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**MISSION STATEMENT**

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is under the direction of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, in communion with the Holy Father, shepherd of the Universal Church. As parishioners, we are called to help everyone live as Members of the Body of Christ and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. We are a family; a worshiping, healing, and listening presence to our community, open to the Spirit of God in our lives, and committing ourselves to proclaiming the message of the Gospel in word and in action. Embracing the Holy Eucharist as the 'Source and Summit' of our lives, we strive to live as faithful Catholic witnesses in service to all people.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday:**  
9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**Friday:** 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon

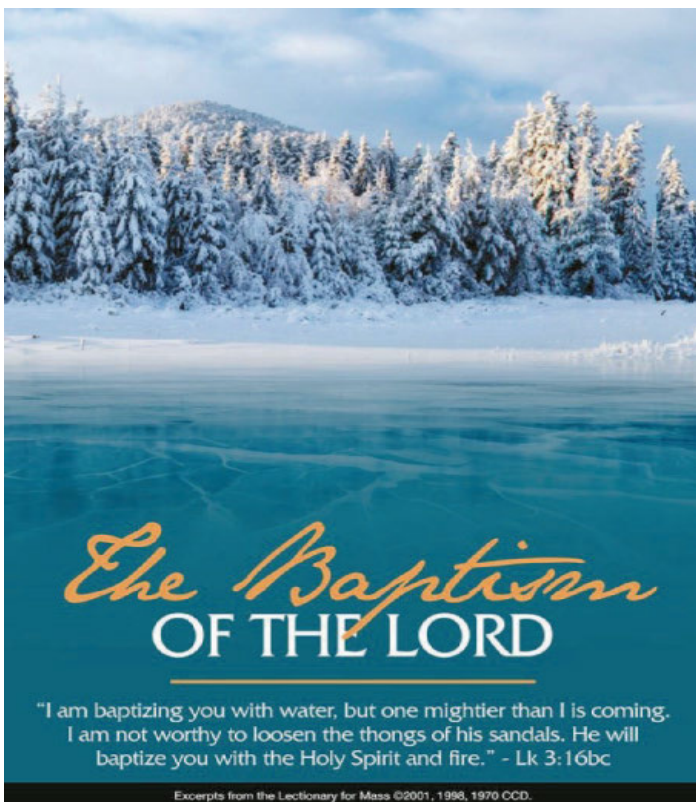
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday, Communion Service 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday: 2:00—3:30 p.m.



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

*"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.

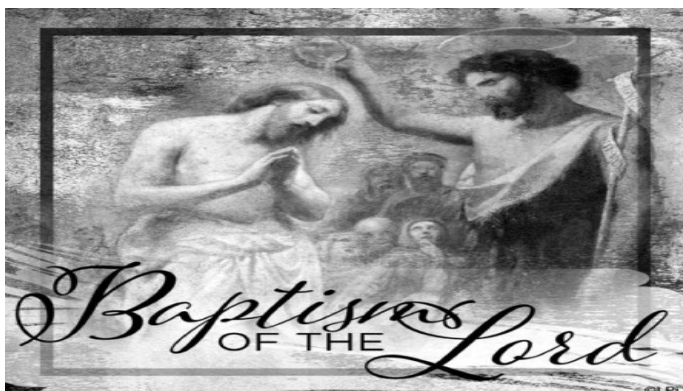
It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as 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.

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## PLEASE PASS THE WORD! FOOD GIVEAWAY

There is a food giveaway the 3rd Thursday of every month. This month it is on **January 20** at 3:00 p.m. Bring your own bags or boxes. All are welcome.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 10</b> Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 11</b> +Carol Hepp
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 12</b> +EJ Cantou +Romero Family +Pita Kuehful, 1st Anniversary
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 13</b> Spec. Int. of Alexandra, Manuel and Angelica Spec. Int. Gabriel Romero and Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00 A.M.	<b>January 14</b> +Randy and Adam
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 P.M.	<b>January 15</b> +Randy and Monico Melchor +Dora Baros +Gene Falvey and Deceased Members of Falvey Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	<b>January 16</b> +Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus +Cordelia Fernandez Schab +Christine and Angelique Quintana +Rudy Vialpando and Annie

