

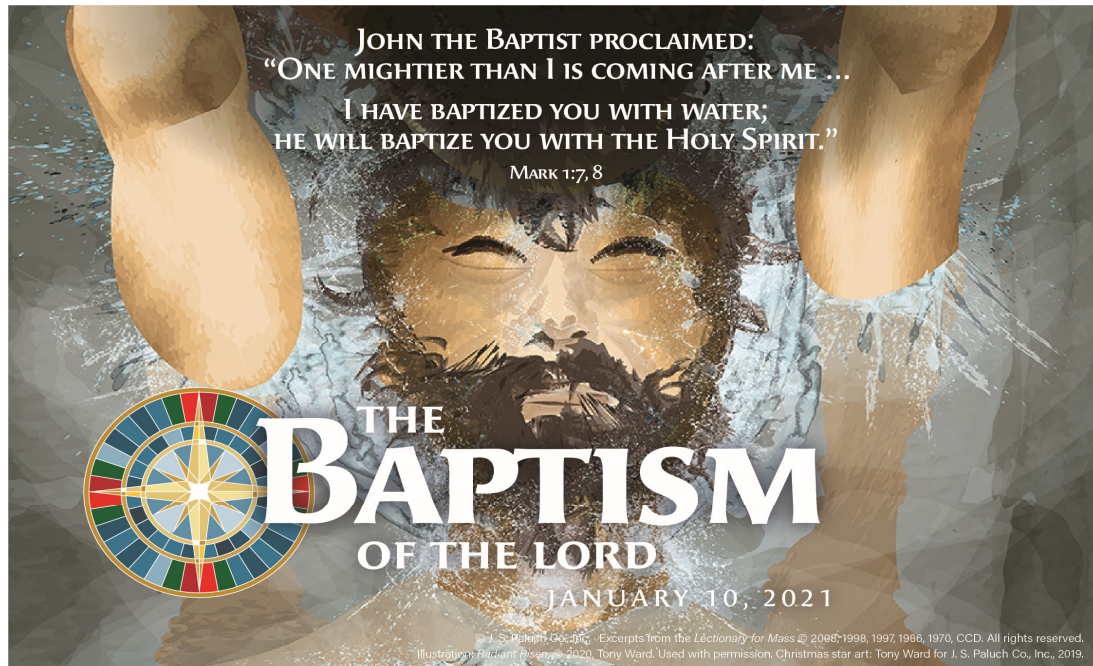
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: (Vigil), 4 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (6 p.m. 2nd Sunday)

Daily: 6:30 & 9:30 a.m., Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9:30 a.m. only, Wed.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Please call the Rectory when someone is unable to attend Mass for any length of time.

NOVENA: Tuesday, following the 6:30 a.m. Mass

BAPTISM: Anyone interested in receiving information concerning Baptism at St. Christopher Parish should go to our website at www.stchristopherano.com and download the required documents. Return the completed documents to scmrectory@outlook.com.

MARRIAGES: Make arrangements six months in advance of wedding date with the priest.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE: To have your request included, call Theo Gomez at 504-301-2413.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Before contacting the funeral home, please notify the priest as soon as possible when someone in the family dies. The parish church is the proper, preferred place for the celebration of the funeral mass.

BEREAVEMENT AND SUPPORT GROUP MINISTRY: Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Parish Center. This ministry offers compassion and caring for those who have lost a loved one. For more information call Dianne Vasquez at 504-835-0540.

ADORATION CHAPEL: Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Jerry Cox at 504-458-3152 or Marlene Baquie at 504-913-5911.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: 2nd Saturday of the month after 4 p.m. Mass.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Contact the rectory to make an appointment for other times.

Mass Schedule

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This Weekend, Jan. 9-10, 2021

Sat, 1/9

4:00 pm Fr. Raymond (Dcn. Phil Preaches)

Sun, 1/10

7:30 am Fr. Raymond (Dcn. Phil Preaches)

9:30 am Fr. Raymond (Dcn. Phil Preaches)

11:00 am Fr. Raymond (Dcn. Phil Preaches)

6:00 pm Fr. Thomas

Mon, 1/11

6:30 am Fr. Raymond

9:30 am Fr. Thomas

Tue, 1/12

6:30 am Fr. Raymond

9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Wed, 1/13

9:30 am Fr. Raymond

Thu, 1/14

6:30 am Fr. Thomas

9:30 am Fr. Thomas

Fri, 1/15

6:30 am Fr. Thomas

9:30 am Fr. Thomas

Next Weekend, Jan. 16-17, 2021

Sat, 1/16

4:00 pm Fr. Thomas

Sun, 1/17

7:30 am Fr. Thomas

9:30 am Fr. Thomas

11:00 am Fr. Thomas

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Weekly Collections

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December 24-25, 2020

Envelopes..... \$3,500.50

Loose..... \$1,701.00

TOTAL..... \$5,201.50

Capital Campaign..... \$3,327.14

December 26-27, 2020

Envelopes..... \$3,368.00

Loose..... \$ 912.00

TOTAL..... \$4,280.00

January 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary..... \$1,346.50

January 2-3, 2021

Envelopes..... \$4,046.50

Loose..... \$1,068.00

TOTAL..... \$5,114.50

Repairs & Maintenance..... \$1,487.82

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 1/9: Sister Rita Schwarzenberger, Mary D. Quaid, Georgiana Gros Welch, William "Billy" Simon, Ronald & Beverly Lambert, Frank & Cy Canale, Kippy Owens, Jr., Daniel Igbogidi, and Daniel & Beatrice Igbogidi.

