



Saint Joseph's Monastery Parish

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HEAVEN WAS
OPENED AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON
HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

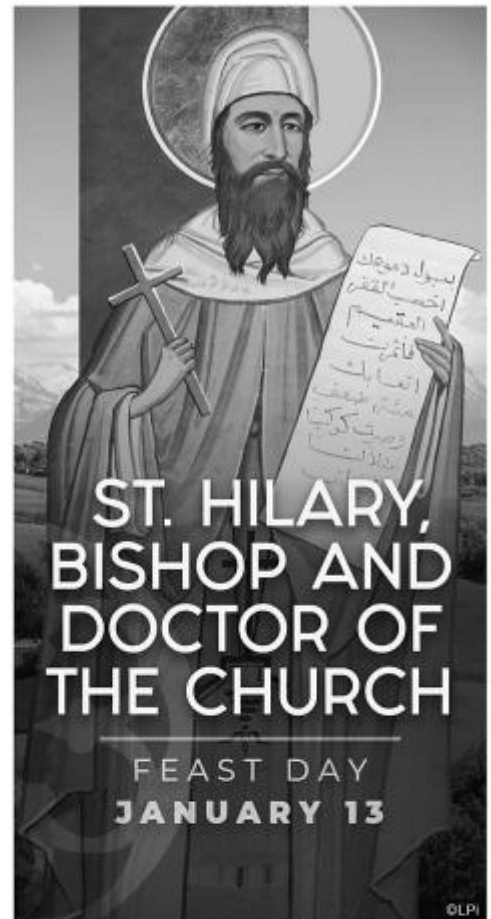
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 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.



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.

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

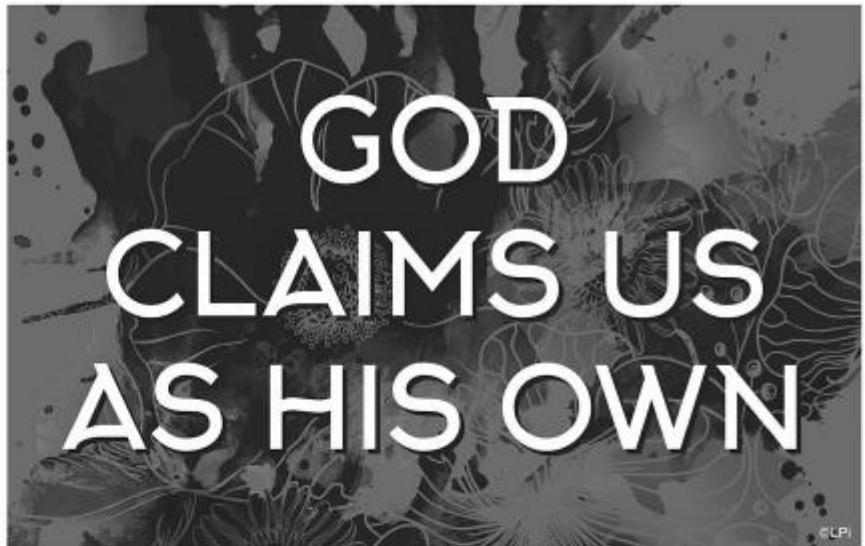
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)



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.

PARISH INFORMATION

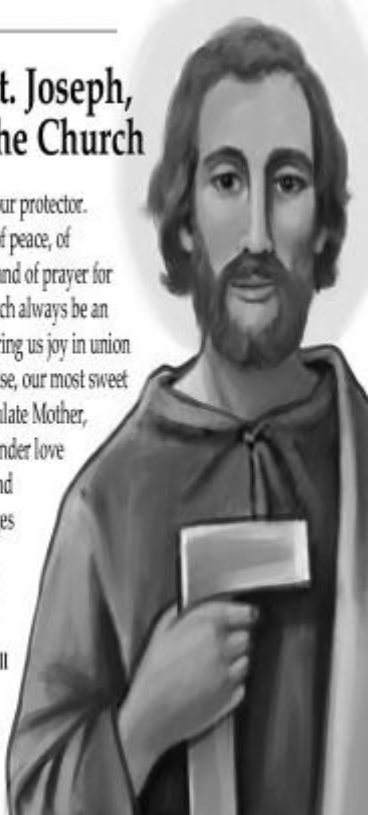
Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