## PRO-LIFE NEWS

This year, the NM March for Life will be held in Albuquerque on Tuesday, January 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Your presence will make a difference! Abby Johnson, author of the book and movie, *Unplanned*, will speak in addition to Elisa Martinez of NM Alliance for Life, Mark Cavaliere from Southwest Coalition for Life, and others. Please consider attending this event by registering at <https://www.newmexicomarchforlife.com>. **We need to show our governor and legislators that we will not be silenced on the issue of abortion and allowing NM to become the most aggressive pro-abortion state in the country!**

## 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 :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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022 Goal: \$ 41,000.00

As you can see we have been given our annual ACA goal for 2022. Parishioners who have donated in the past to the ACA will soon receive a letter from the Archbishop as well as a pledge form in the mail. Please use this form when making your pledge instead of forms that will be placed in the church—these are for persons who have not contributed before. More information on the Appeal will follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please pray and consider your pledge, and thank you for your generosity to the ACA.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP January 1 & 2, 2022

Sacrificial Giving Envelopes.....	\$ 4,082.00
Heart <sup>2</sup> Heart .....	2.00
Lunch Kitchen.....	20.00
NewYear's Day.....	992.25
Loose Cash.....	238.10
Online Giving.....	1,672.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,006.35</b>

Many thanks to the 137 families who used their stewardship envelopes and the Online Giving this week. These contributions make possible the administration of our Parish ministries. When making contributions, please use your envelope. If you forget, there are supplemental envelopes located at the entrances of the church.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Held every Saturday in the church from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to receive healing and grace.

### BILLS PAID 12/1/21 to 12/31/21

<u>Archdiocese of Santa Fe:</u>	
Santo Nino Loan (final).....	\$ 3,013.35
Santo Nino Subsidy.....	1,478.92
Property Ins.....	2,209.08
Medical Ins.....	800.68
Assessments/Spec. Collections.....	4,246.10
Diaconate Program.....	1,000.00
Phone/Internet.....	227.57
Utilities.....	1,683.07
Lunch Kitchen Expense.....	1,819.70
Postage.....	717.75
Visiting Priests.....	500.00
Buildings/Grounds/Equipment.....	4,945.30
Maintenance Contracts.....	490.32
Religious Ed.....	150.00
Collection Envelope Expense.....	476.54
Accountant (2 mos.).....	1,251.16
Donations:	
St. John's Christmas Baskets.....	68.47
Columban Fathers.....	150.00
Little Sisters of the Poor.....	150.00
Society of St. James.....	150.00
Missionaries of Charity.....	150.00
NPH USA.....	300.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 25,978.01</b>

### FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE SERVANT OF THE HEART LIFE SKILLS CENTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Let's recite the following prayers for the Epiphany and The Baptism of the Lord with the following prayers.

#### A beautiful prayer to the Holy Magi

O Holy Magi, you were living in continual expectation of the rising of the Star of Jacob, which would announce the birth of the true Son of justice. Obtain for me an increase of faith and charity, and the grace to live in continual hope of beholding, one day, the light of heavenly glory and eternal joy. (Share your request ...) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### Prayer for the Baptism of the Lord

Almighty, eternal God, When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit faithful to our calling. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Deacon Martin Gallegos Cell: 505.690.3216, Office: 505.983.5034

**PLEASE NOTE:** Parishioners will no longer receive Building Fund envelopes in the bi-monthly packets because the loan for which the fund was established is now paid off. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES, DECEMBER 2021 REPORT:

Heart2Heart Contributions      \$ 1,357.00

In December, we provided assistance with the following utilities:

PNM	\$ 277.64
NM Gas Co.	375.00
City of Santa Fe	400.00
<b>Total Help</b>	<b>\$ 1,052.64</b>

The Lunch Kitchen served a total of 562 meals.  
Commodities: 8 families were helped.

Thank you to all who made donations.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING - ST. PEREGRINE**

The Rosary is prayed on the first Saturday of each month, before Mass at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel. The St. Peregrine Chaplet is prayed after Mass on subsequent Saturdays in the chapel. We pray for those who are sick and especially for those with cancer.

