



January 9, 2022

**St. Stanislaus
Kostka
Catholic Church**

*1511 Hwy 90 South
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936-873-2291

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*Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston*

Mass Schedule

Wednesday Noon

Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Office hours

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 to 4:00

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Rev. Elias Lopez

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Russell Pasket

Garry Janota

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Delores Posinski

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Ben Leman, Larry Sechelski Jr.

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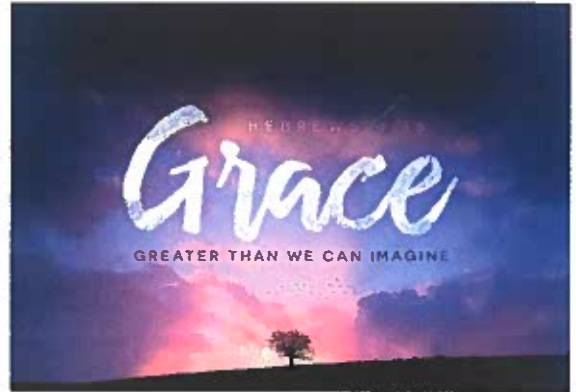
RCIC

Dana Wagner

January 9, 2022

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

The grace of God has appeared, saving all.



In the first reading, Isaiah speaks the Lord's words for Jerusalem to take comfort because their service is at an end. In the second reading, Paul writes that [Christ] saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, after Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends upon him, and a voice speaks from heaven

Mass Intentions

Wednesday January 12th noon

Bonnie Heyman

Friday January 14th noon

John, Agnes, David & Pearl Busa
Joe & Willie Vezurk

Saturday January 15th 4:15

David Kimich

Sunday January 16th 10:00

Joyce Ostermann

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Father Eli

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Saturday January 15th 4:15 pm

Susan Wisnoski & Shirley Hesse

Rosary: Barbara Dibello

Altar Servers: Jacob Borski, Evan Borski, Claire Borski

Ushers: Danny Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Stephen Pasket, Michael Wisnoski

Sunday January 16th 10:00 am

Lectors: Brian Burzynski & Ian Campbell

Rosary: Rosanna Moline

Altar Servers: Owen Otto, Evan Otto, Morgan Moriarty

Ushers: Mike Wroblewski, Dennis Sechelski, Roger Vezurk, Ben Leman

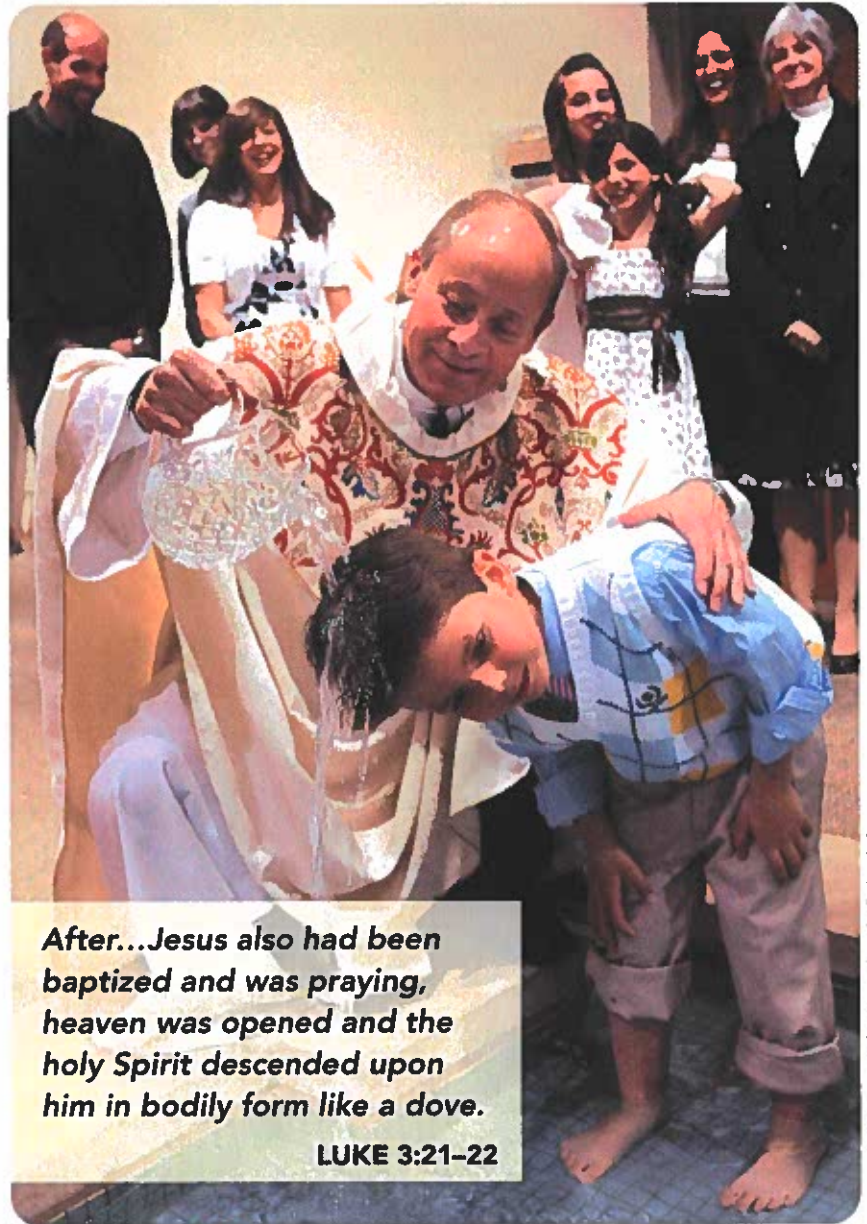
If you cannot be present, please find a replacement

