**

# *Lenten Fish Fry Returns this Lent*



We are thrilled to announce the return of our Lenten Fish Fry at St. Patrick this Spring! We need YOUR help to make it a success. Whether you enjoy cooking, serving, or simply bringing people together, we would love to have you on board. Join us for one night or every night—every helping hand makes a difference! Scan the QR code below to sign up.

*Fridays*

*March 7, 14, 21, 28*

*April 4*

Fenlon Hospitality Center

4:30 - 7:00 pm



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## Social Justice

### Save the date for the 2025 Creation Summit!

Do you find yourself in awe of God's beauty in nature? Have you been wondering how you can be more environmentally conscious? Are you worried about the future of our planet?

Bishop John Dolan and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix invite you to a day of prayer, reflection, and conversation around care for the Earth and our call to be stewards of all creation.

***All are welcome!***

What: 2025 Creation Summit

When: Saturday, January 25

Where: St. Francis Xavier Parish  
4715 N Central Ave. Phoenix

Time: 8:30 - 9:30 am ~ Registration  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm ~ Speakers & Events

Join us for this opportunity to enter into prayer, reflection, and conversation on the environment and our call to be stewards of all God's creation! Bishop John Dolan will open us in prayer focused on Care for God's Creation. Our opening prayer will be followed by panels and small groups covering topics such as spirituality, the relationship between people and our planet, creating action plans, and more.

Please contact Abigail Standish with any questions at [astandish@dphx.org](mailto:astandish@dphx.org) or 602-354-2125. For more information and to register, go to website below or use the following QR code:



[dphx.org/catholic-social-teaching/creation-summit/](https://dphx.org/catholic-social-teaching/creation-summit/)

## Mass Readings

### The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

*Next Sunday:*

### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, January 13

8:00 am †Margaret Aviles

### Tuesday, January 14

8:00 am †Austin Motts

5:30 pm Kimberly Zeeman

### Wednesday, January 15

8:00 am †Rose Turco

### Thursday, January 16

8:00 am †Barbara Espinosa

5:30 pm †Raquel Pellecer

### Friday, January 17

8:00 am †Fred Palmer

### Saturday, January 18

4:30 pm †Ariel Aruiza

### Sunday, January 19

8:30 am †William "Bill" Gunther

10:30 am †Rebecca Gonzalez

5:00 pm †Margaret Gray

If you would like a specific Mass Intention offered for someone, living or deceased, please come to the Parish Office to schedule one.

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**You May Skip the Gym**

A study by the University of San Diego found that donating one pint of blood "burns" between 600 and 650 calories. Calories are burned when the body expends energy to replace red blood cells that were removed.

**You Can Be Part of a Greater Community**

People who frequently donate often develop friendships with the center staff and their fellow donors, who are all committed to helping save lives.

**You May Reduce Your Cancer Risk**

A study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute found that donating blood may reduce the amount of iron people have in their bodies. You need iron to live, but too much can increase your chances of getting cancer. Frequent blood donors had lower risks of liver, lung, colon, stomach, and throat cancer.

*It's important to note that these findings don't apply to everyone. Check with your doctor about your iron levels and donating blood.*



**CARE and SUPPORT AT ST. PATRICK**

**Cancer Support** This support group is for those dealing with the effects of cancer in their lives and their families' lives. Group meets virtually the first Wednesday of the month, September to May, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. For more information please contact Gloria Yturalde at 602-370-7042.

**Divorced/Separated** The "Catholic Divorce Survival Guide" is a twelve part program of sharing, comfort, and healing for divorced or separated people. It is a journey of learning, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. This course is offered in the spring and fall. For more information contact Benny Jetson at 602-920-1671 or Therese Mexas at 480-278-3805.

**Family, Personal Support** Catholic Charities Counselor available Mondays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For an appointment call 602-749-4405. Fees based on sliding scale.

**Annulment Support**—A group of annulment ministers help people navigate the system of annulments in the Phoenix Diocese. For an appointment call 480-264-4319.

**Prayer Support** Small Christian Communities is a support for people who have a desire to pray with others in a supportive community. For prayer requests email to [weprayforyou@stpatcc.org](mailto:weprayforyou@stpatcc.org).

**Grief Support** Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one GriefShare is a special weekly Monday or Tuesday seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Please contact Kathleen Trilk at [ktrilk@stpatcc.org](mailto:ktrilk@stpatcc.org).

**Benefits Assistance Program** Assistance with Medicare and other health insurance benefits available for seniors, the disabled and caregivers. For information, please call Connie Jada at 480-998-3843 ext. 138.

**The Next Chapter** A group for men and women further along on their grief journey to address the ongoing needs after the loss of a loved one through spiritual, educational and social activities. Please contact Peg Bohnert at [thenextchapter@stpatcc.org](mailto:thenextchapter@stpatcc.org).

**NAMI Family Support Group** - This group is a free, confidential and safe place, open to family members, partners and friends of individuals living with a mental illness in order to support each other. Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm in the House of Mercy/Pope Francis Room. Questions: email: [l.boman@namivalleyofthesun.org](mailto:l.boman@namivalleyofthesun.org) or web: [namivalleyofthesun.org](http://namivalleyofthesun.org)

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Should you have any questions regarding your giving statements, please contact Laurie Coffman in the parish office at 480-998-3843 ext.126 or [lcoffman@stpatcc.org](mailto:lcoffman@stpatcc.org).

## Advanced Theological Studies with Fr. André

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 10** at 9:00 am in Fenlon Hospitality Center.

Future Dates: 3/17, 4/28, 5/19 and 6/16

## COUPLE COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

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Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is looking for caring adults who can help facilitate the program during Sunday Mass times. No prior knowledge is needed and training is provided. Please contact Yasmine Rodriguez ([yrodriguez@stpatcc.org](mailto:yrodriguez@stpatcc.org)) at the parish office if you would like to find out more about CLOW.

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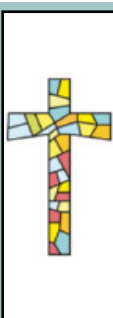
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