St. Joseph! Always be our protector.
May your inner spirit of peace, of
silence, of good work, and of prayer for
the cause of Holy Church always be an
inspiration to us and bring us joy in union
with your blessed spouse, our most sweet
and gentle and Immaculate Mother,
and in the strong yet tender love
of Jesus, the glorious and
immortal King of all ages
and peoples.
Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-12) (9:30 a.m.- 10:40 a.m.)
Sunday School9:30 a.m.. - 10:40 a.m.
RCIA 9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Pastor to be notified 6 months in advance of plan date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements are made with the Pastor

PASTOR

Father Michael Murphy



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. &
11:00 a.m. (Family Liturgy)
Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a family member is ill or anticipating surgery, please contact the Pastor to be anointed.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

To assure the safety of our parishioners and our parish office staff our winter related closings will be as follows: There will be **NO** daily mass if Baltimore County Schools are closed or delayed in opening. If Baltimore County Schools are closed, the parish office will also be closed. If Baltimore County Schools are delayed in opening the parish office will open at 10:00 am. Our primary concern is to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

We wish to welcome everyone to become an active member of the St. Joseph's Monastery Parish Family!

Hello! I would like to become a member of St. Joseph's Monastery Parish. Please send me a registration form as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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251 South Morley Street
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**BULLETIN MASSES For
January 8-16 ,2022**

Saturday, January 8,2022

4:00 p.m.. Kenneth James (D)

Sunday, January 9,2022

8:30 a.m. In Loving Memory of
Thomas D'Anna (D)

11:00 a.m. Caroline (D) &
Joseph (D) Lowrey

Monday, January 10,2022

8:00 a.m. No Intentions

Tuesday, January 11,2022

8:00 a.m. No Intentions

Wednesday, January 12,2022

8:00 a.m. No Intentions

Thursday, January 13,2022

8:00 a.m. No Intentions

Saturday, January 15,2022

4:00 p.m.. Patricia James (D)

Sunday, January 16,2022

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Charlotte Casserly (D)

Bulletin Masses

Please call the Rectory office to have your loved ones and friends remembered or honored in a Bulletin Mass. It is a great way to remember and honor your special dates and occasions.

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR JANUARY For true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Saint Joseph's Blessing

May the poverty of my sweet and suffering little Child be your riches. His sighs and His tears the consolation of your days. The love of His adorable Heart your earthly treasure, your all. And the clear vision of His adorable and glorified humanity be your eternal joy and recompense. Amen.

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PRAYER LIST : Please remember those who are sick, in a nursing or convalescent home, the homebound and their families and caregivers by including them in our Parish Prayer Chain. Please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 to add them to our list. If anyone needs visitation, please call the Rectory 410-566-0877 with the names of anyone in the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility or who is homebound.

Richard (Cancer) Nadine (Cancer). Tom M.(Special Intentions) Dick K. (Cancer) Peggy, Bob & Andy Moan (Special Intentions) Mara, Fadi, Yosif, Mara & Sally, Hanan ,Shawn , Alton (Special Intentions) . Cecilia W. (Special Intention) Barbara's Neighbor (Cancer) Larry J. (Good Health) Dareen McGloin (Good Health), Joseph Meyer (Good Health) & Family ,Karen Bowen (Fall & Surgery), Herman Williams (Fall) Peggy Day (Fall) Mike G. (Stroke) & Strength for the Family, Marian Erdman (Fall) Chris (Good Health) Pat B. (Good Health) Eugene M. (Covid recovery) Louis (Avon) Owens (Good Health) Mary Dooley (Liver Condition) ,Chuck McNery (Cancer) Daniel Thomas (Cancer) , Tom Cornell (Cancer) Pat Bunke & Family (Cancer), Elaine M. (Cancer) , Joe Garbo (Good Health) Michael J. Iampieri (Special Intentions) John Jackson (Special Intentions Recovery from an Accident) Bill Thornberg (Kidney Cancer) , Elaine (Good Health), Betty Ann (Stroke), Bernard (Good Health) Christine (Good Health) Julie (Good Health) Ted (Good Health) Cayden & Parents (Good Health) Mary Margaret Richards (Cancer), Maria (Good Health) ,Emma and Kathy (Special Intention), Kay (Fall & Good Health) ,Richard Melson (For Peace & Healing) Ann Cleaver & Sons (Special Intention) Gloria Ratliff (Surgery & Treatment) , Lyla (Good Health) Ernie (Surgery and Recovery) Dennis Dooley (Cancer) Trish K. (Good Health) Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jesse and keep Jesse's Family in your prayers., Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carl and keep Carl's Family in your prayers, Mary Jean (Good Health) , Laura (Good Health) Gary Frame (Good Health)

