



Visitation of Our Lady School is Accepting Applications for 2025-2026

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are currently being accepted for new students. School tours can be scheduled for prospective families at your convenience. Families will be able to visit classrooms as well as receive necessary information regarding registration. Please visit our school's website at school.vol.org for more information, to schedule a tour, and to complete an online application. If you have any questions, please call Jessica Doherty at 504-347-3377.

Morning of Reflection: Art and Prayer

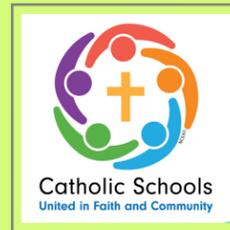
**Thursday, February 13,
9:00 am-Noon**

Please join us for a morning of prayer and art through clay. We will explore how God speaks to use through the language of art using nature and clay. You do not have to have any artistic experience. Just bring yourself and an openness to the Creator. Please bring an apron and large shirt that you don't mind getting dirty.

Register on the web, <https://nolacatholic.org/asc>, email archspirctr@archno.org or telephone (504) 861-3254.

Suggested Donation \$30 (adjustments can be made)

We wish to remind all parishioners that the Archbishop will be visiting our parish come Sunday, January 19, 2025 to celebrate a 9:00 a.m Special Mass of Thanksgiving for the Successful completion of the repairs of our parish Church and also to install Rev. Fr. Jude Emunemu as our new pastor. Please note, we will celebrate one mass with a brunch reception to follow at the parish hall. We are appealing for brunch donations for the reception. For more information please contact **Mrs. Roberta Boudlauch @ 504-481-5319**. We are looking forward to the celebration of a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of our church and Fr. Jude's installation.



The Second Collection for the weekend of January 26, 2025 will be for **Catholic Schools**. Please let's be reminded.

Mass Intention Envelopes are located for your convenience at the entrance of the church. The cost is **\$5 per mass intention**.

Simply drop the envelope in the collection basket, mailbox or the office located at the parish hall.



We wish to remind all parishioners that the 2025 Offertory envelopes are available. Please check at the the entrance of the church to collect your envelopes and sign the sheet to check out your envelopes.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 9:00a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

RCIA: Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

30 minutes before each of the Sunday Weekend Masses (Sat. 4pm Vigil, Sun. 9am and 11am) or by appointment.

Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

Marriage:

Please contact Fr. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 11 Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Parish Hall.

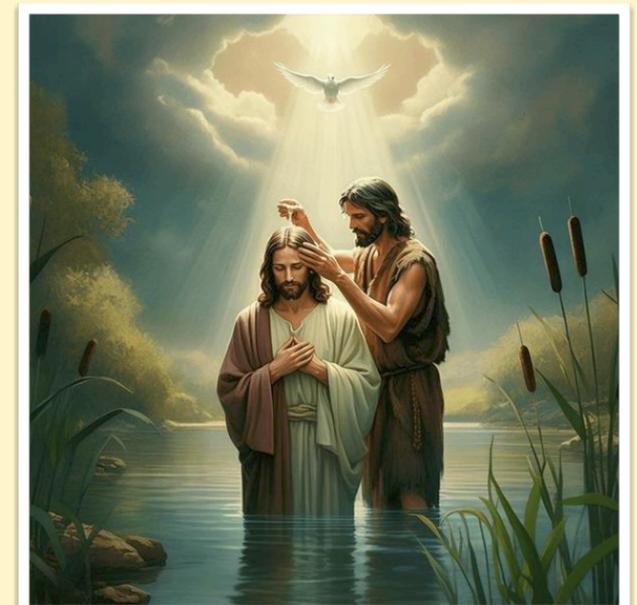
Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

Scripture Outline & Reflection

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;
Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30;
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7;
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father (3). He is the light of nations (1) and Lord of all creation (2). To him be all the glory and praise (Ps)!



The Word of God became man and lived among us.

- Psalm 147

Reflection for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Year C

“HEAVEN WAS OPENED...”

