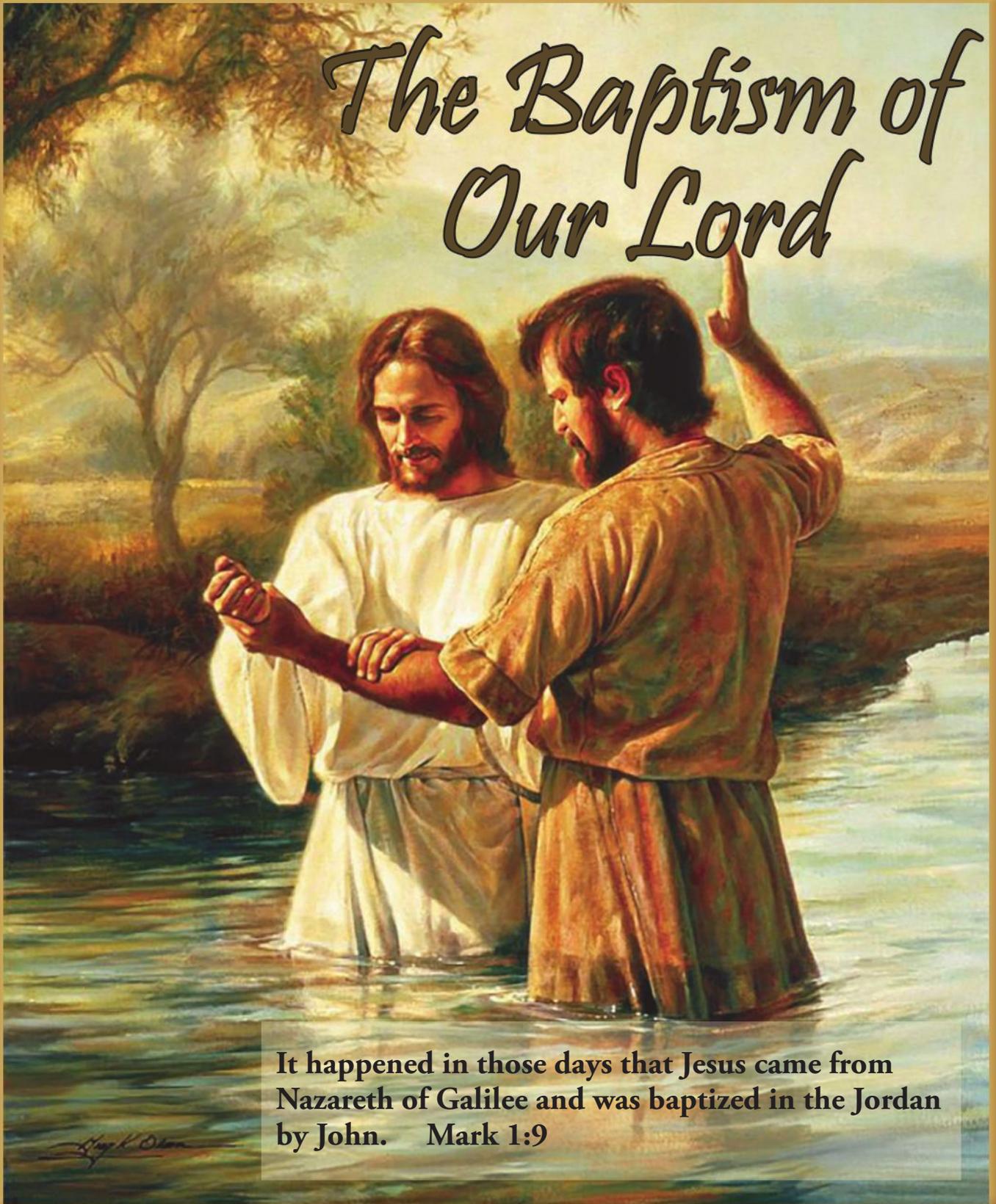


# The Baptism of Our Lord



It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. Mark 1:9

**ST. ROSALIE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

January 10, 2021

## *The Pastor Jots It Down*

My dear parishioners and friends of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco Churches,

Happy Feast of the Baptism of Jesus!

This feast concludes our 2020-2021 Christmas Season. It brings us back to Jesus' Baptism by John in the River Jordan where God the Father affirmed the divinity of Jesus in the presence of the Holy Spirit: "You are my beloved Son."

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, did not have to undergo Baptism, but he did so as an example for us. He came to show us how to be holy and happy in this life so as to prepare ourselves for everlasting life in the next.

Jesus came to show us how to walk in the footsteps of love of God and love of neighbor. He showed the greatest act of love for us, in obedience to His Father, by shedding the last drop of his blood for us on the Cross so that our sins could be forgiven and that someday we could enjoy everlasting life in heaven.

He showed us the meaning of "sacrificial love" which puts the needs of the beloved above one's own needs. This is the love of parents and grandparents for their children, hopefully of children for their parents, and of a true friend for a friend.