PRAYER AGAINST SICKNESS

O Jesus, divine Redeemer, be merciful to us, and the entire world. Amen. O mighty God! O Holy God, O Immortal God! have pity on us, and the entire world. Amen. Grant us pardon and mercy, O my Jesus; and during these days of present danger pour down your most precious blood upon us. Amen .O eternal Father, have mercy on us, through the sacred blood of Jesus Christ, your only Son; have mercy on us, we beseech you. Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists.

And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



PARISH UPDATE

If you have had any changes to your name, address, email or marital status, please call or email the Rectory or fill out an updated registration form. Registration is very important to the Parish. Thank you!

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December 18 & 19 ,2021

Mass Attendance 295

Envelopes	\$ 2,468.00
Loose	\$ 905.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,519.00
2nd Collection/Energy	\$ 1,834.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,771.00

December 24 & 25 ,2021

Mass Attendance 777

Envelopes	\$ 1,965.00
Loose	\$ 4,989.00
Holy Day Christmas	\$ 1,965.00
2nd Collection/Energy	\$ 2,191.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Total Offertory	\$ 11,210.00

December 26 ,2021

Mass Attendance 148

Envelopes	\$ 1,825.00
Loose	\$ 658.00
Online	\$ 1,224.00
2nd Collection/Energy	\$ 1,541.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 33.00
Total Offertory	\$ 5,281.00

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“ I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Lk 3 :16 bc

The most holy name **OF JESUS**

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

Jesus is our all. In His name we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. In His name the Church administers all her sacraments. In His name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields, and the sick. In the name of Jesus she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord."— Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

O Divine Jesus, Thou hast promised that anything we ask of the Eternal Father in Thy name shall be granted. O Eternal Father, In the name of Jesus, for the love of Jesus, in fulfillment of this promise, and because Jesus has said it, grant us our petitions for the sake of Jesus, Thy Divine Son. Amen.

**What
will
you
do
this
year?**

The Year of the Eucharist, which will run Nov. 21, 2021-Oct. 9, 2022, will refocus the faithful on the central teaching that the Eucharist is truly Christ's body and blood. Christ instituted the Eucharist on the night of the Last Supper when he said, "Take and eat; this is my body." (Matthew 26:26)

"How wonderful are the treasures which are enclosed in the divine Eucharist! I exhort you, even though you live in the world, to receive Communion often, but with piety. Holy Communion is the most efficacious means of uniting one's self to God. Always prepare yourself well for this sacred banquet. Have a very pure heart, and watch over your tongue, for it is on the tongue that the Sacred Host is laid. Carry Our Lord home with you after your thanksgiving, and let your heart be a living tabernacle for Jesus. Visit Him often in this interior tabernacle, offering Him your homage, and the sentiments of gratitude with which divine love will inspire you. Preserve carefully the sentiments of love with which you are filled after Communion." Saint Paul of the Cross

"In the Eucharist, Jesus draws close to us: let us not turn away from those around us."
Pope Francis ~~ Corpus Christi, 2020

PRAYER TO SAY AT THE END OF THE DAY

O my God, I adore you and I love you with all my heart. I thank you for creating me and saving me by your grace, and for preserving and protecting me during this day. I pray that you take for yourself whatever good I might have done this day, and that you forgive me whatever evil have done. Shelter me this night, and may your grace always abide with me and my loved ones. Amen.

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