Bonifacio Griego	Dennis Rodriguez
Camille Montoya	J. Salazar
Mary Alice B. Montoya	Margie Lucero
Lyle Johnson	Amanda Duran
Joey Valdez	Jeremy Vargas
Ellen K.	Ruben Gonzales
Olivia Romero	Gregorio Sanchez
Anna Ortega	Toni Tapia
Larry F.	Arthur Portillo
Saturnino Martinez	DeAna Vejil-Sanchez
Alejandra Guevara	Lyn D.
Roland Valdez	Mark Archuleta Jr.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND OUR HOMEBOUND**

Frank & Angie Giamalva	Pat Rivera
Annette Brumley	Nancy Ulibarri
Anthony Fazio	Pat Rodriguez
Amir Gonzales	Jonathan Bartrum
Eric Watkins	Kristi M.L.
Chris Sanchez	Frances Saiz
Frank Montoya	Norma Encinias
Gloria Dofflemyer	Sofia Sanchez
Matthew Trujillo	Kathy McCloud
Larry Gagnon	Ed & Cheryl Matuz
Neva Montoya	Lydia D. Tsosie
Gil & Marcella Lucero	Aaliyah Montoya
Debbie M. Garcia	Margie Montoya
Luann Loomis	Lydia Tsosie
Phyllis Rodriguez	

**JORNADA DE FE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

Jornada de Fe provides ministry formation and adult enrichment for persons interested in expanding their relationship with God and with His Church. The sessions provide an opportunity for a mini retreat - a time to step away from life's chaos, to rest with Jesus, and to regain strength to continue to express God's love in your life.

The next session will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15 and will focus on how prayer leads to relationship with God, to understanding your life and its purpose, prayer methods of great spiritualities, and contemporary methods of prayer. The session will be led by Sr. Paula Gallagher, IHM.

**Title:** *Retreat: Prayer and Spirituality*

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Jan. 15, 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM  
via Zoom

Anyone with a computer or smartphone and an internet connection is welcome to join the session. To register for access to the Zoom link, contact the Jornada de Fe coordinators Ann and Brian at 505-424-1750 or [ann\\_kaul@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_kaul@yahoo.com) (Ann) and [se-canre@cybermesa.com](mailto:se-canre@cybermesa.com) (Brian).

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**  
**FEAST DAY: January 24**

Born in France in 1567, Francis was a patient man. He knew for thirteen years that he had a vocation to the priesthood before he did anything about it. After studying for years in Paris and in Padua he still kept quiet, but he studied theology and practiced mental prayer while getting into swordfights and going to parties. He had been waiting for God's will to be clear. Perhaps he was wise to wait, for he wasn't a natural pastor. His preaching left listeners thinking he was making fun of them. Others reported that he was conceited and controlling. But by the end of his life he had converted 40,000 Swiss citizens to Catholicism, was named bishop of Geneva, was spiritual director to another saint (St. Jane de Chantal), and became a Doctor of the Church with his many tracts and books on living out the faith. His patience and work ethic testified to his belief that anyone could become holy. He said, "By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God." For busy people of the world, he advised: "Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in discussions or transactions with others and talk to God." The test of prayer was a person's actions: "To be an angel in prayer and a beast in one's relations with people is to go lame on both legs." He died on December 28, 1622, after giving a nun his last word of advice: "Humility." He is the patron saint of journalists because of the written works he left us.

*St. Francis de Sales, pray for us.*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- \***AACC Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass**, January 16, at noon. Archbishop John C. Wester will be the presider at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. At this time, the church is fully open. Masks are required. Mass will also be live-streamed and recorded. For more information, call 505-401-8983.
- \***Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass**, January 19 at the St. Francis Cathedral. This year, there will only be the Mass, no March or Rally. Mass with the 3 Bishops of NM will also be live-streamed at 12 noon, Wednesday, January 19 from the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis. Stay tuned for more information about this Mass.
- \***Pray to Protect Human Life**: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in a Novena January 19-27 to pray for respect of human life! Visit [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com) to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 19th through the 27th.

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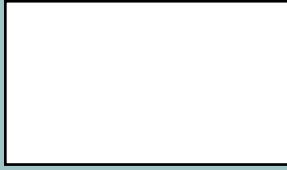
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