

Answers:

- (c) Feast days on Church calendars are often still printed in red.
- (b) We recite these words in the Nicene Creed. The Church teaches about the Second Coming of Christ but that "we know not the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25: 13).
- (a) Sheba was a kingdom located in modern-day Yemen, at the southwest corner of the Arabian peninsula. The story is told in 1 Kings 10.
- (c) The words *men culpa* from the Latin form of the Confiteor at Mass have passed into popular culture, meaning "my fault," or "I'm sorry"
- (d) The society was named after St. John Bosco's favorite saint, St. Francis de Sales. It was founded to see to the education of poor boys and young men, but now has a branch of sisters. The order quickly grew into an international one and now is the third largest in the Church.

JOIN US as we march for LIFE! January 22, 2020 from 12 Noon to 1 PM at the Columbus Government Center, 100 10th St., Columbus, GA. Baby booties will be collected again this year and displayed on the steps in memory of the 1000 babies aborted locally at the Columbus Women's Health abortion facility. Signs will be available for the March.

Following the March, lunch (soup and sandwich) will be served at St Mary's Hall, 320 12th Street, Columbus. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased from CVUL members.

Baptism: Covenant, Call, Commission

Jesus' baptism reminds us of the meaning of our own. Baptism helps us remember that we are part of the whole family of Christ. It begins a close personal relationship with God, but it doesn't end there.

Because of our baptism, we are called to reach out to other people in our congregation, and beyond the walls of the church. Baptism not only draws us in toward God, it sends us out to care for God's people around the world.

In our baptism, we are called beyond ourselves, just as Jesus was called beyond His heavenly home to seek us here on earth.

Marriage Minute



"As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." (Col 3:13) A big part of being a holy family is giving and receiving forgiveness. "I'm sorry / I forgive you" are part of the daily litany of the Domestic Church.

Support After Abortion Military and Veterans Program is offering a Rachel's Vineyard abortion healing retreat February 11 - 13, 2022 in the Atlanta area. The retreat is open to all military, active, guard, reserves, veterans, and family members of military or veterans. The retreat is led by veterans and free of charge. You served. We want to serve you. **To register go to: <https://qrco.de/bcPCLI> or Contact Jody at 404.247.9046 with any questions.**

DON'T FORGET YOUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP MATTERS NOW MORE THAN EVER

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NOTES ON COVID-19 Face Mask—Social Distance

- **Do not come to Church if you are feeling sick.**
- **Sanitize your hands at entering and exiting the Church.**
- **The use of Face Mask is HIGHLY RECOMENDED!**

Thank you for your cooperation. Keep safe.

Mass Schedule
English Masses: Sat: 5:30pm Sun: 8:00am 11:30am Wed: 12:05pm
following with adoration till 2pm
Spanish Masses: Saturday: 7pm Sunday:

9:30am Holy days Mass will be announced separately.

EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS:
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CONFESSIONS: By appointment.

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The Baptism of the Lord January 09, 2022

How Must I Live?

We cannot know exactly how or why the sinless Jesus ended up at the Jordan to be baptized. But we can create a psychological profile from what we know about him and his circumstances. In general, he got there the same way all of us get anyplace: step by step, one decision at a time.

It started early with parents who were observant Jews. Jesus was taught that God was the Father of Israel. He took that very personally, and by his teen years, when he went on pilgrim-age to the temple, Jesus was overwhelmed with a sense that God's business was his business.

And as he grew in wisdom and grace, he looked around at his world and wondered, as all young people do, if things were as they should be. He saw that 95 percent of his people were impoverished. He saw the occupying military forces and wondered if his people always had to be under foreign domination.

Then he heard about a wan-dering desert prophet who was haranguing everyone about the impending end of the world and the harsh judgment of God. The man clearly understood that the world was not as it should be and that God himself was coming to set things straight. God would do that by establishing his own rule on earth as it was in heaven. The kingdom of God was at hand!

Jesus listened to this spell-binder and thought: God is with this prophet. I will become his follower. So Jesus took his place among the throng rushing into the water. Whether or not he had sinned never occurred to him; he was simply aware of being part of the chosen people and wanted to share their blessing and curse.

When he was baptized, a voice said, "This is my beloved Son." And Jesus must have thought, "That adolescent intuition was right: God really is my Father! Now, how shall I live?"

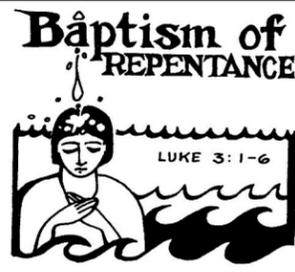
He went into solitude to plan his strategy. Like all of us, Jesus was tempted to doubt his vocation. He was tempted to feed everyone, but realized that they would be hungry again after he was gone. He was tempted to establish God's reign by compromising with evil, but he knew that evil always wins in every compromise. He was tempted to cash in on his special relationship with God, but he realized that the whole point of his existence was that he was totally human.

But what should he do with the sad world that his Father had created glad? He knew the answer wasn't economic — there will always be rich and poor. He knew the answer wasn't politi-cal — there will always be strong and weak. He knew it was not a matter of fixing the system but of creating an alternative system. He called it the kingdom of God, and dedicated his whole life to that cause.

You and I probably did not have an epiphany at baptism. Most of us didn't even know what was go-ing on. But someone made certain promises for us, and some time in life we must decide whether to confirm or deny them. We have to decide whether being incor-porated into the body of Christ really makes any difference to us. We must look at the good and evil in the world and decide whether we are responsible for any part of God's world beyond ourselves.

