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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Spanish Mass: 2:00 PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM

Weekday Adoration:

Every Friday following Mass

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Confession:

30 minutes before Vigil Mass
and anytime by request
all the other Masses

First Friday Adoration:

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Mass, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion:

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Confession, Mass, Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,
Meditation and Benediction

JANUARY 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

John said, "I am baptizing you with water,

but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

- Luke 3:16

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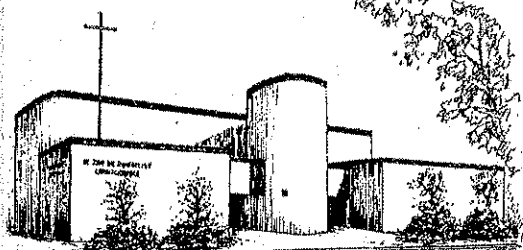
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If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the "New Parishioner" tab.

Upcoming Events

- Jan 9** St J Youth 6:30pm in St James cafeteria
- Jan 12** CREDO/RCIA "Faith" 6:30pm
- Jan 13** Legion of Mary 10:30am
- Jan 16** St J Youth 6:30pm in St James cafeteria
- Jan 19** CREDO/RCIA "The Virtue of Hope and the Last Things" 6:30pm
- Jan 19** Knights of Columbus 7:30pm
- Jan 20** Legion of Mary
- Jan 23** St J Youth 6:30pm in St James cafeteria
- Jan 26** CREDO/RCIA "Love of God" 6:30pm
- Jan 26** Knights of Columbus 4th degree 7:30pm
- Jan 27** Legion of Mary 10:30am
- Jan 30** St J Youth 6:30pm in St James cafeteria

Happy birthday blessings this week are extended to:

Henrietta Caranna, Jan 9
 Richie Cefalu, Jan 10
 George Burkhardt, Jan 11
 Janet Papania, Jan 12
 Sam Hewes, Jan 13

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Offertory Envelopes

If you use the offertory envelope system for weekly contributions to the church, please pick yours up for 2022. They are on a table at the back of the church outside the Memorial Room and are in alphabetical order by family name.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.*

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104.*

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased

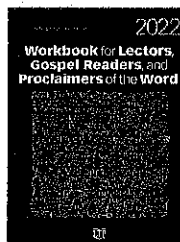
(Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time
- Thursday: St. Hilary
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

ATTENTION LECTORS:



The 2022 'Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word' are available for pick up. They can be found in the Priest's Sacristy.

† Hear Us and Heal Us †

Your prayers are asked for the following individuals

Maria Flagg	Melie Seymour	Gayle Frings
Charlie Underwood	Matt Albritton	Sharon Dedeaux
Trudy Ferrara	Susie McManus	
Thomas Woodcock	Kory Hudson	
Elizabeth Feinman	Donald Dedeaux	Parishioners of
Kendall Dedeaux	Jeffery Smith	St. John the
Bette Johnson	Beverly Crawford	Evangelist
Ronnie Wade	Paula Pickens	
Billy Frommeyer	Mac Rouse	
John Atwood	Carolyn Fayard	
Mary Ann Bishop	Ed Martin	
Melissa Holston	Telina Birch	
Lottie Rogers	Jordan Hoang	
Nga Nguyen	Kim Hoang	
	Jack Watson	
	Joy Holley	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday:	4:00 PM	† Anthony Verin Davis
Sunday:	8:00 AM	† John Gargiulo
		† Shawn Dubuisson
		† Barbara Walker
		† Mary Borzik
	10:30 AM	People of the Parrish
	5:00 PM	† Rose Nutter
Monday:	7:00 AM	† Chris Allen
Tuesday:	7:00 AM	(Special intention-Gage Switzer)
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	† Mackie Fayard
Thursday:	7:00 AM	† David Schiffner
Friday:	7:00 AM	(Special intention-Libby Switzer)

Congratulations to Our Parishioners Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin & Sherri Killegrew, 40yrs on Jan 11

May God bless them with many more
happy years together!

Prayer and Fellowship

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Notice for Contributions

During these difficult days, it's still important to support your parish. Our families are encouraged to maintain their church contributions by mail, by dropping it off at the Parish Office from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Monday – Friday; by utilizing automatic drafts (contact the Parish Office if you'd like to sign up); or by giving electronically at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohngulfport>.

A Reflection on Sunday's Readings

BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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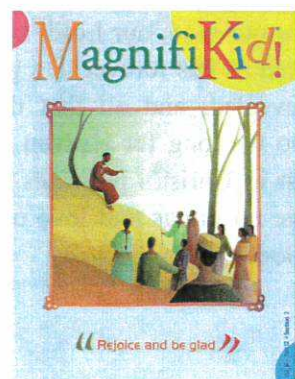
Reflection question:

What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God?

