



# The Baptism of the Lord

## Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

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## Week Behind

**Visitors**— Father Richard Sedlacek celebrated the funeral Mass of a long-time parishioner, Justin (Jess) Reiland, on Monday, January 9. Jess died in his home on December 18. In his lifetime, Jess participated in many ministries at Saint Joseph Parish. He welcomed people to our church and participated as an usher for many years. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Diocesan Collection**—This weekend our special diocesan collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection. You will find envelopes in the bulletin. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Yakima to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message. To learn more visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign>

**Annual Catholic Appeal**—This weekend I am speaking at the end of each Mass about the ACA, thanking all the parishioners who have pledged and asking those who have not yet donated to consider participating. Right now our parish participation is low.

**Baby Bottle Campaign**—I want to thank all the parishioners who are participating in the pro-life/pro-family ministry of Hope Medical. If you picked up a baby bottle, please fill it with coins. You can drop it off in the church vestibule the last weekend in January. Your support is truly appreciated.

## Week Ahead

**Stand For Life Event in the Tri Cities**—The Edward and Catherine Carroll Chapter of Students for Life in the Tri-Cities will hold a Stand for Life on Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Day), in

John Dam Plaza, Richland, at 1:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring pro-life signs to hold. The group also will have a diaper drive that day with items collected going to local pregnancy centers.

**9 Days for Life Novena**— On Thursday, January 19, we will start a nine-day novena for life. We will pray the novena during the 8:30 am Mass Monday to Saturday and on Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass. The 9 Days for Life Novena is a [prayer for the protection of human life](#). Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in our country and community. If you are not able to come to any of the Masses offered during the week, you can participate and download the novena at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

**Parish Office Closed on Monday in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**--Saint Joseph Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 17. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has resources for activities throughout the year to help understand and overcome racism in our society. They may be accessed here:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism/combating-racism-educational-resources>

**Mother Teresa Meal Ministry**—The Mother Teresa Meal Ministry will be making 200 lunches on Tuesday, January 17, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am in Dillon Hall for the Union Gospel Mission to distribute. I want to thank Angele St. Hilaire and all the volunteers who brought ham, cheese, bread, and monetary donations to make the sandwiches. To see a list of donations needed or to volunteer to help, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548aaab2fa3f94-volunteer#/>

**Father Felipe**—I will not be in the Parish Office the week of January 15 through 20. I will be spending time with my mother. I'll return Sunday, January 22.