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Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the conclusion of the Christmas season with the Lord being baptized in the Jordan River. In today's first reading from Isaiah 42, God the Father speaks of Christ's coming to earth in the most of ordinary of ways. Without shouting or crying out, God waited to quench the "smoldering wick" and to "break off the bruised reed" until the time was to come. God is extraordinarily patient with us, giving us much needed time to rout out sin and to cling to him. Through Christ's baptism, we've been invited to follow him into the water, to be baptized, and unite ourselves to him.

The date of our baptism is an important date to celebrate, because it was the moment that our souls underwent an ontological change, uniquely orienting us towards Christ and opening us to the life of grace. This weekend I celebrate the 38th anniversary of my baptism (January 8, 1982). While I was too young to remember it, that moment paved the way for me to become "hopefully" a saint! Take a moment this week to reflect on the importance of baptism in your life and in the life of your family members. Thank God for this incredible gift and pray that our hearts may always reflect Christ's sacred heart!

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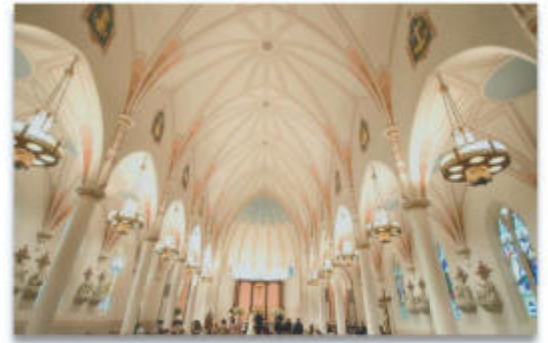
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hoy celebramos la conclusión de la temporada navideña con el Señor siendo bautizado en el río Jordán. En la primera lectura de Isaías 42 de hoy, Dios el Padre habla de la venida de Cristo a la tierra de la manera más común. Sin gritar ni clamar, Dios esperó para apagar la "mecha humeante" y para "romper la caña cascada" hasta que llegó el momento. Dios es extraordinariamente paciente con nosotros, dándonos el tiempo que tanto necesitamos para eliminar el pecado y aferrarnos a él. A través del bautismo de Cristo, se nos ha invitado a seguirlo hacia el agua, a ser bautizados y a unirnos a él.

La fecha de nuestro bautismo es una fecha importante para celebrar, porque fue el momento en que nuestras almas sufrieron un cambio ontológico, orientándonos de manera única hacia Cristo y abriéndonos a la vida de la gracia. Este fin de semana celebro el 38 aniversario de mi bautismo (8 de enero de 1982). Aunque era demasiado pequeño para recordarlo, ese momento allanó el camino para convertirme "con suerte" en un santo! Tómese un momento esta semana para reflexionar sobre la importancia del bautismo en su vida y en la vida de los miembros de su familia. ¡Agradezca a Dios por este increíble regalo y ore para que nuestro corazón siempre refleje el sagrado corazón de Cristo!

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Worship

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 4:00pm
12:00noon in Spanish

Weekdays 12:00noon

Wednesdays 6:30pm in Spanish
Holy Days 7:00am, 12noon, 7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekdays 11:15am (English)

Saturdays 3:00pm (English)

Sundays 11:15am (Spanish)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We are excited that you are considering the Sacrament of Baptism. Children six years old and under are received through infant baptism. Those seven and older and adults are received through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Our parish office is ready to assist you.

New to St. Joseph Parish?

Whether you're just visiting or are searching for a place to worship, we're delighted you have come and we hope you have felt comfortable.

We are ready to assist you with your questions and needs. Our parish family is growing and there is a place for you!

Witness

By virtue of their baptism a disciple of Jesus Christ is called to an ever-deepening, lifelong relationship with Him, a growing confidence in the Gospel, and a willingness to share the Good News in word and deed. When disciples give witness in a world that desperately needs Jesus, they bring His light to others – this includes people in our families, neighborhoods, schools, work, and community.



It's a scene you hopefully know well: At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, Jesus has St. John the Baptist baptize him, after which the Holy Spirit comes down on Jesus like a dove and the Father's voice is heard. Which may have left you confused. Baptism is for the forgiveness of sins, but Jesus never sinned, so why was he getting baptized? The first thing to know is that Jesus did not receive the *Sacrament* of Baptism. The baptism of St. John the Baptist was only symbolic for repentance, whereas Christian baptism actually affects the grace of forgiveness.

Still, Jesus did not need to repent of anything. So what was he doing? The answer shows the radical nature of Christ's ministry: He was turning baptism *into* a Sacrament. Normally, in the Old Testament unclean things make other things unclean when they come into contact. Holy things need to be kept separate so as to not be defiled. Christ, of course, has no need for sanctification. Rather, it is he who sanctifies others. So when Christ received the baptism of John, instead of Jesus being sanctified, the waters of baptism were sanctified and given power to affect the forgiveness of sins.

Christ, as God himself, is so holy, so powerful, so amazing, that the normal process is reversed. Christ was ushering in a new era in which the grace of God has broken into the world and is reversing the process of sin and corruption. Isn't that good news?

Did You Get Engaged?

Engagements are a beautiful time for couples. A sacred time to grow in love and to get to deeply know one another. Your parish is here to help start preparing the bride- and groom-to-be for the blessed Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. For more information and to plan for that special day please call the parish office.

Families Growing in Faith Together

Families safely gathered together this past week to learn how to live as disciples of Jesus. Monthly sessions are led in English and Spanish. We invite you to join us in February!

Catholics March for Life

The Oklahoma March for Life in Oklahoma is a large, pro-life rally and march and will feature live music, food trucks and pro-life ministries from throughout Oklahoma. The 2-mile march will include the Archdiocese, the Diocese of Tulsa, and other faith traditions in the state. Taking place one week before the National March for Life, the Oklahoma March for Life, will begin at the Oklahoma State Capitol from 9:30am to 12:00noon on Friday January 22, 2021. Details are available at okmarchforlife.com.

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