When we are mature enough to deal with the fact of our baptism, it confronts us with the very same question it asked Jesus: If I am a child of God, how must I live?

Father James Smith





The Baptism of The Lord
January 09, 2022
Thank You!

Regular Collection: \$3,681.00
THANK YOU!

Please take the time to visit our parish's website: stpatsphenixcity.org to sign up for online giving its safe and you decide when and how much you will like to give.

The Christmas Flowers are dedicated to those listed below

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Readings from Jan, 09– 16, 2022

- 01/09: The Baptism of the Lord**
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- 01/10:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
- 01/11:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
- 01/12:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- 01/13:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- 01/14:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- 01/15:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1;
 Mk 2:13-17
- 01/16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



January 09, 2022 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

What Good Will Come of It?

The first public action of Jesus is an action of humility. HE places himself alongside us, he waits in line, he demands no exception for himself. God, however, responds to what Jesus does by breaking open the Heavens from above: This is my beloved son. The hour of humiliation is also the hour of glorification. Wherever Jesus acts, that is always the case. "No good will come of it," people used to say when someone tried to find a loop-hole in God's commandments or openly ignored them. Today we laugh about it. Tax dodgers do well, and drug dealers live in luxury. If that's the way it is, then why not meddle with it yourself? But will good really come out of it? Don't we swindle and trick each other into a world getting poorer day by day in terms of honesty, faithfulness, loyalty and accountability? Let's say it another way: won't the world get richer each time someone's actions cause the Heavens to open, because God found it to be good?

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Against the Grain

True Christianity is harsh: We speak truth, where lies are more comfortable. We call to holiness when sin gives more profit. We are the sandpaper that rubs against the lax moral grain of this world.

Happy Birthday!

- Jan. 08: Olivia Herrera
- Jan. 10: Eugene Konde Ayinde
Dennis Vaglica
- Jan. 12: Fisher Hamilton
- Jan. 14: Rafael Torres
- Jan. 17: Michael Lane
- Jan. 20: Zoe Xuereb
- Jan. 29: Nadia Mae Horner
Earl Dawson



Congratulations on your Anniversary!

- Jan. 24: Ernesto & Tahnia Villamora



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Jim Kehoe, Wyatt Gordon,
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PRAYER CHAIN: We want to help you storm heaven with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.

ENVELOPES: Please don't forget to pick up your Offering Envelopes in the back of the Church.

We are beginning a new year and also beginning a different procedure with weekly contribution envelopes.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the church whether by using envelopes, putting in Cash, giving online or sending a check.

I encourage people to give regularly. We give back to God because we have been given much.

We NOW have NUMBERED weekly envelopes. This is NEW.

Though we have tried to match your previous number. This was not possible in all cases.

Please look for your name and number on the list in the rear of Church. The list is in alphabetical order.

You can disregard the old number that you had and continue to put the church envelope in each week.

If you give online you do not have envelopes in the rear of Church. I encourage as many as possible to give online. Simply go to the Church website: stpatsphenixcity.org select the online giving button, and proceed to fill out the needed information.

If you are giving loose cash each week, I encourage you to use weekly envelopes.

If you do not have envelopes with your name on it, please take a box without a name and write your name on the chart provided so we know who has that number.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Patrick Church.

Fr. David Hamm, S.T.



Merry Christmas!
God is Good!
All the time!

This weekend, 9 January 2022, the Pre K – 3 grade, and parent class will meet. Remember parent class is mandatory and meets during the Pre K – 3 grade, and 4 grade – 8 grade time. At least one parent must attend one class a month. This includes all grade levels; Pre K – 12. This will be the final weekend that we will take donations for a chance to take home a lovely Religious item. 1st Prize is: Our Lady of Guadalupe Wall Hanging, 2nd Prize is Statue of Jesus with the Children, and 3rd Prize is a beautiful Crucifix that shows the life of Christ.

Ask your Confirmation student about the Saint project they are doing!

New Mass attendance sheets have been at the back of the Church. Make sure your student is getting them signed!

Congratulations to this year Jesse/Good Deed tree winners! See Mrs Flatt to pick up your prize! Make sure to visit our 12 Days of Christmas Tree in the back of the Church! Merry Christmas from your RE Team!!

Lower Grades - Hunter Hamilton

Older Grades - Madison Rodriguez-Cook

Adult - Spanish Language - Silvia Carvajal

Adult - English Language - Todd Kline

Teacher recruitment- our parish is blessed with a great team of teacher volunteers for our CCD program. We are still in need of more volunteers for this coming year. Please consider joining us and be part of the most wonderful team of volunteers!

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ

1. Our term "a red letter day" comes from (a) high emergency alert status; (b) days that cardinals receive their red hats; (c) feast days on Church calendars; (d) none of these
2. The Person of the Trinity who will "come again in glory to judge the living and the dead" is (a) the First Person of the Trinity; (b) the Second Person of the Trinity; (c) the Third Person of the Trinity; (d) none of these
3. The Old Testament monarch who traveled a great distance to observe the wisdom of Solomon was (a) the Queen of Sheba; (b) King Saul; (c) King Nebuchadnezzar; (d) Queen Jezebel
4. The Latin words formerly used when confessing one's fault are mea... (a) obstat; (b) sancta; (c) culpa; (d) rata avis
5. Members of the religious congregation founded in 1859 by St. John Bosco are called (a) Dominicans; (b) Jesuits; (c) Vincentians; (d) Salesians

Answers are in the back!