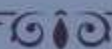




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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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. - Lk 3:21-22a

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THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH—6:45pm in Room B
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BULLETIN INFORMATION

Items for the bulletin are due:

**January 16th bulletin
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January 10th at 8:00am**

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(If Monday falls on a holiday the Tuesday office
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(Lunch 12—1:00pm)

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Parish registration

Newcomers to the parish are
asked to register with the office
as soon as possible. We would
like to meet you and give you a
welcome packet!

BAPTISM

Classes are scheduled by appointment
through the Church Office.

***Baptism packet/registration must be
picked up in advance, please stop by the
Church Office.***

MARRIAGE

Contact the church office at least
six months in advance.



Mass Intentions

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 10th

9:00am —+Paul Joseph Hartnett

Tuesday, January 11th

9:00am—Special Intention

Wednesday, January 12th

10:00am—+Ryan Carter

(School Mass / Masks required)

6:00pm—+Rodolfo Salinas

Thursday, January 13th

9:00am—+Mauring Lathron

7:00pm (San José, Lake Park)

Friday, January 14th

9:00am—+Fe Yu

Saturday, January 15th

5:00pm—+Jo Cawley

Sunday, January 16th

7:30am—+Mrs. Fannie Johnson

9:30am—+David Herron

12:00pm—+James Dasinger

2:00pm— People of the Parish
(Spanish)

CONFESSIO:

Wednesday 5:00—5:30pm

Saturday 4:00—4:45pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Sunday 3:00-4:00pm (St. Joseph
Chapel)

Wednesday 4:00—5:40pm

First Friday 9:30—11:00am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

HOUR; 2nd Monday/7:00pm

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

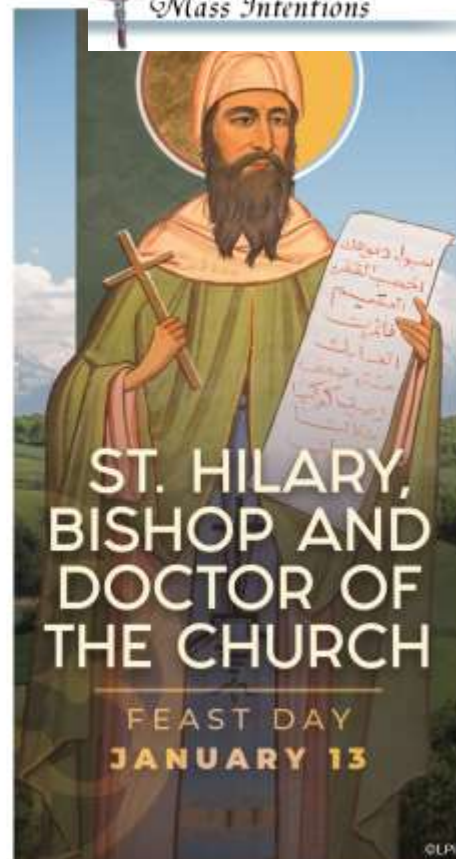
Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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Mass Intentions



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY—Week of December 12th

Offertory	\$ 13,458.31
Online	\$ 4,583.00
Parish Missions	\$ 250.00
Online	\$ 130.00

OFFERTORY—Week of December 19th

Offertory	\$ 12,243.01
Online	\$ 3,401.00
Parish Missions	\$ 0.00
Online	\$ 155.00

OFFERTORY—Week of December 26th

Offertory	\$ 10,937.47
Online	\$ 4,559.00
Parish Missions	\$ 1,693.11
Online	\$ 340.00

Please consider online giving:
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1566>

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021 FINAL REPORT

Parish Target: \$74,942.00

Total Given: \$97,143.95 (as of 12/22/21)

Percent of target: **129.23%**

Parishioner Participation: 37.98%

Prayer intentions

For our sick—Together let us pray for our loved ones...

