

THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Bread Broken for a New World

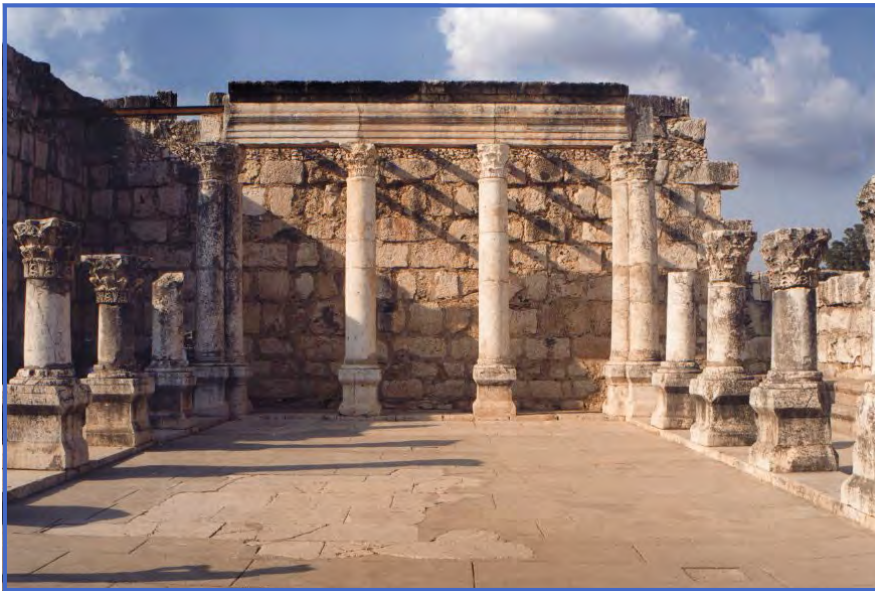
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 27-28, 2018

GATHER HYMNAL # 990

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 MARK 1:21-28

The Pastor's Reflections



Jesus had just emerged from an obscure life in Nazareth. He went to the Jordan River and there was baptized by John. When he came out of the water he heard the voice of his Father affirming him and his mission. He immediately went into seclusion in the desert to prepare himself for his ministry. Shortly after leaving the desert, he began to gather disciples who could collaborate with him in his work. Andrew, Peter, James and John were the first to follow him. The little band made its way to the synagogue in Capernaum. There Jesus launched his ministry. Why did Jesus so often choose to perform his ministry of preaching and healing in neighborhood synagogues? To answer that question we need to know about the synagogue of Jesus' day.

The synagogue wasn't a little Temple. The Temple in Jerusalem was the one and only center of Jewish liturgical life. During its elaborate celebra-

tions there was music and singing, processions and daily sacrifices. The synagogue was primarily a teaching institution. The morning, afternoon and evening prayers were recited there but, outside the times of prayer, it was the local center of teaching. The daily activity always included men and boys reading and expounding the scriptures.

The Temple's liturgical life was supported with the assistance of many priests and various ministers. They offered the sacrifices, and assured the orthodoxy of the liturgy. The synagogue, on the other hand, was managed by an elected president. It was his job to

oversee and maintain the property, and to organize the activities of the synagogue. The law prescribed that in whatever town or village where there were ten or more Jewish families, there had to be a synagogue. The synagogue was the center of Jewish life. It was the perfect place for Jesus to preach the message.

Why would Jesus have chosen Capernaum to deliver his first teaching and to perform his first healing? Capernaum was in Galilee, the area through which the international trade routes connected the countries of the north, south and east. Being a cosmopolitan area, it tended to be open to new ideas. It was financially stable because of the trade, and had a vibrant fishing industry along the Sea of Galilee. Also, Simon Peter lived in Capernaum, and offered his home as a base for the group.

Mark tells us that Jesus and his small band of

followers “came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath. Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.” The Sabbath, the day of rest, was the perfect day for the synagogue president to schedule interesting speakers and teachers who might be in the area as part of his Sabbath programming.

We aren’t told what Jesus taught, but his style was a breath of fresh air to the people of Capernaum. “*The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.*” The scribes were students of the law and taught that every law always needed interpretation. They also believed that every nuance of the law needed to be documented and followed. Hence, they transformed the Ten Commandments to six hundred and thirteen! There was no heart to their teaching, only legalities. One was obliged to follow the law because it came from God. It was their duty to explain the law. Also, it wasn’t common for teachers of the law, like the scribes, to present a teaching on their own authority. They always backed it up with references and to teachings of the great sages of the past. Jesus seemed to ignore this scribal style. What he taught came from him alone. His teaching was simple, and never legalistic. His style was compassionate and simple. He seemed to have taught from the heart. He was the peoples’ rabbi.

