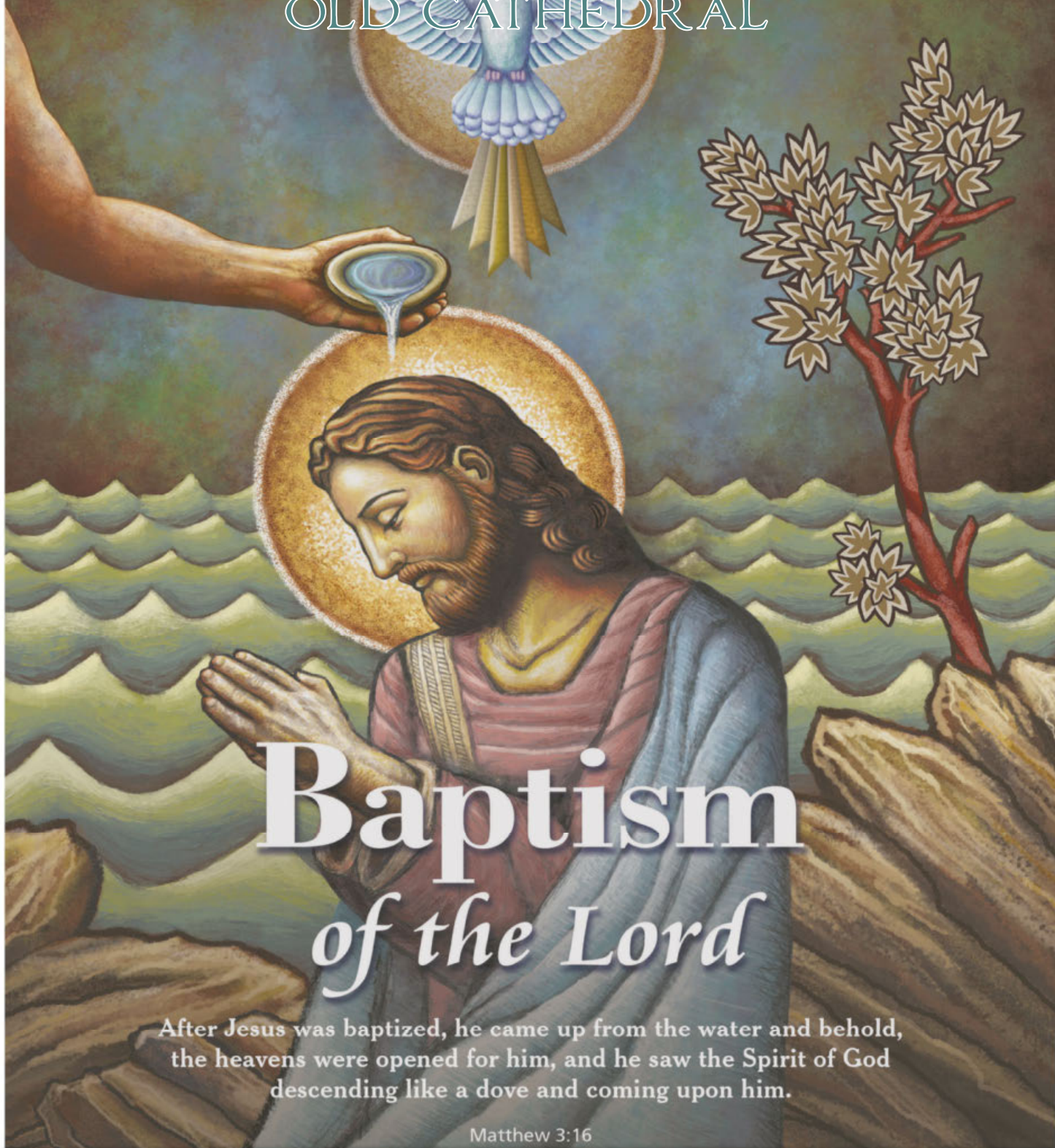


JANUARY 9, 2022  
ISSUE

# ST. JOSEPH

## OLD CATHEDRAL

THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD



# Baptism

## *of the Lord*

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16

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# Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, January 9, 2022

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 Christ in baptism actually affects the grace of forgiveness.

