



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

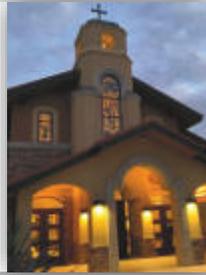
This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8



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Streamed Online
Mon-Sat 8:00 am
Sat. Vigil 4:00 pm
Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

† = Deceased

Saturday, Vigil Mass & Sunday, January 10th

St. Mark Parishioners

The Jordan & Salas Family Members

The deceased family members of the Salas & Escalante Families

†Mario and the deceased family members of the Jordan family

†Rosalie Trausch †Jason McCutcheon

Monday, January 11th - 8:00 am

†Joseph Mazza

Tuesday, January 12th - 8:00 am

†Catherine Tellmann

Wednesday, January 13th - 8:00 am

The Vine Family

Thursday, January 14th - 8:00 am

Devin Babat

Friday, January 15th - 8:00 am

Adam Geiger †James Therrien

Saturday, January 16th - 8:00 am

†Francine Meinelschmidt †Lorraine Hill

Saturday, Vigil Mass & Sunday, January 17th

St. Mark Parishioners

Ivette Babuca

†Gerald Dugan

Carmen Melton

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

DECEMBER 27TH REPORTING

Regular Collection \$40,566.50

Last year's collection \$25,131.80

Building Fund \$2,531.00

Christmas 2020

\$31,017.25

Christmas 2019

\$27,021.11

JANUARY 3RD REPORTING

Regular Collection \$21,553.50

Last year's collection \$23,795.08

Building Fund \$3,815.27

Last year's building collection \$6,668.00

New Year/Solemnity of Mary Collection \$1,056.00

Eternal Rest

To our recent obituaries, scan the QR Code with your phone app to be directed to our webpage.



Recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Scan the QR Code to follow along from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy.



*In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust
our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them
with your tender love;
deliver them now
from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.
The old order
has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son
and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever. Amen.*

OUR PRAYER LIST

†Ed Jenkins
†Bill Hadly
†Hank Scheuermann
Phil Patula
†Nellie Cuestas
All afflicted by illness



SUNDAY'S READINGS



FIRST READING:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation. (Is 12:3)

SECOND READING:

This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

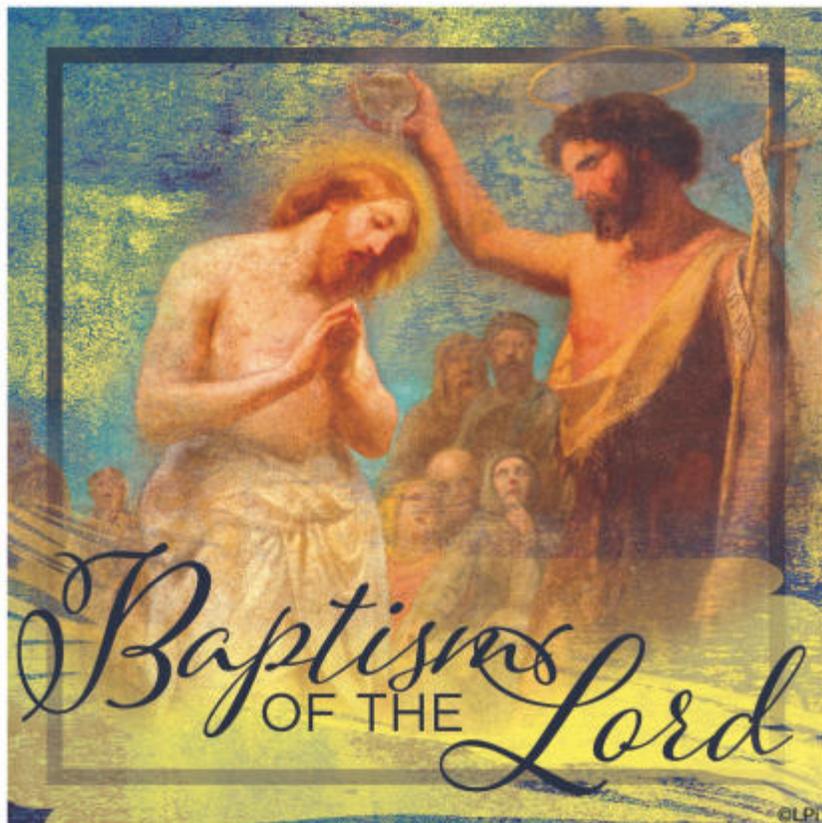
GOSPEL:

And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
(Mk 1:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

Thank you!



Our parish would like to extend our gratitude to our Knights of Columbus Council #13272 for the beautiful luminarias they set up on Christmas Eve. It was a beautiful scene to walk up to the Church and celebrate The Nativity of Our Lord.

We would also like to congratulate the Knights of Columbus on their successful Food Drive with Santa. They were able to collect over 600 pounds of food, \$190 cash donations, and lots of smiles from families that stopped by to say “Hi!” to Santa.



