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CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### Office Hours:

**Mon. - Thurs.** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Fri.** - 8:30am - 12pm

## Sacraments & Liturgies

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

### Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

### Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

### Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

**Baptism:** By appointment, contact Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday

6:00-7:00pm.

## 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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January 10, 2021 • The Baptism of the Lord

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### *The Baptism of the Lord*

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.

### Catechetical Corner

#### *Religious Education Classes*

*Classes Resume January 10th at 9:00 a.m.*

*First Communion & 5th - 8th Grade*

#### **Prayers for the Sick:**

##### **Please pray for:**

Juan Franco, Dale Wilson, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Judy Diskin, Dianne Perno, Lindsey Roberts, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko

**Happy Birthday to:** Kenny West (9); John Sontag (14), JJ Schuler (14)

**Happy Anniversary to:** Mike & Cindy Tanner (12).

***Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.***

#### **Mass Intentions: January 9th - 15th, 2021**

**Saturday** Richard Lingo t/Mike & Cindy Tanner  
**Sunday 8:00** Special Intentions  
**Sunday 10:30** Special Intentions of Mike & Cindy Tanner  
**Tuesday** A. Hamra t / Kay Dickerson  
**Wednesday** Special Intentions of John Sontag  
**Thursday** Jim & Willine Ryan t / Buddy & Stacy James  
**Friday** Mike Hoehner / Jennifer & Rick Rumsey

#### **Readings for the week of January 10th, 2021**



**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11  
**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97/Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

##### **Lectors: Saturday 1st & Second Readings**

January 9th - Mike Tanner  
January 16th - Jeff Everard  
January 23rd - Karen Sontag  
January 30th - Mike Tanner

##### **Lectors: Sunday 1st & Second Readings**

January 10th - Josette Haskell  
January 17th - Sara Beuchat  
January 24th - Nancy Wise  
January 31st - Marie Chapman

**Ushers** - volunteer basis

#### **Sacred Heart Church Collections**



##### **January 3, 2021 Collection**

Envelope .....\$ 1,526.00  
Loose .....\$ 701.00  
**Total Weekend Collection .....\$ 2,227.00**

Christmas Collection .....\$ 4,034.50  
Infirm/Retired Priest Collection .....\$ 1,335.85  
Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary .....\$ 448.50

**December 27, 2020 Collection .... 3,276.00**

*Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7*

**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.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**When God Whispers**

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Virginia McCoy, Music Director**

**Parish Organizations**

**Knights of Columbus:** The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.

**Prayer Network:** For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.

**Women's Bible Study Group:** Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

**Fatima Ladies:** Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

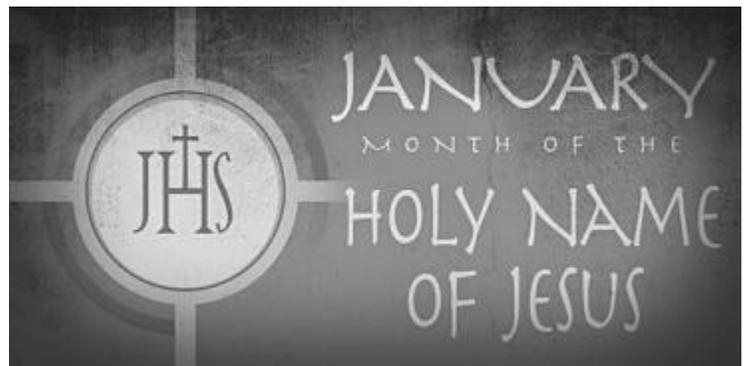
**Grief Support Group:** 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays/8 wk sessions Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.

**Together in Holiness Marriage Conference -**

presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm at the Parish of Christ the King. Featured Speakers: Kathryn Whitaker and Dcn Tim Sullivan. Registration: \$59/ Couple or \$35/Individual. At Home Experience: \$15. Scholarships available upon request. Visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or [sara@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sara@forlifeandfamily.org)

**Make 2021 a Healthy New Year**

- ◆ Engage in Self-Care: Relax and feel better about yourself.
- ◆ Make out time for prayer. Fulfill your spiritual needs through meditation/mindfulness, bible study, attend Mass.
- ◆ Find new ways to manage stress, anxiety and depression.
- ◆ Avoid negative people, but seek out people who are positive and uplifting.
- ◆ Seek help when you need it. Reach out to your Pastor for confession/therapy.



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