



January 12, 2020 ~ The Baptism of the Lord



Our mission is to invite everyone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

What does Baptism mean to us today?



GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER
AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT... (MT 28:19)

Catholic Teaching The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting His public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify Him; He cleansed the waters. . . . Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of His Father and free from sin. However, He wanted to show His solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile us to the Father. By commanding His disciples to baptize all nations, He established the means by which people would die to sin – Original and actual – and begin to live a new life with God.

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit moves us to answer Christ's call to holiness. In Baptism, we are asked to walk by the light of Christ and to trust in His wisdom. We are invited to submit our hearts to Christ with ever deeper love.

The Rite of Baptism The priest pours water three times on the person's head or immerses the candidate in water three times saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The priest anoints the newly baptized with the sacred Chrism oil signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit. By Baptism, our sins are forgiven, through Divine Grace we begin a new life as adopted children of God, we are initiated into the Church as a member of the Body of Christ, and we are bonded to other Christians to share Christ's Mission as priest, prophet, and king.

Living our Baptism Since the time of early Christianity, Baptism has been the rite of initiation into the Christian community of the Church. In Baptism, the "one Spirit" makes us members of the Body of Christ and of "one another." (CCC 1267) It is a lifelong responsibility.

What difference does Baptism make in my life? Do I revere my own baptism as a personal call to holiness and membership in the community of Christians? Do I walk by the light of Christ and trust in His wisdom in all areas of my life?

What impact does reflecting on Jesus' Baptism have in my life? Do I feel a deeper heart connection with Him? Do I follow His example and submit to God the Father's will?

The Unbaptized How do we treat our brothers and sisters who have not yet been baptized? We are called to love as He loves. All are made in the image and likeness of God, and all are unique. Does my everyday life reflect that Truth? Would an unbaptized person see a reason to be baptized by my example?

What would your answer be if someone asked what your baptism means? How would you respond if someone asked, "Why be baptized?"

Mass Intentions ~ January 13-19, 2020

Monday @ 7:30 am — People of the Parish
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — US Armed Forces (Sp Int)
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Edward & Eileen Prybylski (RIP)
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Margaret McAleese (RIP)
Friday @ 7:30 am — Fr. Edward Balser (RIP)
Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Sharon Hoffman (RIP)
Sunday @ 8:00 am — Lindon Ratliff (RIP)
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Joan Millington (RIP)

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Roseanne Gurbisz
Garland Wright

Repose of the Soul:

Barbara Burke, mother of Pat Burke

Contact the Church office to schedule Mass intentions and to add names to our prayer list.

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday @ 4:30-5:00 pm (or by appointment — call the Church office)
Adoration this week: Monday & Friday, 8 am — 12 pm

Altar Flowers this weekend are donated by Joe & Linda Granger, in memory of Edith Granger.
Blessed Mother Flowers are placed in honor of all expectant mothers & unborn children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ EVENTS ~ INFORMATION

New Capital Campaign Pledge Cards were distributed at all the Masses last weekend. Please pick up one if you did not receive the white envelope last weekend. All members are asked to carefully read the letter, complete the pledge card, and return it to the Church. You may place it back in the envelope and drop it in the Offertory at Mass, or return it to the church office during the week, or mail it to the church office.

2020 Contribution Envelopes: There has been a delay in receiving our 2020 contribution envelopes. Please write your envelope number on the memo line of your offertory checks until our new envelopes arrive. Thank you!

Early Learning Center Panera Bread fundraiser — Tuesday January 21st Must present a flyer when ordering. These are available on the information table. Use code "PRFUND" if ordering online.



Mustard Seed Volunteer Day Saturday, Feb. 8th

Abbey Youth Fest Saturday, March 21st A one-day, outdoor, Catholic youth conference/rally at St. Joseph Seminary in Covington, LA. For details visit www.abbeyyouthfest.com

Summer Works Mission Trip to Birmingham, AL, June 28th-July 3rd We still have a couple of spots available for our first mission trip. Register now. Information meeting for those attending is scheduled for January 25th. Email Cory Head at youth@spaulcc.org

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory Collection for January 4/5:

Regular collection \$20,573
Saltillo Mission Collection \$1,669.00
Capital Campaign Collection \$7,267.83

****Please note we will have a Second Collection NEXT weekend for the Mississippi Catholic newspaper. Each household is asked to pay \$20 for the subscription.**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE REPORT

To date:

Goal \$3,000,000.00
Pledged \$66,524.00 (so far, 8 pledges have been received)
Balance \$2,993,476.00 (needed to reach goal)

****Every household is asked to turn in a NEW Pledge Card by the end of January. The new pledge cards are available on the back counter, information table, and in the Church Office. You may return your completed card in the weekend Offertory Collection or the office during the week.**

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