Taking Up Christ's Ministry

Before the Second Vatican Council, *ministry* was considered by many to be a Protestant word, and the religious leader who did it was called a *minister*. Catholics had priests and bishops who received and administered sacraments. Religious women did the Church's work in schools and hospitals. The council turned our understanding of Church membership inside out. We've come to realize that with baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world.

Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples.

Today we maintain that by baptism we are all children of God. Vatican II has enlightened us as to what this really means. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.



After...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

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ **How does your life's work make the world better? If it does, then you are a missionary disciple of Jesus.**
- ★ **Go out of your way to make someone's life a little better this week.**

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring

that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above

Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?... Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.

ANGELUS, BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 10

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

JANUARY 11

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 12

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 16

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

**Do you have
a question
for the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and to learn more
about Dear Padre.

January 9, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

“
GOD
ANOINTED
JESUS OF
NAZARETH
WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT
AND POWER.
”

(ACTS 10: 38)

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After all, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs us that baptism is “the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.” (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, but it’s much more than that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though without sin, Jesus’ baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, “You are my beloved Son.” So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father’s saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God’s beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Baptism is often referred to as “the doorway to the Church” because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized, and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn’t. Each day that we “put on Christ” and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.

SERVE

Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been “anointed,” in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?

Altar Society: Meets the first Thursday September to May. The next meeting will be Thursday February 3rd at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Choir practice is on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:15pm in the church. Contact Leo Hock at 713-435-9949 for more information.

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus: KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. Next blood drive March 6th. Tamale sale on January 30th after mass.

Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information.
And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291 RCIA classes to start in September.

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

St. Vincent de Paul: Next meeting to be announced. For Help the number is 936-873-5002

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm. September 13th to end of May. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to become a member register 936-873-2291

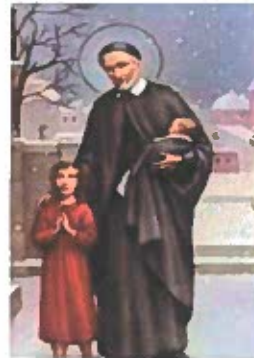
Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions January

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Announcements

*Please remember our neighbors in
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the poor
in life,
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nothing
to fear from
death."

- St. Vincent de Paul

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Helen will order the study guides, and will be available for pick up the first class night.

The cost for the study guides is \$27.00.

All grace we receive – actual and sanctifying – comes through God's kindness, generous love, and mercy. Nothing we do merits this gift, or the salvation it provides. Through the sacraments, first among them baptism, we are infused with the Holy Spirit and made heirs in hope of eternal life in hope of eternal life.

2nd Collections

1-23-22 Bishops' Fund for Latin
America

Weekly Collections

January 1 & 2 \$5,948.00
December online \$3,370.00

Please pray for those in active military duty



Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes, Andrew Burzynski,
Lukas Diorio, Don Fontaine, Travis Hayes,
Cody Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky, Stash Allen Kurten,
Joe A. Lopez, Matthew Macejewski, John McKnight,
Shelby Seale, Phillip Walkoviak, Travis Watson

Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound

Sam Bova, Marilyn Frenzel, Dolores Holler,
Henry Ostermann, Adam Pasket, Charlie Pasket, Tina Pasket,
Dave Pierce, Laura Pursley, Avery Russell, Charles Russell,
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Lord - hear our prayers

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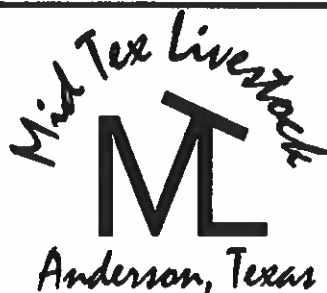
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