

# Saint Martha Catholic Church

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## Infant Jesus of Prague Mission

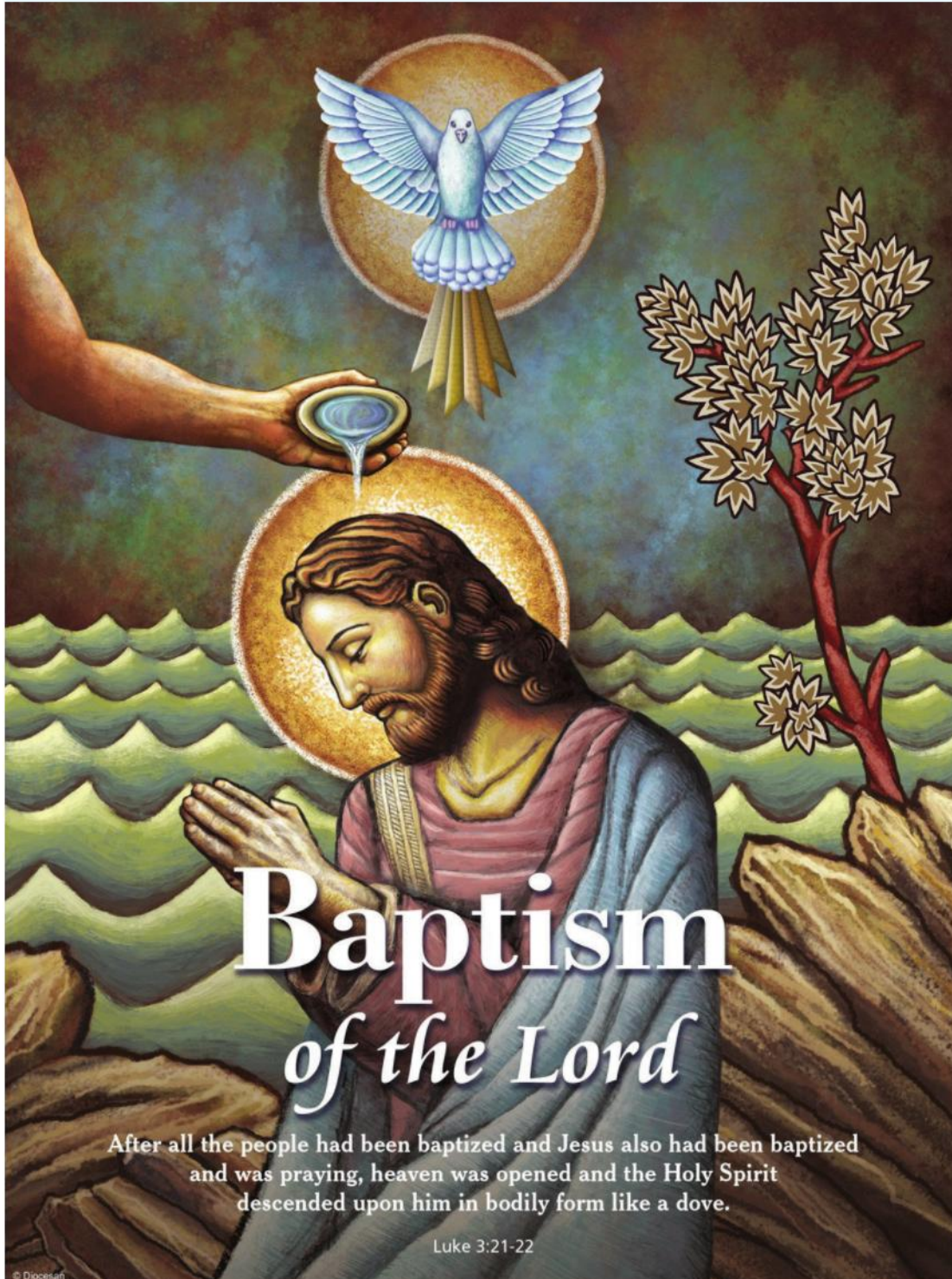
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**Rev. Lich Van Nguyen, Pastor**

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**January 12, 2025**



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22

### SUNDAY MASSES:

#### SAINT MARTHA

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

### INFANT JESUS

#### OF PRAGUE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### SAINT MARTHA

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:00 a.m.

### INFANT JESUS

#### OF PRAGUE (Chapel)

Due to Tornado Damage,

Weekday Services are

Suspended until further

notice

### ADORATION HOURS

#### SAINT MARTHA

First Friday of month,

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF

#### RECONCILIATION

Before Weekend Masses

Anytime by Appointment

### SACRAMENTS OF

**BAPTISM, MARRIAGE,**

**ANointing of the Sick,**

**RCIA**

Please call the office

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### ST. MARTHA PARISH

#### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

1st-8th Grade Tuesdays

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Doors Open @ 5:45

#### WESTBANK HIGH

One Saturday Each Month

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

#### OF THE WORD

10:30 Mass St. Martha



**The Archdiocesan Silver Wedding  
Anniversary Celebration**

will take place on

**Sunday, February 16th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.  
at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic  
Church, New Orleans.**

**If you will be celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary  
in 2025 (married between 1995 and 2000) and wish to  
attend, please register with the parish office no later  
than Friday, January 17, 2025.**

Please note: This celebration is a prayer service and not a Mass.

Attendance of Mass for the Sunday obligation will have to be made within one's parish.