Sunday, 1/10: *Missa Pro Populo* (All Parishioners of St. Christopher), Warren & Alvine Johnson, David Jewell, Jerry Cox, Jr., Ernest L. White, Sr., Shirley Oster, Gerard Mumfrey, Odette Breaux, Lucas Breaux, Randy Breaux, Philip Breaux, Steven A. Weber, Herbert Coakley, Michael Coakley, Juanita Coakley, Adolph Richard Mueller, Daniel Igbogidi, Alice Muscarello, and Peter Evola.

Monday, 1/11: John & Ramona Clesi, Rene & Camille Carrouche.

Tuesday, 1/12: Carita Breaux, Frances F. Dugas (Death Anniversary).

Wednesday, 1/13: Schade-Joanen Families, Kenneth Klibert, Sr., John & Cissy McShane, Ronald Lambert (Death Anniversary) and Fr. Raymond (safe travels).

Thursday, 1/14: Lucas Bacino, Fr. Raymond (safe travels).

Friday, 1/15: Ernest L. White, Sr., Shirley Oster.

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering a Mass intention requires a \$5 minimum donation per Mass. Requests can be placed in the collection basket, calling in or mailing it to the rectory. Please indicate if the person is living/deceased. If you wish to send a card to the family, an additional \$1.50 charge applies. "Special day" requests need to be into the rectory 2 weeks in advance of the date requested in order to be included in the bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Names for the Mass Intentions are **not** read at each Mass for each individual or deceased. The intentions are always listed above in the bulletin through hard copy and/or on the website and a copy placed on the altar for the entire week.*



MASSSES LIVE-STREAMED

You can view our weekend Masses via YouTube.

SECOND COLLECTION

Weekend of Jan. 17, 2021 - Capital Campaign

**TODAY'S
READINGS**

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *1 John 5:1-9*.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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**READINGS
FOR
THE WEEK**

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20.

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28.

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39.

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45.

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12.

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17.

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42.

REHEARSAL

Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets.

—St. Ambrose

**SAINTS
AND
SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord.

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins.

Wednesday: St. Hilary.

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Baptism of the Lord

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

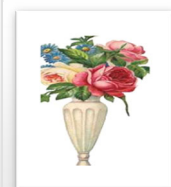
— *Isaiah 55:1*





Sanctuary Light

Is burning for
Luis M. Duvic, Jr.



Flowers on the Altar

All Special Intentions

FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LIGHTS

If you would like to reserve a weekend, please contact the rectory by phone 504-837-8214 or via email at scmrectory@outlook.com.

It is a wonderful way to say “*Congratulations*,” “*Happy Birthday*,” “*Happy Anniversary*,” etc.

The cost for flowers is \$40. Checks for flowers should be made payable to “*St. Christopher Altar Society*.”

The cost for sanctuary lights is \$10. Checks for sanctuary lights should be made payable to “*St. Christopher Church*.”



D. GAUBERT

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MORE INFORMATION

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THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good

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Year of the Eucharist

2021

Beginning on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, January 10, 2021, the local Catholic Church has entered into the Year of the Eucharist, a time of renewal, healing, and communion. This year is dedicated to helping all of us, clergy, religious, and laity, grow in our relationship with Christ.

We begin this important year on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord because baptism marks the beginning of our initiation into Jesus Christ, a lifelong journey toward union with Christ and one another. The Eucharist is communion with God. Christ nourishes us with his very Body and Blood so that we can be joined more closely to him and to all humanity.

Throughout this year, we will join with Catholics around the world to call upon the prayers and patronage of St. Joseph to help us more fully understand the meaning of the parts of the Mass, the theology of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and the obligation we have as Catholics to participate in Mass on Sunday.

As the universal church observes a special Year of St. Joseph as proclaimed by the Holy Father, we in the Archdiocese of New Orleans call upon St. Joseph’s powerful intercession to bring us closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.



If you would like to advertise in the weekly Church bulletin throughout the 2021 calendar year, now is the time!

Please contact the Rectory at 504-837-8214 or Vince Liberto, with J.S. Paluch, directly for more information...

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AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Archdiocesan Silver Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Will take place on **Sunday, March 14th, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**, in **St. Joseph Church** in New Orleans.

If you will be celebrating your 25 Wedding Anniversary next year (married in the year 1996) & wish to attend, please register with the parish office by Jan. 15th, 2021.

Please note: This celebration **will not be a Mass**, but a prayer service.

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



The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Based on Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



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JANUARY CALENDAR 2021

Date	Time	Event
1/10	6:00 pm	CYO Mass (Church)
1/11	10:15 am	Legion of Mary Mtg (Church)
1/12		4th Grade Grandparents Day
1/12	9:30 am	School Mass (Church)
1/12	6:30 pm	Cantor Practice (Church)
1/12	6:30 pm	Confirmation Mtg (Parish Center)
1/13		5th Grade Grandparents Day
1/13	9:30 am	School Mass (Church)
1/13	10:00 am	Mission Rosary Makers (Parish Center)
1/14	6:15 pm	Beaverement Mtg (Parish Center)
1/15	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Rosary (via Facebook)
1/17	9:30 am	Family Mass (Church)
1/18		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Holiday)
1/18	10:15 am	Legion of Mary Mtg (Church)
1/19	9:00 am	Altar Society Rosary, Mass, and Mtg
1/19	6:30 pm	Cantor Practice (Church)
1/22	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Rosary (via Facebook)
1/23		Confirmation 1/2 Day Retreat
1/25	9:30 am	School Mass (Church)
1/25	10:15 am	Legion of Mary Mtg (Church)
1/29	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Rosary (via Facebook)



2021 Church Support Envelopes

There are still some offertory envelopes left on the table in Church. If you have not yet done so, please remember to pick up your 2021 box of envelopes.

If you would like a box of offertory envelopes, please contact the Rectory office at 504-837-8214.

Thank you!