

# Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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### Parish Information

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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)

Sunday: 10:30 am

#### Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

#### Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed, & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

#### 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

January 9, 2022 • The Baptism of the Lord

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The Baptism of the Lord

"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.

### Catechetical Corner

*Religious Education Classes / 3rd—8th Grade  
First Communion & Confirmation Classes  
Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.*

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

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

Juan Franco, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Irvin & Katie Kroll, Judy Diskin, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko, Jolinda Contu.

**Happy Birthday to:** Kenny West (9); John Ervin (13); John Sontag, 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 8th - January 14th, 2022**

**Saturday** Special Intentions  
**Sunday 8:00** Special Intentions  
**Sunday 10:30** Special Intentions  
**Tuesday** Dcn. Vince Greuel / Bible Study Group  
**Wednesday** Special Intentions  
**Thursday** Special Intentions  
**Friday** Special Intentions



### **Readings for the week of January 9th, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Jan 8	- J Everard	J Sontag / D Young
Jan 15	- D Hancock	D Cavenah / M Neises
Jan 22	- K Sontag	D Hancock / M Hancock

<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
Jan 9	- M Chapman	R Mulvihill / C Lawson
Jan 16	- C Lawson	W Haney / K Lawson
Jan 23	- S Ausmus	R Mulvihill / C Lawson

### **DONUTS**

January 9, 2022 - Haney Family

January 16, 2022 - K Dickerson / T Jones

### **Sacred Heart Church Collections**



#### **January 2nd, 2022 Collection**

Envelope .....\$ 1,746.00  
Loose .....\$ 779.00  
**Total Weekend Collection .....\$ 2,525.00**

**December 26th, 2021 .....\$ 2,025.00**

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

## Knights of Columbus



January 30th—Pancake Breakfast

After 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### Baptismal Bib

##### Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

##### Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

### Parish Staff

**Jennifer Rumsey**, Secretary

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### 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 Rick Rumsey at 918-200-3102

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

**Women's Bible Study Group:** Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30 - 12:00. 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:** 8 wk sessions/Dates: TBD

Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.



**Daily Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. through January 14th, 2022. The regular daily Mass schedule will resume the week of January 17th, 2022.**

The Fatima Ladies will continue collecting coats through January 16th. Once the boxes are removed, you may bring your donations to the office.

**There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area if you would like to receive a 2021 Contribution Statement.**

Please remember donating on line is available through the Diocese of Tulsa - it is safe, secure and easy. Go to: [dioceseoftulsa.org](http://dioceseoftulsa.org) \* choose Stewardship Tab \* click on Donate to Support a Specific Parish \* choose Sacred Heart Parish Sapulpa from the dropdown menu. One time donation or recurring donation options are available from your checking account or credit card.

**The St. John Paul II Foundation will be hosting its 5th annual *Together in Holiness* marriage enrichment conference on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at Holy Family Cathedral. For more information visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or contact the Conference Coordinator Mylinh Vo at [mylinh@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:mylinh@forlifeandfamily.org)**



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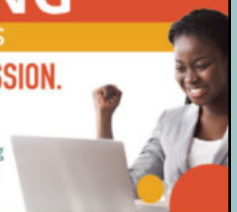
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