**REFLECTION**

**With Water and Fire**

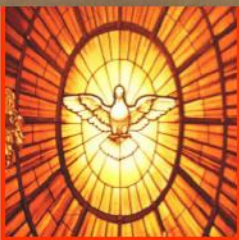
John tells us in today's Gospel that the long-awaited Christ would baptize not only with water but also with fire. Some of us may have been baptized as infants, some as adults, and while we have fresh, living water poured over us, no one talks about the fire that inevitably comes, testing our spirits and our faith.

"With you I am well pleased." What lovely words that our hearts long to hear, whether from parents, spouses, teachers or friends, our humanity craves affirmation, which often leads us to look for it in unreliable things. Some of us do find this affirmation in the places we search for it: money, successful careers, likes on social media, until we need so much that nothing will ever be enough. Like inching closer and closer to a cliff without ropes to catch us, a fall will come. A parent might pass away, a child could stop speaking to us, a friend could betray us, and the people we so often rely on for affirmation become the sparks of our trials by fire.

These flames of purification can seem unending, unbearable, and cause our hearts to question: how can this be the "love" Christ wants for my life? We see other Christians who pick and choose what they stand for, who only embrace their baptismal vows when it is most convenient and comfortable, and who never survive their personal trek through the desert.

However, for those who cling to Christ, through the fire, through the questions, through the struggles of detachment from worldly goods, and fulfill our baptismal vows, there is a life-saving and refreshing river, where Christ waits for us with words that only fulfill our hearts when they are spoken from His mouth: "You are my beloved...with you I am well pleased."

By Lily McKeough



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**St. Martha's Confirmation Program's first meeting will be held on January 16, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors.**

**Candidates should be in 11th or 12th grade and have actively participated in faith formation either at a Catholic High School or in a parish catechetical program.**

**You must be registered to attend. Confirmation packets have been mailed. If you need a packet, they are available in the gathering area, parish office and our website, [www.stmarthaharvey.com](http://www.stmarthaharvey.com) under the Confirmation tab and forms tab.**

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan. 11	4:00	<b><u>Infant Jesus</u></b> Josie & Bill Peperone, Roy Allain, Henry Ball, Tony Granier, Ronquillo & Lomonaco Families, Dwight Rudolph, B. J. LeBlanc, Glenn Morvant, Walter Barrilleaux, Ray & Jules Vegas, Kenneth Pellegrin, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Sat. Jan. 11	5:30	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Joseph Tuan Tran, Ann Bairnsfather, Henry & Helen Roddy (wedding anniv), Agnes G. Newchurch, Margie Hahacre, Sandrus Baudoin & Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Sun. Jan. 12	8:30	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Ronald Munch, Maria Ly Nguyen, Deen Hart, Michael Claudel, Ronald Lauland, Harold Boyter, James & Laura Cucchi and Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Sun. Jan. 12	10:00	<b><u>Infant Jesus</u></b> Fr. Ambrose Udeze, Edgar & Lillian Chauvin Family, & Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Sun. Jan. 12	10:30	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> All Parishioners & Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Tues. Jan. 14	8:00	<b><u>Infant Jesus</u></b> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Wed. Jan. 15	8:00	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> All Parishioners
Thurs. Jan. 16	8:00	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Fri. Jan. 17	8:00	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Arthur & Verna Schexnayder (wedding anniv.)
Sat. Jan. 18	4:00	<b><u>Infant Jesus</u></b> Nick Danos, Roy Allain, Henry Ball, Tony Granier, Peperone Families, B. J. LeBlanc, Glenn Morvant, Walter Barrilleaux, Ray & Jules Vegas, Kenneth Pellegrin & Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Sat. Jan. 18	5:30	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Ann Bairnsfather, Agnes G. Newchurch, Joseph Sinh Van Vu & Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Sun. Jan. 19	8:30	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Maria Ly Nguyen, Michael Claudel, Deen Hart, Ronald Lauland, Ronald Munch, James & Laura Cucchi & Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Sun. Jan. 19	10:00	<b><u>Infant Jesus</u></b> Nolan Seibert, Fr. Ambrose Udeze, Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Sun. Jan. 19	10:30	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> All Parishioners, Our Bulletin Sponsor, West Plumbing
Tues. Jan. 21	8:00	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Nick Danos, Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Wed. Jan. 22	8:00	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Holy Souls
Thurs. Jan. 23	8:00	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> Joseph Sinh Van Vu
Fri. Jan. 24	8:00	<b><u>St. Martha</u></b> All Parishioners

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

#### **St. Martha**

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of January 12th in memory of **Jim Martin**.

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of January 19th in memory of **Nick Danos**.

#### **Infant Jesus**

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of January 12th in memory of **Nick Danos**.

The Sanctuary Light will burn the week of January 19th in memory of **Nolan Seibert**.

### 2025 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

If you would like to offer any of the following for your loved ones, please contact St. Martha @ 504-366-1604 or Infant Jesus (Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-12:00) @ 504-368-1397:

<b>Masses</b>	<b>Suggested Donation</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Sanctuary Light</b>	<b>Suggested Donation</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Actual Cost</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

### Baptismal Seminars

**Baptismal Seminars are held at St. Martha on the first Wednesday of every month. Parents AND God-parents must attend a seminar prior to baptizing a child. Please call the Parish Office (504-366-1604) to register.**

## **A Statement from Archbishop Aymond**

Archbishop Gregory Aymond issued the following statement on the truck attack on Bourbon Street:

"Our prayers go out to those killed and injured in this morning's horrific attack on Bourbon Street. This violent act is a sign of utter disrespect for human life. I join with others in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans in offering prayerful support to the victims' families. I give thanks for the heroic duty of hundreds of law enforcement and medical personnel in the face of such evil."

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