His inaugural appearance was quite dramatic. The people of the synagogue were not only impressed by the content of his teaching, they were shocked with the power he exhibited. There was a member of the synagogue who suffered under the influence of an “unclean spirit.” This dark spirit immediately recognized Jesus as God’s anointed, and cried out, “*What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!*” With no hesitation, and without any incantations or prayers, Jesus commanded the spirit to be silent, and to come out of the man. The man fell into convulsions, and loudly cried out as the spirit left the man.

The people in the synagogue were shocked by the event. “*All were amazed and asked one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.’*”

From the little synagogue in Capernaum word of Jesus spread throughout Galilee.

We learn a number of things about Jesus from this short account. He broke with the legalism of the scribes. The people were oppressed by the plethora of laws laid on them by their religious leaders. Jesus taught from his heart. He spoke of God as a loving and forgiving Father rather than a strict judge. We know he had harsh words for Israel’s religious leaders, the Scribes and Pharisees, because of their legalistic approach to religion. For him, religion was a loving relationship with God – not a strict adherence to laws.

We also learn that Jesus was a healer. A great deal of his ministry would involve curing the sick. He literally touched people to cure them, even lepers, an action forbidden by the law. He had no fear of the dark powers. In fact, the dark powers feared him. His first healing drove out an unclean spirit.

Let’s conclude our reflection by looking ahead to the last lines of Mark’s Gospel. “*He said to them, ‘Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to every creature... These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons and speak new languages. They will pick up deadly serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover...’ So they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. (Mark: 16:15, 17-18, 20)*”

Our reflection on Jesus’ first day of ministry is simple. Jesus unveiled his mission and his ministry to his disciples knowing that they would witness to all he did and taught. Later on, before his ascension, he commissioned them to continue his ministry. That commission is extended today to everyone who is willing to carry on his mission of healing and liberating. We, on our part, must be sure not to succumb to the kind of legalism Jesus fought against. God’s healing and saving power comes through a heart that’s open to love. We must never forget that discipleship demands, first and foremost, a relationship. God is our Father, and so we’re brothers and sisters. The power of love binds us to God and to one another. Through that love we become the vehicles of his teaching and healing.

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DAILY

MASSES

WEEKDAYS

7:30 – 12:15

SATURDAY

12:15 – 5:30 Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00 – 11:00 – 5:30 – 7:30

HOLY DAYS

7:30-12:15-7:00pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

RECITED ON WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

SUNDAY

5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

WEEKDAYS

11:45 until 12:10

SATURDAY

11:45 until 12:10

5:00 until 5:30

ROSARY

WEEKDAYS AT 11:55

NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Anne – Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass

St. Peter Julian Eymard –

Thursday after the 12:15 Mass

JOIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Please register at the parish house, 184 East 76th Street any day during office hours from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily or fill out a registration card found at the rear of the church.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGES

To schedule a baptism or a marriage please contact the parish office to speak with Fr. John Kamas.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to schedule a home visit with one of the priests. 212-288-5082 Ext. 10

NEW INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Every Sunday, the Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group leads an hour of intercessory prayer from 1 o'clock until 2 o'clock in the church. Everyone is invited to join them.

We ask all parishioners to submit the names of friends or relatives who need prayers for whatever reason. You may bring your intentions to the group personally on Sunday, or leave them with the parish receptionist who will pass them on to the group. Praying for each other is a powerful ministry.

Please consider joining the group for the prayer. But also remember to bring your intentions to them or to the rectory office.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR AN ADULT NEEDING COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

Make an appointment with Joan Prenty, Director of Religious Education, through the Parish Office by calling 212-288-5082 ext 30. Leave your contact information and she will get back to you to set up an appointment.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be held every Sunday from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM in Wave Café of the High School, 173 East 75th Street. You may enter through the ramp on 76th Street at the east end of the rectory building .



MUSIC OF THE LITURGY

The scripture readings may be found in GATHER at No. 990

HYMN OF GATHERING:

No. 490 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

KYRIE

GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"If Today You Hear His Voice,
Harden Not Your Hearts."*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

No. 800 "O Breathe On Me Oh Breath Of God"

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

ACCLAMATION

*When We Eat This Bread and Drink This Cup,
We Proclaim the Death of the Lord
Until He Comes Again*

THE GREAT AMEN

MUSIC AT COMMUNION:

No. 827 "Taste And See"

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL:

No. 494 "The King Of Glory"



MUSICIANS WELCOME

If you sing or play an instrument, come join the music ministry. We always welcome new volunteers to join us at the Sunday Masses:

ADULT CHOIR OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE:

11:00 AM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal Sunday 10:00 AM, Choir Room.

5:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 5:00 PM, Choir Room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

11:00 AM Sunday Mass
(1st Sunday Each Month)

Rehearsal Wednesday 5-5:30 PM, Choir Room

MODERN ENSEMBLE:

7:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 7:00 PM,
in the Church

Richard Owen, Jr., Director of Music

Ministries & Organist

email: owenrick@aol.com;

mobile: 845-729-4986

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7:30 PM

Processional: "Your Grace Is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness
oh God
You wrestle with
the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters
and to mercy
And nothing can keep us
apart

**So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God**

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

Great is Your love and justice
God of Jacob
You use the weak
to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of
Your salvation
And all Your people sing
along

**So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God**

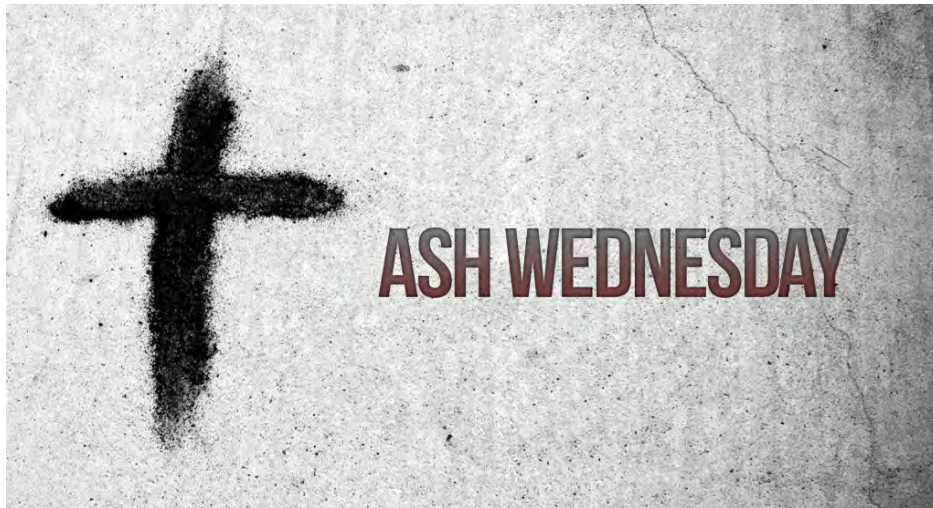
**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

Offertory: No. 800 "O Breathe On Me, Oh Breath Of God"

Communion: No. 827 "Taste And See"

Recessional: No. 494 "The King Of Glory"





SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY- FEBRUARY 14TH

The Church will open at 6:30 AM.

Ashes will be distributed throughout the day beginning at 6:30 am and concluding at 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed after the homily during the Masses.

MASS 7:30 am

Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Confessions – 11:45 am until 12:15 pm

Rosary – 11:50 am

MASS – 12:15 pm

Evening Prayer – 5:00 pm

MASS – 6:00 pm

The church will close at 7:00 pm.



ADULTS

SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS--RCIA

Are you interested in exploring Catholicism for yourself, or perhaps you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about our faith?

Were you baptized in another Christian Church, and are thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you Catholic, but never received Confirmation or First Communion? Please consider joining the RCIA program.

USHERS/GREETER NEEDED!



Ushers/greeters are needed for the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. Please contact Joan Prenty director of St. Jean Baptiste Religious Education at 212-288-5082 ext. 30

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Following the 11:00AM Mass each Sunday we invite everyone in the church to gather for coffee, juices, bagels and fellowship in the High School Auditorium. Enter the Auditorium through the large doors behind the organ

area. We look forward to having you join us.

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

All are welcome at the Senior Luncheons which take place every Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the Great Hall of the Community Center. Donation: \$3.00.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Sunday collection.....Checks: **\$5,841.00**

Cash: **\$3,038.00**

WeShare donations amounted to: **\$1,468.00**

Total: \$10,347.00

Please take note: All user data, scheduled recurring donations, and scheduled one-time donations are now handled by WeShare another online giving service.

DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CATHOLICS

Please invite your Catholic friends and family members who are divorced, or divorced and remarried, to attend an informal meeting at the church on Sunday, February 11th at noon. We are attempting to reach out to Catholics who suffer the pain of separation and alienation from the community because they have divorced.

We held a meeting like this in November of last year. It was a relaxed and fruitful meeting – a start in healing the separation. Please reach out to your friends and relatives. Invite them to attend the 11 o'clock Mass. The meeting will take place in the rectory after the Mass. Please be our voice of welcome. Please be the Church's hand reaching out to them. Thank you.

BECOME AN ASSOCIATE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will be hosting an Information Night for those who are interested in learning more about being an Associate of the Blessed Sacrament on February 6th at 7 o'clock. The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, the Order that has ministered at Saint Jean Baptiste since 1900, is a Roman Catholic religious Order of priests and brothers who center their lives on the Eucharist.

Associates of the Blessed Sacrament are the lay branch of the Order. Associates follow a Rule of Life similar to that of the Order, and partake in the spiritual life of the Order. The meeting will take place in the Eymard Room. Please enter through the 76th street ramp (next to the Siena).