The Baptism of the Lord is another epiphany event in which God revealed His Son to us with these words: “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*” Baptism as we know, is a sacrament that cleanses us from original sin. But Jesus, the Divine Son of God is without sin. And if that is the case, then, the question becomes: why did he receive baptism? After all, John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. If Jesus is without sin, then, he really has nothing to repent from—right! However, Jesus accepted Baptism in order to unite himself with us by identifying with the wounds of our sin. In one of his sermons, St. Gregory of Nazianzus (Bishop and Church Father) says: “*Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly, he comes to bury sinful humanity in the water. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he...comes to begin a new creation through the spirit and water.*”

After Jesus was baptized by John, something very symbolic happened. We were told that as he was there praying “...*heaven was opened...*” It is important to note here that it was not for Jesus that the heaven was opened but for us. Jesus used the moment of his baptism to teach us the importance of receiving baptism which is the door-way to heaven. Responding to the question of Nicodemus about being born again, Jesus told him: “*Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit*” (cf. John 3:5). Baptism as the Catechism of the Church teaches us is necessary for salvation. And it is not just the gateway to heaven but also gateway to the reception of the other sacraments. Baptism does four things for us: it cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God and members of the Church (the people of God). Now, after the heaven was opened, we were told the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus. This further teaches us that at our baptism too, we receive the Holy Spirit. However, the fullness of the Holy Spirit is poured into our lives when we receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord today, we are invited to reflect on our own baptism and the commitment we made to God, to renounce sin and to live a new life of grace in God. The question we need to ask ourselves today would be: have I been faithful to my baptismal commitment and promises? Have I been able to give practical witness to my faith by the manner of my life?

At the baptism of Jesus, a voice came from heaven affirming the Sonship of Jesus: “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*” But the question for us would be: Having being baptized, can God still look at us today and make this same affirmation: *You are my son/daughter; with whom I am well pleased?* Through baptism, we are called away from our old ways of life—called from darkness into God’s own wonderful light. We are called to reflect the light of Jesus in our daily lives and in the communities where we live. Yes, we are given grace to live lives worthy of our Christian calling. In today’s second reading, St. Paul admonishes Titus in these words and also admonishes us: “*The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age...*” May the Lord Jesus renew in us today the grace we received at our baptism; so that we can daily become the better disciple that he wants us to be for him in this world. Amen.

Reflection by:
Rev. Fr. Jude Ochuko Emunemu



STEWARDSHIP

We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him.

Collections for January 4th & 5th

1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 1,367.67	\$ 539.38
Online Giving \$ 302.00	
Online Giving Rebuilding Fund \$ 33.00	
New Year’s Mass Collection. \$ 572.20	

Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,783.25

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:00pm	9:00am	11:00am
46	57	63

ST. ANTHONY	ST. PIUS X
Electric Bill (Dec.)	Electric Bill (Nov.)
\$ 2,106.75	\$ 143.83

We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God’s saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.

-Pope Francis, Hope Does Not Disappoint, 7

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy, Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., Bobby Hale, Jr., Madeline Rojas, Theresa Wiseman, Raymond Griffin, Sr., Shelby Deselle, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Allyn Rogers, Evan Whipple, Nick Dinet, Jerry Lynch, Keith “Ike” Madison, Judith Ann Verdin, Dwight Rudolph, Faye Rae Guidry, Dale Boudreaux McWhorter, Edward Cantrelle, Sr. Lloyd Kraemer, Sr. Rosebud Kraemer, Gareth Ross Leblanc, Sr., Earline Perrin, and Martha Pizani.

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 p.m.	Chris Dufrene, Jr. Tommy Robeaux, Jr. Teddy Johanson, Jr. Ulrick Johanson Earline Cheramie Perrin Gareth LeBlanc, Sr.
9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners
11:00 a.m.	LeAnna Melancon Joyce Bruce Betty Ortego Florence Knuppel Theresa Comardelle Tommy Ory, Jr. Alan Cheramie Conversion of Family and Friends Repose of Souls of Unborn Babies



Sanctuary Lamps are in memory of

LeAnna Melancon

