



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

*A voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased."*

Mark 1:11

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When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

## BEING THE MESSAGE

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus Jesus

began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fountains are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

Today's Readings: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

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**PERMANENT DEACON:**

### MASS TIMES:

Sat., 5:00PM & Sun., 9:00AM

Tues. - Fri. 9:00AM

### CONFESSIONS:

Tues. & Wed., 9:00 - 10:00AM  
30 - 30

Wednesday: 5:00 PM

### Reconciliation:

Saturday & Sunday: 45 minutes before Mass

### Marriage or Baptism:

Contact the parish office six (6) months prior to the anticipated date 903-769-3235

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**Welcome Visitors!**

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

# The Baptism of the Lord

## We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Bob Mailliard. Charlie Parker. Hope Smithson. Mike Cromley. Ron Szczepanski. Molly Dunn. Richard Schuetz. Regina Davies. Tammy Johnson. Carolyn Simmons. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wanda & George Duke. Fleming Family. Doris & Jo Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Jacob Stephens. Frankie Durst. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Ed & Diane Stanley. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua & Chase Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda & Mike Stephens. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Roger Sanchez, brother in law of Eloise Sanchez.**

## Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

## 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).

## 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

## Mass—Intentions

**Sat. 1/09** Megan & Carol Dougal+ (Laudt Family)

**Sun 1/10** Parishioners

**Tue 1/12** Doctors & Nurses

**Wed 1/13** Glenda Phelps+ (M/M Hansen)

**Thurs 1/14** Health Care Workers

**Fri. 1/15** Parishioners

**Sat. 1/16** Ann Hansen+ (Fellow members of the Welcome Committee)

## PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts through Oct. 31, 2020:

Expenditures (excluding parking lot repairs) \$ 3,565

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 4,240

**Attendance** 12/31 Thurs 18 & 01/01 Fri 21 01/02 Sat 33 01/03 Sun 37

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

## January Pope's Intention:

Human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## REHEARSAL

Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets.  
—St. Ambrose

## 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 News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Dispensation:** The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

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**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**2021 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE**  
**ONE PER FAMILY**

**Cenacle of Life:** Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm**. Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

**2021 Collection Envelopes**

Available in the hallway between the church and parish hall. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not see your name please leave your name and phone number on the signup sheet by the envelopes. If you do not want to use the envelopes, and have your tithing sent from your bank, please notify me. Questions, please call Bridget Rich@ 903-769-3235, leave a detailed message.

While the hospitals have enough capacity at this moment, they do not have enough critical care staff to manage the overwhelming number of COVID-19 cases that are coming in.

Bishop Strickland is requesting that you offer your prayers for physicians, nurses, and health care workers during this time—for their protection and for the needs of our hospitals.

**Reminder: Bishop Strickland has instructed all persons to wear facial masks during liturgies in the Diocese of Tyler.**

**Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Jan. 9th at 5:00pm and Sun., Jan. 10th at 9:00am.**

**Protocols for weekend Masses:**

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**

**January Second Collections**

**Jan. 23rd & 24th:** Church in Latin America

**2020 Annual Contribution Statements:**

If you want a copy of your statement, please email [holy.spirit2@yahoo.com](mailto:holy.spirit2@yahoo.com) or call 903-769-3235 and leave a message. Also, you can sign up between the Narthex and the Hall. Your statement will be ready the last weekend in January.

Each day, it seems as though we are experiencing an increasing number of coronavirus cases and continued high numbers of hospitalizations, both locally and throughout the country. We implore you to take these simple steps to help stop the spread of the virus:

- **Wear a mask, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often**
- **Practice social distancing**
- **Stay home if you are sick**
- **Notify Fr. Mike (903) 490-3883 and the church office (903) 769-3235 if you test positive for COVID**

Working together we keep our community safe. *Rev. Mike Snider*

**CONFESSION Tues. Jan. 12th & Wed. Jan 13th 9:30—10:30AM. DUE TO THE COLD WEATHER FR. MIKE WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS IN HIS OFFICE BY THE WATER FOUNTAINS. PLEASE CALL HIM 903-490-3883 TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND HIS OFFICE DOOR IS CLOSED PLEASE HAVE A SEAT IN CHURCH UNTIL HE IS READY FOR YOU. If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.**

**Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tues. — Fri. at 9:00am.**

**Protocols for weekday Masses:**

1. **Wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
2. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed. Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
3. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
4. **Limited seating maximum 31.** In order for the households to maintain at least 6 feet separation.