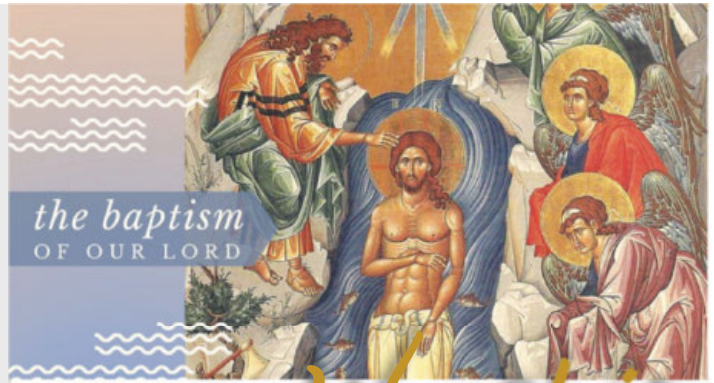
Still, Jesus did not need to repent of anything. So what was he doing? The answer shows the radical nature of Christ's ministry: He was turning baptism into a Sacrament. Normally, in the Old Testament unclean things make other things unclean when they come into contact. Holy things need to be kept separate 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?

In Christ,

*Fr. Brian*

Fr. Brian Buettner, Pastor



## 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 11:00am (English)  
Saturdays 3:00pm (English)  
Sundays 11:15am (Spanish)  
Wednesdays 5:45pm(Spanish)

### Mass Intentions at St. Joseph Old Cathedral

Daily Mass intentions are now listed on our parish homepage at [www.sjocokc.org](http://www.sjocokc.org). Infinite graces flow from the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. The practice of requesting a Mass offered for our loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition that dates back to the early Church.

<b>January 8</b> Saturday 4pm: ☩ Rev. Vincente Doan Bui	<b>January 12</b> Wednesday 12pm: ☩ Ibrahim H. Ighrayeb 6:30pm: (No Mass)
<b>January 9</b> Sunday 8am: Intentions of Mike & Mary Stovall 10am: Missa Pro Populo 12noon: ☩ Maria Guadalupe Venegas 4pm: ☩ Shawn Murphy	<b>January 13</b> Thursday 12pm: Intentions of Johnny R.
<b>January 10</b> Monday 12pm: Intentions of All Religious	<b>January 14</b> Friday 12pm: ☩ All Souls in Purgatory
<b>January 11</b> Tuesday 12pm: Intentions of Elier Lujan	<b>Mass Intentions</b> January 8-14

# Witness

Every Christian can witness to God in the workplace, not only with words, but above all with an honest life.

- Pope Francis -

## Children's Faith Formation Ministry

We want to welcome back the children and youth to our weekly sacrament preparation sessions. We hope you enjoyed your Christmas break! We look forward to seeing you Tuesday January 11.

## The Bible in a Year

In *The Bible in a Year* podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in daily 20-25 minute episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Since its launch on January 1, 2021, the podcast has amassed over 20 million downloads and spent time as the #1 podcast in the United States on Apple Podcasts. Is 2022 your year to reading the Bible?

## Celebrate and Witness for Life

**January 22:** Join hundreds of Oklahomans for the 2022 OK March for Life. The event begins at 9:30am in front of the State Capitol building and the march will end by 12noon in Midtown.

**January 26:** Archbishop Coakley will celebrate the annual Sanctity of Life Mass at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oklahoma City. More details located at [archokc.org/sanctity-of-life](http://archokc.org/sanctity-of-life).

## Ladies: Don't Miss This Event

*"The world doesn't need what woman have, it needs what woman are." -St. Edith Stein*

The Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference is Feb. 26 at Embassy Suites & Conference Center. Nationally known speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Leah Darrow and Sr. Marie Veritas. Take advantage of the early bird price \$55. Visit [okcatholicwomen.com](http://okcatholicwomen.com) to register today!



## To Know Saint Joseph

*Were Joseph and Mary true husband and wife?* Yes, they were united in a genuine marriage. They belonged to each other as husband and wife, but they did not make use of their marriage rights because of the special vocation God had planned for them. God inspired them to make theirs a virginal union. The validity of a marriage does not require that the marriage rights be used. The spiritual oneness of marriage is what is essential.

## 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 you for the blessed Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. For more information on planning that special day please call us.

## Thank You Online Givers

We are grateful to many individuals and families who are currently giving electronically. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of gifts from those donors who give through our Online Giving Program. Would you consider this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please speak with Vanessa in the parish office or register at [FaithDirect.net](http://FaithDirect.net) and use parish code **OK808**.

## THANK YOU

A disciple of Jesus lives a life sharing his or her time, talent, and treasure. We are blessed by your prayers, service, and financial support.

### January 1-2 Offertory

<i>Envelopes &amp; Cash</i>	\$ 10,983.00
<i>Online Giving</i>	\$ 2,080.00

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