At the wedding feast of Cana, Mary saw that the newlyweds were running out of wine. Not wanting them to be embarrassed, Mary went to Jesus to do something. Despite his reluctance, "my time has not yet come," Jesus worked his first miracle by changing water into not just wine but fine wine.

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind...it does not seek its own interests...it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things... Love never fails". Love doesn't count the cost. Love is sacrificial.

The words sacrifice and sacrificial derive from the two Latin words, *sacra facere*, i.e., to make holy. Thus, when we willingly and cheerfully make sacrifices for the good of another, we are doing something holy. As Jesus took up his cross, so too Jesus tells us that "you must take up your cross daily and follow me."

How willing are we to accept the crosses that come our way in daily life? Do we allow them to transform us and bring out the best in us, or do allow them to demoralize us and moan and groan about how could God let this happen to me? We have a choice in reacting to all that happens to us. Will we accept God's grace and make the most of it, or will we wallow in self-pity?

God is pulling for us. The devil is pulling against us. Our choice decides whose side we're on.

God loves you!

FR. MARK



# 2021 The Year of the Eucharist

After consultation with the Council of Deans, the Presbyteral Council and the Ministerial Council, we in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will declare 2021 the Year of the Eucharist.

One of the things that prompted this idea was our experience during the first several months of the stay-at-home mandate, when people were not able to go to church. Our priests and deacons heard from many people that they were hungering for the Eucharist.

As we now know, our churches are still limited in the number of people who can come to Mass because of social distancing and occupancy percentage restrictions. Some people are still fearful of coming to church.

All of these circumstances present an opportunity for us to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist and, of course, we long for the day when our churches will not have a percentage limit and we will be able to return to participating in Mass as we did before.

One of the purposes of the Year of the Eucharist will be to utilize homily time and other occasions to explain the meaning of the Mass.

Secondly, surveys show that many Catholics do not understand the meaning of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This will give us the opportunity to explain the theology of the Real Presence and to reflect on it.

Thirdly, we will take time to explain the obligation to celebrate Mass on Sunday. Hopefully, that obligation will be able to return sooner rather than later. We have no idea of when that will happen because it will depend largely on guidelines for public gatherings.

Why is the obligation to attend Sunday Mass so important? The obligation is to encourage us to be fed weekly by the Word of God in the Scriptures and to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion.

Besides the instructional dimensions of the Year of the Eucharist, we will provide opportunities for eucharistic devotions to be explained and celebrated. We have a committee working now to put together these materials and make them available to those who will be teaching and preaching.

The Year of the Eucharist will begin on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – Jan. 10, 2021. May the Risen Lord, who is fully present to us in the Eucharist, feed us abundantly.

Questions for Archbishop Aymond may be sent to [clarionherald@clarionherald.org](mailto:clarionherald@clarionherald.org).

# A Spiritual Plan

## Be Victorious in the New Year With a Spiritual Plan

Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

### PART TWO

#### *7. Work*

All of us are called to work. God said to Adam that he would earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. St. Paul exhorts us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We also all know probably from personal experience that idleness is the workshop of the devil. Examine carefully your daily work and see areas for improvement. Proposal: be punctual in starting, hard in working, and honest in the hour you leave. Remember that you are working for the Lord. As St. Paul reminds us, “Whether you eat or drink do all for the Lord!”

#### *8. Vocational Call*

Most are called to the life of marriage; some are called to the priesthood and religious life and others are called to the single life. If one is called to the married life then a clear examination of conscience and concrete proposals can be made with respect to one’s plan of life? Examine and respond to these questions: How can I be a better wife/husband/ son/daughter? How can I improve as father/mother? Pray over this and the Holy Spirit will inspire you with a concrete proposal.

#### *9. Spiritual Direction*

In addition to frequent confession, spiritual reading, and serious theological studies, those who are pursuing the path of perfection should have some form of periodic Spiritual Direction. St. John of the Cross put it bluntly: “He who has himself as spiritual director has an idiot for a disciple.” In other words, we all have blind spots and need someone other than ourselves to help us on the demanding and rigorous path to becoming a saint. Advice: pray that God will help you to find this guide. If you have already discovered one be thankful humble, docile and obedient!

#### *10. Mary:*

#### *Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope*

A successful plan of life would be incomplete if Mary were neglected. As St. Louis de Montfort asserts with the utmost conviction: “The quickest, easiest and most efficacious path to holiness is through True Devotion to Mary.” In other words, she is the shortcut to God! Proposals: The Daily Rosary, Consecration to Mary through True Devotion, reading about Mary, living in the



presence of Mary and imitation of Mary's virtue. Choose your weakest virtue this year and beg for Mary's intercession to conquer yourself! Mary is the weak point of God. He can never resist her prayers!