JORDAN MINISTRIES EVENTS

JANUARY EVENTS:

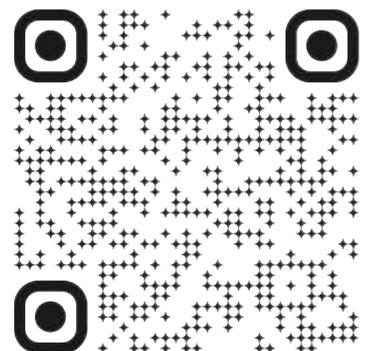
- January 13: JMT Book Club “North of Hope” by Jon Hassler
- January 14: Online Workshop “Extraordinary Prayer in Ordinary Time” presented by Timothy Johnston of Liturgy Training Publications
- Beginning January 20: Level II (Advanced) Ministry Certification “The Old Testament” presented by Jordan Ministry Team
- January 25: Workshop for Deacons “Fratelli Tutti and the Ministry of Service” presented by Bishop Gerald Kicanas

EARLY FEBRUARY EVENT:

- February 1: “The Joy of Love: A Workshop for Catholic Couples” presented by Karen Brady, MRE, MEd



To access the registration for these courses, please scan the QR Code with your phone app. or visit jordanministryteam.org



A Daily Prayer for The Year of St. Joseph

*This prayer will be recited during
every Wednesday Mass in 2021.*

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



January is National Blood Donor Month, the perfect time to resolve to be a regular blood donor and help save lives. Be the lifeline for patients in need and sign up to give blood.

**St. Mark Catholic
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Register by scanning the QR Code below.

You may also call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit tinyurl.com/koc13272 for more information. Please reach out to Karen Fontes with the American Red Cross at 520-419-8815 with any questions.

*Thank you! We truly are grateful for your
commitment to saving lives!*



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

- Emme & Joe Shevlin
- Mary O'Boyle
- Bob & Mary Schmelzle
- John Schmelzle
- Nana & Kit Shevlin
- Richard Shevlin
- Rose, Leo & Marie O'Boyle
- Paul Smith
- Julie Brodney
- Judy Sullivan
- Stephen Bennett
- John Secker
- Alice and Jim M.
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Manak
- Theresa King
- Joe & Ester Dragel
- Sandee Dragel
- Kathy Cosgrove
- Rev. Bernard Ruffin
- Claudia Wagner



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

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FUTURE
STARTS
TODAY,
NOT
TOMORROW."

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



COMFORT THE AFFLICTED THIS JANUARY

DONATE

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. Here is what you can do to make a difference.



- * **We encourage those donating blood to pray the rosary for the recipient of their blood**
- * **Pray for all those on our prayer list and anyone suffering from illness**
- * **Pray for those donating and receiving blood throughout the month**

Fact: All blood, platelet and plasma donations through the American Red Cross on or after June 15, 2020 will also be tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13272



Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Rosary Council #13272, is your parish Knights council. In support of furthering Catholic education, we have partnered with Tucson office of the Arizona Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) and have created a referral program (RP) number donor's can use when making their tax free contributions to CTSO. With the referral number, the donations are held by CTSO in a special account that can only be directed by Council #13272.

Our goal is to support the parishioners of St Mark with financial assistance for their children to attend Catholic schools. In just three short years that we've begun this partnership, we've raised over \$90,000, supported 48 children which assisted 24 families.

When you are faced with an Arizona state tax obligation, and considering making that tax payment to the State of Arizona, consider redirecting that payment to AZ -CTSO for the benefit of the St Mark RP #1438. You could receive a tax credit of 100% of the money you donate. Please see your tax professional for specific guidance.

The Mission Statement of AZ-CTSO: Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization promotes education by providing tuition assistance to K-12 students in private schools using funds generated by the Arizona tax credit programs.

The Vision Statement of AZ-CTSO: Education will be available, accessible, and affordable to children who want the opportunity to attend a private school.

Complete the CTSO Support Form found online at tinyurl.com/KoCAZctso, with the St Mark OV referral plan number already pre-filled and mail it into CTSO at the address on the form. Keep a copy for your tax records and use RPI438 on your state tax form to donate your state tax liability funds.

Applications and Financial Disclosure Forms for the Knights of Columbus 2021 School Year will be available beginning 4 January 2021. Families can obtain the Forms by e-mailing a request to jalese211@gmail.com. Applications and Financial Forms must be mailed to the St Mark Parish Office, Attn: KofC Scholarship Committee. The deadline for acceptance of applications is 17 April 2021.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact our Committee Chairman SK John A. Alese: jalese211@gmail.com



A Prayer As I Put On My Mask



As I prepare to go into the world,
Help me see the sacrament in
wearing of this cloth,
Let it be "an outward sign
of an inward grace",
A tangible and visible
way of living,
Love for my neighbors,
as I love myself.

Christ,
since my lips will be covered,
uncover my heart,
That people would see my smile in
the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled, help
me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words,
but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully -
And full of care -
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth
be shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
be filled with your love.
In your name and in the name
of love I pray.

May it be so.

May it be so.



by Sister Rose
Marie Tresp, RSM



Baptism of the Lord

'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'
Mark 1:11



PRAYER TO END THE PANDEMIC

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another
and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land
and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds



and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they

are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." - Mk 1:9-11

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“Keep trying. You’re doing great. I’m so proud of you.” Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God’s love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus’ baptism, God told Jesus, “You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you.” God loves you as his child, too.

PRAYER

God, I am so glad you love me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.

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