ASSOCIATES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will resume our monthly meetings on Tuesday, January 30th at 7 o'clock. As always, we will meet in the Eymard Room. Please enter by the courtyard ramp.

FAMILY LIFE

TODDLER PLAY GROUP

Our Toddler Play Group is in session in the Community Center From September through June.

The children enjoy their first "school" experience in our well-equipped and friendly play room.

For information call the Play Group Director Pauline Reenock, at 212-472-2853 Ext. 2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are available for children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation and their continuing religious education.

For more information call Ms. Joan T. Prenty, Director of Religious Education, at 212-288-5082, ext 30, or email her at:

stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com.

FAMILY MASS 2018 CALENDAR



February 4, 2018

March 4, 2018

April 8, 2018

May 6, 2018

Every Family Mass will be held at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in the SJB High School Auditorium immediately following the Mass. All are welcome!

--VERY IMPORTANT--

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the New York Common Pantry. The children will have the opportunity to bring these to the Altar.

COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4

MONDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-6:30 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-8:00 **LA Meeting** (Toddler Center)

TUESDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
3:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

WEDNESDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
1:00-2:30 **Senior Luncheon** (Great Hall)
3:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-10:00 **AAII Meeting** (Great Hall)

THURSDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
3:15-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-10:00 **Elegant Dance** (Great Hall)

FRIDAY:

6:00-8:00 **OA Meeting** (Room #2)
6:00-10:00 **Manhattan Dance** (Great Hall)

SATURDAY:

9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

SUNDAY:

11:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

The Center is available for seasonal and special events, parties, business meetings, wedding receptions, lectures and birthdays. For information as to availability and rates, contact the Director: Mr. Antonio Boccia at (212) 472-2853, ext. 1.

ABOUT OUR WEBSITE

The website for the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, www.stjeanbaptisteny.org, now has an active "DONATE" feature. You may now use your credit cards to donate or pay fees for programs at the church. These include:

1. Building Maintenance and Restoration
2. General Support
3. Concert Tickets
4. Religious Education Fees
5. Toddler Program Tuition
6. Support for Scholarships for SJB High School

You may also designate whether you would like to give a one-time gift, a bi-weekly gift, a monthly gift or yearly gift. A "comments" section also allows you to relay further information concerning your gift. An e-mail confirmation is sent to you upon completion of your transaction.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 28

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 Lennix Lewis
11:00 Peter J. Nardoza
5:30 Angelina Giarratano
7:30 Robert Murray

MONDAY, January 29

7:30 George McGreal
12:15 Blanca Aponte

TUESDAY, January 30

7:30 For the Parishioners
12:15 In Honor of St. Anne

WEDNESDAY, January 31

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

7:30 Vincent McDonnell
12:15 Alfonso Monasterio

THURSDAY, February 1

7:30 The Zocche Family
12:15 Paul Bailey Pizzitola

FRIDAY, February 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:30 Fannie Patti
12:15 Amalia Montejo

SATURDAY, February 3

12:15 Antonio Pereira
5:30 James Michael Gleason Seely

CELEBRANTS FOR FEBRUARY 3-4

Saturday 5:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS

Sunday 9:00 Fr. Bernard Camiré, SSS
11:00 Fr. John Kamas, SSS
5:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS
7:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The St. Jean's Chapter of the Nocturnal Adoration Society will hold its monthly Prayer Vigil on Friday, February 2, 2018, from 5:00 PM (Evening Prayer) to 9:00 PM.



2nd Annual PASTA BOWL

Join us in providing warm, nourishing winter meals for hungry New Yorkers.



In 2017 the SOUP-er Bowl Food Drive became the PASTA Bowl. The competition was fierce and it's time for our teams to bring their best again!

Please help us stock up for the **PASTA BOWL** by:

1) Donating PASTA*

- Use this form to schedule a food pick-up: <http://bit.ly/2jchaup>
 - Contest for participating schools ends Wednesday, February 14th.
 - Last day for pickups is Friday, February 16th.
 - Questions? Please contact: PastaBowl@nycommonpantry.org
- * DRY pasta only, Whole Wheat preferred.

2) Helping NYCP purchase PASTA

- \$1 = 1 pound of pasta
- Donations accepted in any amount

by **CREDIT CARD**

- Visit www.nycommonpantry.org & click "DONATE NOW".
 - Select "PASTA BOWL" in the Donation Category,
 - Enter School Name in "This donation is in honor of".

by **CHECK**

- Make payable to "New York Common Pantry".
- Send to NYCP, 8 East 109th Street New York, NY 10029, Attn: Neill Bogan.
- Please indicate Pasta Bowl and School Name in the memo line.

HAPPY PASTA BOWL — MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!**

** Participating school scores will be posted online.

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