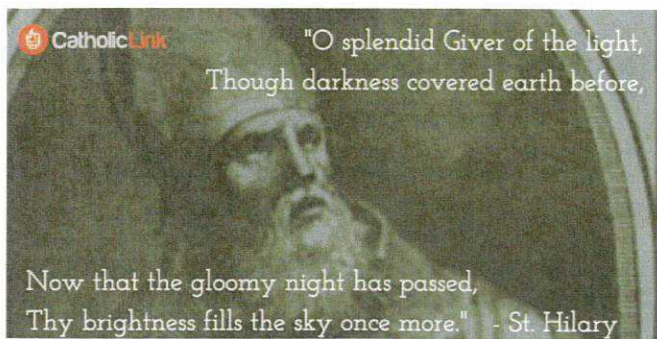
PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Parents, be sure to pick up a copy of this week's 'MagnifiKid!'. This is a fun, valuable resource for your child to follow along and learn the mass.



On January 13, Catholics celebrate St. Hilary of Poitiers, a fourth-century philosopher whose studies made him a champion of Orthodox Trinitarian theology during one of the most difficult periods of Church history. He protected the Church and its members by brilliantly defending the sacred humanity of Jesus while also defeating Arianism which denied Christ's placement within the Trinity. St. Hilary was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a "disturber of the peace." In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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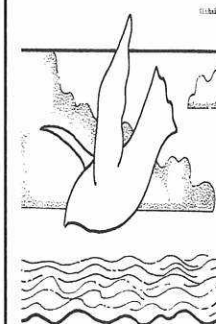
...continued in apostolic succession

"In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church the apostles left bishops as their successors. They gave them "their own position of teaching authority." "Indeed, "the apostolic preaching, which is expressed in a special way in the inspired books, was to be preserved in a continuous line of succession until the end of time."#77

This living transmission, accomplished in the Holy Spirit, is called Tradition, since it is distinct from Sacred Scripture, though closely connected to it. Through Tradition, "the Church, in her doctrine, life, and worship perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes." "The sayings of the holy Fathers are a witness to the life-giving presence of this Tradition, showing how its riches are poured out in the practice and life of the Church, in her belief and her prayer." #78

The Father's self-communication made through his Word in the Holy Spirit, remains present and active in the Church: "God, who spoke in the past, continues to converse with the Spouse of his beloved Son. And the Holy Spirit, through whom the living voice of the Gospel rings out in the Church—and through her in the world—leads believers to the full truth, and makes the Word of Christ dwell in them in all its richness. #79

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, SECOND EDITION



The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

He saved us through the bath of rebirth

and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

The 5 Fruits Of Baptism

1. In Baptism, all sin (both original and personal) is forgiven. After Baptism, committed mortal, serious sins must be confessed. Through Baptism, we "put on Christ" (Gal 3:27) and choose His way. Does our "white garment" remain clean? Do we wrestle with temptation and seek to persevere in holiness? Do our lives reflect the sanctity and purity of Jesus Christ?

2. Baptism makes us a new creature, that is, a Child of God, member of Christ (and co-heir with Him), and a temple of the Holy Spirit. If our Baptism has made us new, are we choosing to live and walk as temples of the Holy Spirit in the light of Christ? As a "new creature," we're given the gift of grace, participation in the life of God (CCC 1997). We are given the virtues of faith, hope, and love, the ability to live in the Holy Spirit, and the ability to grow in goodness. Do we choose to live as an "old creature," or as a Child of God, who is created, redeemed, and sanctified by Jesus?

3. Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church. No longer are we alone, but we are united to Jesus and His People, a Body that transcends time, place, and nation. Through Baptism, we become "priests" to offer our sufferings, vocations, work, families, and friendships to God. We become "prophets" to proclaim the Word of God by our lives, words, and deeds. We become "kings" to lead others to Jesus, to truly love (be charitable), and provide for those in need. How can we recommit ourselves to living as Jesus' priests, prophets, and kings?

4. Baptism brings us into communion with Christians. Through Baptism, we share a bond of unity with all those who bear the name Christian, including those who are not yet in full communion with Jesus' Catholic Church. Mindful of this, we can pray for greater Christian unity; that all of Jesus' disciples might be fully united in His true Church as one flock with one shepherd. How do we recognize our common bonds with fellow Christians? Do we sincerely live the Catholic life to witness the Gospel and foster greater communion in Jesus' Church?

5. Baptism configures us to Christ, claims us as Christ's own, and indelibly marks us. Once we are Baptized, we receive an indelible spiritual mark, a "character" on our soul. This seal of the Christian life can never be erased, even if or when falling into sin. Do we strive to proclaim Jesus Christ as our God, our Lord, and our Savior? We have been marked as His forever. Do we believe in Him, all He has revealed, and all that the Church poses for our belief? Do we long for Heaven as our ultimate happiness and trust in Christ's promises to attain it? Do we love God above all things and love our neighbor as ourself for love of God?

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