

BAPTISM of the LORD



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To offer a Mass Intention, reserve a room for your ministry, or for general inquiries, please contact the office: (214) 331-4328 or office@stelizabethdallas.org

Mass Schedule

Masses: Saturday (anticipatory) 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM
Daily Masses: Monday thru Saturday: 8 AM

Adoration

First Friday: 10 AM - 7 PM, ends with Benediction
Other Fridays: 6 PM - 7 PM, ends with Benediction

Confession

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM, and by appointment
Parents with young children in tow are warmly invited to skip to the front of the line.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Anointing of the Sick is administered upon request. Please call the office to make arrangements. For extended needs for Holy Communion at home, please call the office for further information.

Funerals

Before making arrangements, please contact Virginia Greene at (469) 697-6778.

Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Altar Servers, please call Deacon Paul Williams at (469) 901-8138 or email pwilliams@stelizabethdallas.org

Ushers and Greeters call Michael Rangel at (469) 855-2943.

Clergy

Pastor: Very Rev. Emmett Hall, V.F.
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Francis Nwizu
Deacon: Paul Williams

Lay Staff

Business Manager: Maria Longoria Chavez
Parish Catechetical Leader
& Wedding Coordinator: Elizabeth Seidemann
Funeral Coordinator: Virginia Greene
Safe Environment Coordinator: Margaret White
Receptionist: Marie Marroquin
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St Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School

Mrs. Jennifer Borth, M.S.E.L., Principal
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Faith Formation for Children & Teens

✠ PreK-4 through 7th grade meets Sunday mornings during the school year.
✠ 8th grade & high school Confirmation classes are Wednesday evenings during the school year.
✠ High School Youth Ministry meets Wednesday evenings during the school year.
Contact Elizabeth Seidemann at (469) 697-6775 or eseidemann@stelizabethdallas.org for information.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm from September to May. Contact Estella Castillo at (214) 725-2100 or ecastillo@stelizabethdallas.org for information.

Catholic adults desiring to complete their sacraments of initiation (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) may also attend these courses.

Financial Assistance

Contact St. Vincent de Paul Society at (469) 418-0871 or svdcp@stelizabethdallas.org.

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No aid is available at the parish office.

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From The Desk of The Pastor

The Baptism of the Lord



Jesus' baptism is attested in all four Gospels, with the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove as He emerges from the waters. This is reminiscent of the story of Noah, as the dove returns with an olive leaf as the flood waters recede, signifying a fresh start to creation. This points to an aspect of Jesus' mission, as He renews creation, now not through the destruction of sinners, but by redeeming us in Himself.

The location of the event is significant as well: the Jordan River, where John was baptizing, was the site of Israel's entry into the land of Canaan, marking the end of the Exodus and the inheritance of the promised land. Here, however, rather than the river being parted as the people cross over on dry land (cf. Joshua 3), the heavens open, and we see the beginning of a New Exodus, wherein Jesus leads His people into the true heavenly homeland.

Another well-attested aspect of this event is the voice coming from the heavens: "This is my beloved Son". While on the one hand it reveals something of the Holy Trinity, it also reminds us of the story of the Binding of Isaac. Jesus is revealed as a new Isaac, beloved of the Father, who will lay down His life willingly for our sake and become the source of blessing for all the nations (Genesis 22:18).

Matthew's Gospel is unique in noting John's hesitation to baptize Him. After all, he recognized that Jesus was sinless, and so had no need of a baptism of repentance. And yet our Lord insisted. Why? In the waters of baptism, Jesus took upon himself the sins of all those who came to John to repent. His baptism was an efficacious gesture of solidarity with sinners, and as He "fulfill[s] all righteousness", He does so for our sake.

Some have speculated that this moment, which inaugurates Jesus' public ministry, somehow marks a vocational experience, as He supposedly only then realizes His unique relationship with the Father. As Pope Benedict XVI notes in *Jesus of Nazareth*, however, there is no evidence of this found in the Scriptures. Rather, everything from the infancy narratives up until this point and beyond reveals "an intrinsic unity of the trajectory stretching from the first moment of his life to the Cross and the Resurrection" (p. 24).