Parishioners

Mickey Kelly, Jeannine Becton, Charles McFarland, Bob and Kaye Consolini, Betty McElwain, John Waite, Brigitte Carter, Nerma Dave, Carol Hill, Mary Hopper, Myra Guarino, Colleen Matthews, Lance Gunnin, Bob Juniet, Sonia Knowles, Art Jonas, Sr., James Stephan, Warren DeWayne Scoby, Joyce Brehm

Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Jerry Stophel, Freddy Stalby, Kristian Ann Roberts, Diane and Larry Mixon, Chris Klein, Lucy Davis, Anna Schaer, Mike Mills, Beth Gutermuth, Noel George, Jr., Leonard Hotcaveg, Bill Lenz, Jean Dunleavy, Stephanie Wilson, Alyssa Jones, Eleanor & Jack Slanga, Sara Yount, Janet Armbruster, Kathy Richards, Miguel Peña, Christina Okuma, Laura Hansen, Doris Quinn, Diana Smuda, Sherry McDonald

For Those Who Have Died

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Miguel Peña, father of Beatriz Potter

Alyce Tolson

Tony Paul LaMarca, cousin of
Tony LaMarca

Cecil Gorham, Jr.

Christopher Ryan Carter, II,
Son of Janet & Christopher Carter



The *St. Francis Center* is in need of GENTLY USED winter jackets and coats of all sizes for men, women and children. Warm winter clothing, socks and shoes would also be greatly appreciated! You may drop off items in the bin provided in the vestibule of the church.



RCIA—(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

RCIA will begin for 2022 on January 2nd following the 9:30 Mass (10:45-11:45 AM) in the Parish Center Conference Room. These sessions are open to everyone (even those who are already Catholic). It is requested that masks be worn. For more information contact Deacon Paul at 229-263-5659.

Topic for January 9 – The Sacrament of Marriage

Topic for January 16 – The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

Topic for January 23 – Sacred Scripture

SHAKE THE CHILL OFF AND JOIN US AT THE CHILI SUPPER!



Saturday, January 15th following the 5:00pm Mass

The Parish Life Committee will serve chili, cornbread, and all the fixin's—
plus dessert and a drink!

Please sign up after Mass THIS weekend or call the church office by January 12th—you will pay
at the door on the night of the supper.

The cost is \$5.00 per person (no family pays more than \$20.00).

Please bring exact amount or a check to pay at the door!



SAVE THE DATE... for the St. John School Boys Basketball
charity fundraiser!

Tuesday, January 18th at 5:00pm in the Parish Center
More details coming soon!



Support the “Lions Recycle for Sight” program by donating your used reading/prescription glasses,
hearing aids and used cell phones. Look for the donation basket on the bottom shelf of our new cabinet
—it's located to your right as you enter the vestibule. Your support is greatly appreciated.

JOIN OUR FAMILY

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School
is Hiring for the Following Positions:

- PreK Lead Teacher
- Early Childhood Teacher



To apply, visit - SJCSValdosta.org

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
(40:5)



PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)



SECOND READING

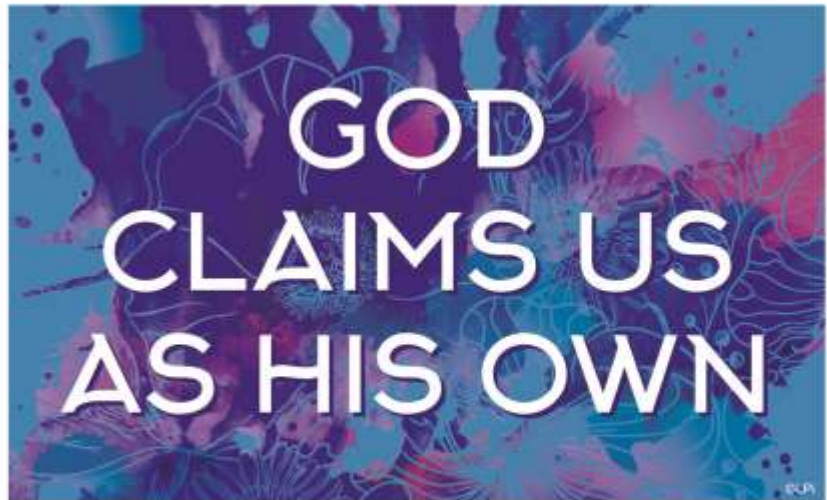
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)



GOSPEL

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. (Lk 3:22)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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Music | Dinner | Dancing | Full Cash Bar
Silent & Live Auctions | Steel's Jewelry Raffle



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