



Sunday 01-09 Baptism of the Lord
 10:00a.m ++Caterina & Attilio Anselmini
 12:00 p.m. +Marianna Jachna Irocznica
 7:00 p.m. God's blessing for Renata & Family (from Ela)

Monday 01-10
 8:15 a.m. God's blessings & protection of Our Lady for Teresa Palczewska

Tuesday 01-11
 7:00p.m. God's blessings & protection of Our Lady for Mariusz Palczewski

Wednesday 01-12
 8:15a.m. 1.) God's blessings & all necessary graces for Donna & John Page
 2.) +Maria Pop
 3.) For Parishioners

Thursday 01-13
 7:00p.m. 1.) Mass of Thanksgiving from Babol Family
 2.) Catholic Women's League
 3.) ++Bert & Lina Hoffbauer

Friday 01-14
 8:15a.m ++Valentino & Bruna Girardi
 7:00p.m. +++Anna, Leonard, Krzysztof Niemiec
 + Barbara Marcinkowska

Saturday 01-15
 8:15a.m.a.m. God's blessings & protection of Our Lady for Maryjka Palczewska
 7:00p.m. God's blessings & all necessary graces for Angela Marchione-Faragher on her birthday

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 01-16
 10:00a.m +Ryszard
 12:00 p.m. +Alfreda Załęska
 7:00 p.m. +Danuta Dołba

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 25 & 26 \$ 9, 450.10
January 1 & 2:
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

LITURGICAL SERVERS

Saturday 01-08 7:00pm - altar servers:
 - Lector: D. Seitz
 - E.O.M. T.Heffernan
 - Ushers:M.Veroni, T.Pellizzari, S.Phan, L.Tonin

Sunday 02-09 10:00 a.m - altar servers:
 -Lector:M.Veroni
 - E. O. M. AM. Maiocco/P. Stradiotto
 - Ushers:L.DiReto, R. Saretta, T.Gobbi, M.Veroni

Sunday 02-02 12:00 p.m. - ministranci:
 - Lektorzy: M.Gonczar/ B. Stankiewicz
 - Kolektorzy: M.Kasinski, L.Lutelmowski

Sunday 01-09 7:00pm - altar servers:
 - Lector: P. Grierson
 - E.O.M. I.Cazzola

BAPTISM OF THE LORD -JANUARY 9, 2022

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.
 — Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

IN THE NEXT WEEK IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PRIESTS

Monday 01-10 - Rev. Francisco Cruz
Tuesday 01-11 - Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
Wednesday 01-12 - Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
Thursday 01-13 - Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.
Friday 01-14 - Rev. Stephen Murrin
Saturday 01-15 - Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.

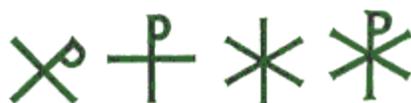
JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday 09** – Baptism of the Lord
- Wednesday 12** – Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
- Thursday 13** – Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Sunday 16** – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday 17** – Saint Anthony, Abbot
- Thursday 20** – Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian Martyr
- Friday 21** – St. Agnes Virgin & Martyr
- Saturday 22** – Day of Prayer for the legal protection of Unborn Children
- Sunday 23** – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday 24** – Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday 25** – Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, Feast
- Wednesday 26** – Saints Timothy and Titus, Memorial
- Thursday 27** – Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder
- Friday 28** – St. Thomas Aquinas Priest, Religious & Doctor
- Sunday 30** – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday 31** – Saint John Bosco, Priest & Religious Founder

MONOGRAM FOR THE HOLY NAME

According to the ancient mind, a person's name was the expression of his nature, work, or mission. Early Christians accordingly used our Savior's Name to bring to mind His adorable Person; and in their art they gave it the following shortened or symbolic forms:

a) The Chi-Rho Symbol. The oldest monuments bearing this symbol date to the third century, the first being found on a burial inscription of a consul from the year 369. From the third century we have the following authentic forms: (1) the separate letters; (2) the superimposed letters; (3) the monogram cross.



After the triumph of Christianity, the Chi-Rho monogram spread into all countries and

found manifold use. It no longer served as a mere abbreviation of the sacred Name, but stood as a symbol for Christ the King. Artists often surrounded it with a laurel wreath or a circle. This signified Christ's dominion over the world, or His triumph over all enemies of His kingdom.

b) The IHS Symbol. The familiar abbreviation IHS is a symbol of the Name Jesus which has retained its popularity down through the centuries. It owes its spread to St. Bernardine of Siena, who had it placed on his banner, surrounded with twelve rays of the sun and surmounted by a cross. It soon became the most popular monogram for the holy Name of Jesus. By his fervent words St. Bernardine persuaded many priests to place the letters on altars or on the interior and exterior walls of churches. Many Italian cities responded to his efforts and put the monogram in large letters on the outer walls of their town halls, as may still be seen in Siena.



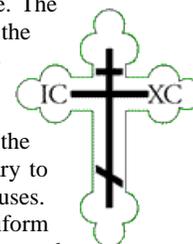
What is its derivation? IHC is the abbreviation of the Greek ΙΗΣΟΥΣ, i.e., Jesus (the first three letters of the word). The older form for the Greek sigma, S, resembled our capital C. In Christian antiquity this monogram does not occur too frequently and may not be older than the fifth century. In recent centuries the IHS has been falsely

interpreted as Jesus Hominum Salvator, or even Jesu humilis societas (and regarded as a colophon for the Society of Jesus). Another interpretation that is sometimes made is In Hoc Signo (vinces), and out of the added v (for vinces) three nails are formed.

c) Ichthys. The early Church loved another monogram for our Savior's name, the widely-used ICHTHYS. Christ's full title was (in Greek): Iesous Christos Theou Yos Soter, Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. The initial letters of these five words form the Greek word ICHTHYS, which means fish. For this reason Christ is often pictured as a fish. Thus both the abbreviation and the picture became for the early Christians a secret symbol for the Redeemer. Yes, they even call our Lord "the great and pure Fish" (Aberkios tomb inscription, about 180). Tertullian presupposed popular familiarity with the fish symbol when he wrote about 200: "We (Christians) are born as little fishes in water after the model of our Ichthys Jesus Christ" (On Baptism, ch. 1).



d) The Cross as a Symbol for the Divine Name. The similarity between the Chi-Rho symbol and the Cross is so apparent that it was not long before the two became related artistically. The Cross and the divine Name serve as symbols of redemption, and as a means of protection against the attacks of the demons. Thus it became customary to put the cruciform monogram on doors and houses. One of the more common methods for the cruciform arrangement involved the use of the two words Φως and ζοη (light and life), terms which Christ applied to Himself in John 8:12; 11:25. Jesus is our Light and Life, for He gives us divine faith and grace. The liturgy desires, prays for, and obtains light and life for the living and the dead. Here we have the reason why the combination of the two concepts, light and life, in the form of a cross became such a popular word symbol in the early Church and is frequently found on doors of houses (Syria), on tombs, and also on ampullas, terracotta lamps, and other articles.



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A LITTLE LAUGH



One Sunday morning, the minister noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small Canadian flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the minister walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Alex.' 'Good morning minister,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'minister, what is this?' The minister said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.' Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, 'Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:45?'