However, when we are baptized, that marks our entry into Jesus' life and relationship with the Father. Let's remember our own baptism with awe and gratitude, and resolve anew to live well as a son or daughter of the Father in Christ Jesus.

~ Fr. Emmett

Stewardship

January 4, 2026

Attendance Total: 1,496

New Year's Eve 7:00 PM	190
New Year's Day 10:00 AM	259
5:00 PM	201
8:00 AM	177
10:00 AM	335
12:00 PM	334

Collections: \$14,971

Online: \$9,632

Teller Team Captain 1/11 - Petra Alfaro

Teller Team Captain 1/18 - Norma Gonzalez

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 10

- 8:00 AM Vanessa Longoria's Birthday, by the Longoria and Chavez Families
- 5:00 PM Kenny Shugart, by Beatriz Shugart

Sunday, January 11

- 8:00 AM † Juan Garza, by the Garza and Castillo Families
- 10:00 AM † Ethan Heatly, by the Heatly Family
- 12:00 PM † Ethan Heatly, by the Heatly Family

Monday, January 12

- 8:00 AM Donnie Arrendondo's Birthday, by the Longoria and Chavez Families

Tuesday, January 13

- 8:00 AM Anna Kodama's Birthday, by the Longoria and Chavez Families

Wednesday, January 14

- 8:00 AM † David Garcia II, by Joe and Rosie Villegas

Thursday, January 15

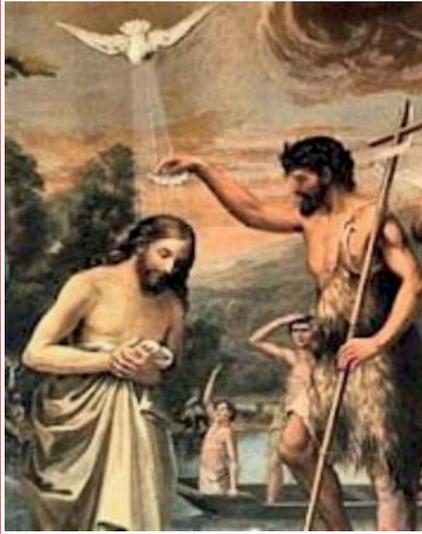
- 8:00 AM † Palma Petrelli, by Peter Giura

Friday, January 16

- 8:00 AM † Ralph Garza, by Joe and Rosie Villegas

 Please visit stelizabethdallas.org to register as a parishioner, see upcoming events, sign up for online giving and much more.

Baptism of the Lord



Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River by John the Baptist at the start of His ministry. Although it was originally one of three Gospel events marked by the Epiphany, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord was declared as a separate entity from the other two events – the coming of the Magi, and the wedding at Cana. This was done in 1955 by the then Pope, Pius XII.

This feast closes out the Christmas cycle in the Roman Catholic calendar. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is considered one of the most important Christian holidays, and it is well-known and looked forward to. It is seen as God revealing Himself to man as people identify with Jesus. It reminds the believer that just as Jesus moved from the baptism waters into ministry, they need to move as His disciples in their lives. On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, they recommit themselves to their Christian identity.

General Meeting

Altar Guild Members, please join us on Friday, January 16th, 2026 at 11:00 am at Grahmann for the General Meeting. Our guest speaker is Jill Bean.

Youth Ministry



Don't forget your to purchase your "dine-in only" spaghetti dinner tickets. Meal service will begin at 6:15 PM on Saturday, January 17, 2026. \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 & under. Use the QR code to order your tickets.

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Bible Study

Join us on Tuesdays via Zoom as we journey through "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John". Please contact the office if you would like to participate.

Deadlines: Information for the Bulletin **must be submitted at least 2 (two) Fridays before** the date of your event. Pulpit announcements must be submitted by the Wednesday (before noon) prior to the event. The office retains all right to change, modify, or not use any submissions. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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