### *Conclusion*

Let us conclude with the words of wisdom taken from Adolphe Tanquerey in his classic, *The Spiritual Life*”:

“The man who holds to a well-defined rule of life saves considerable time: 1) He wastes no time in hesitation. He knows exactly what he is to do, and when he is to do it. Even if his schedule is not mathematically detailed,

at least it sets off time-periods and lays down principles with regard to religious exercises, recreation, work, etc...2) There is little or nothing unforeseen, for even should the unusual occur, he has already provided for it by determining beforehand exercises that may be shortened and the manner of making up for them. At all events, as soon as these exceptional circumstances cease to exist, he immediately comes back to his rule. 3) Inconstancy likewise vanishes. The rule urges him to do always what is prescribed, and that every day and at every hour of the day. Thus, the habits are formed that, give continuity to his life and assure perseverance; his days are full days, teeming with good works and merits.” (# 560)

# Mass Intentions



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
4:00p.m. Carmen & Charles Austin  
Fr. Jon Parks, SDB  
Wayne Oubre  
Vincent Baldassarro, Jr.  
Craig LeBlanc  
Virginia Ryan  
All Souls in Purgatory  
Al & Diane Bourg  
Betty Halstead  
Hilton Lirette  
Alexis & Beverly Vicari  
Anthony J. Celino, Sr.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
10:30a.m. Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois, Sr.  
Doris & Walter Treadaway  
Angelina & Billy Shrader  
Jake Savona  
Hepting & Mauro Families Deceased  
T-Van Falgout  
Kevin Fitzhenry  
Carlo Albarado  
Byron S. LeJeune  
Richard Bruce  
Nora Bowers Romano  
A.J. Morvant, Artney V. Morvant,  
Rita May Morvant, Jarius Benoit,  
Malvina Martin, Mary Joyce Broussard,  
Allen & Beulah Hyman

## MONDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00a.m. Marilyn & Charles 'Tee' Blanchard

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00a.m. Armbruster & Brown Families Deceased

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00a.m. Henry Dufour

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00a.m. Una Krizan

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00a.m. Caramonta Family Deceased

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
4:00p.m. Carmen & Charles Austin  
Wayne Oubre  
Malcolm & Timmy LeBlanc  
Vincent Baldassarro, Jr.  
Josephine & Bert LeBlanc  
Abel J. Hunter

Bellipanni Family  
Estanislao & Maria Ana Gongora  
Juan B. & Marcela Rodriguez  
All Souls in Purgatory  
Diane Bourg  
Hilton Lirette  
Alexis & Beverly Vicari

### MASS FOR THE LIVING:

Anne, William, Thomas & Marguerite Behette

### MASS FOR HEALING: Brady & Grayson Hernandez

Jackie Morvant Bush, Yves Bourgeois II,  
Colleen Martin

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** For Conversion of Sinners  
In Honor of Our Lord & the Blessed Mother

*We ask for your prayers*



January 8 - 14 please pray for

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Colleen Arbour & Matthew LaGrange, *Coordinators*

## *Announcements*

### Your contributions

for the week of December 6: \$ 4,226.00

for the week of December 13: \$ 3,806.00

### Second Collection –

Retirement Fund for the Religious: \$ 495.00

for the week of December 20: \$ 4,950.00

for the week of December 27: \$ 3,140.00

for Christmas Day: \$12,925.00

### Second Collection –

Parish Maintenance month of Dec.: \$ 379.00

May the Lord bless your sacrifice.

### YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

Intentions for the

### Sanctuary Lamp and Blessed Mother's Lamp

are filling up fast. Several month's are completely filled.

Altar Wine has many more available dates.

If you are interested in any of the above, you might plan to schedule your dedications sooner than later. The suggested donation for each one is \$10.00.

**Please call the office 340-1962**

**between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon  
for information and scheduling.**

### IMPORTANT!

Please follow all CDC Guidelines

If you or someone in your household have been exposed to, or have tested (and may be waiting on results) for COVID19, please stay home.

If you have tested positive and have been to Mass please notify the Parish Office 340-1962. Thank you.

## *In Our Parish*

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*will burn in memory of  
Carlos Savona*

### BLESSED MOTHER'S LAMP

*will burn in memory of  
Byron S. LeJeune*

### ALTAR WINE

*is given in memory of  
Yves 'Vessie' Bourgeois*

## Support the Pope's Missions



Pope Francis calls us all to support the work of his missions around the world. You can extend a message of hope to so many in great need. You can answer the call of Pope Francis made during his visit to Africa, after visiting the poorest of the poor: "We must stretch out our hands, as Jesus does with us" – to our mission family...

- to Sisters in Madagascar who rescue little ones from human trafficking, providing them with an education

- to catechists in one of the largest slums in Kenya, who visit the sick, pray with the dying and teach children the mercy and hope of the Savior

- to priests and Sisters in Ethiopia who reach out to children and families in danger of starvation, saving lives and revealing the Lord's compassion.

In the midst of our struggles, we find hope in the message of Jesus' Resurrection. Will you support local priests, Sisters and lay catechists who help the poor of the Missions experience that same hope and joy!

Your gifts and your prayers will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries.

*Thank you!*

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