Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Parish

#### **Parish Information**

Parish Office: (520) 868-5940
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#### **Mass Schedule**

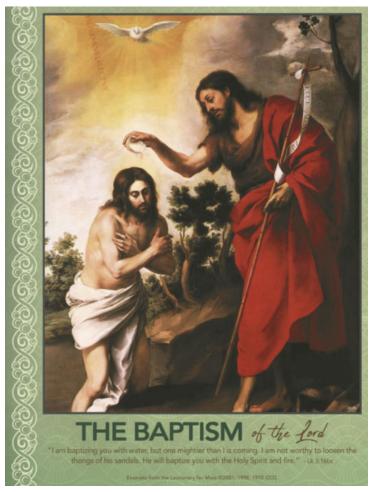
Tuesday: 5:30PM Wednesday - Friday: 8:00AM Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:30AM, & 9:30AM, 11:00 A.M. Mass of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Hour w/ Confessions: First Friday of each month, 8:00AM Confessions: Saturday-4:30PM, Sunday-7:00AM or by appointment

#### **Parish Groups & Ministries**

Choir: Elizabeth Myers Martha Ministry: Patsy Williams Liturgical Ministry Coordinator: Dr. John Valeri Knights of Columbus: Deacon Ernie Trujillo Lectors: Margaret Busse Rosary Prayer Group: Marian Celaya Church Decorum: Rose Marie Monks Youth Ministry: Julie Keaveney 221 E. 8th Street, P.O. Box 2550 Florence, Az. 85132

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Welcome! If you would like to become a registered member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, or would like to contact a Group or Ministry leader, please contact the Parish Office



JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



<u>Sat: 1/8 5:00PM</u>	For The People
<u>Sun: 1/9, 7:30AM</u>	For The People'
<u>Sun: 1/9, 9:30AM</u>	For The People
Sun; 1/9, 11:00AM	For The People
<u>Mon : 1/10,</u>	No Mass
<u>Tue: 1/11, 5:30 PM</u>	For The People
<u>Wed: 1/12, 8:00AM</u>	For The People
<u>Thur: 1/13, 8:00AM</u>	For The People
<u>Fri: 1/14 5:00PM</u>	For The People

## <u>The Knights of Columbus</u>

Monthly Meetings for the Knights of Columbus are held the 1st Wednesday of every month. At 6:00 PM in Phelan Hall. Next meeting-February 2th. New Members Always Welcome! For more information call Deacon Ernie Trujillo 480-861-5420 or email deaconernie08@gmailcom, www.KofCflorence.com.

## Sacramental Policies

Anointing of the Sick: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, 8:00AM Mass. Holy hour and confession follows.

**Baptism:** Mass attendance every Sunday is encouraged. Baptism Preparation class: please contact Deacon Ernie for an appointment at (480)-861 -5420/Deaconernie08@gmail.com A Baptism Preparation class is required for both the parents and for the godparents. Baptisms are scheduled on Saturdays between 10AM and no later than 2PM and on Sundays during masses only.

Confession: Saturday-4:30PM, Sunday-7:00AM or by

appointment. In dire need, approach the priest immediately.

**First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion:** Students will be prepared to celebrate First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion from second grade and up; First Holy Communion will follow the year of First Reconciliation and receive from third grade and up. Students must be enrolled in a formal religious education program two years before celebrating the Sacraments <u>Confirmation</u>: Students will celebrate Confirmation in ninth grade after being enrolled in a formal religious education program from the reception of First Holy Communion on. Students not meeting this criteria will be eligible for tutoring of any missed grades.

<u>**Rite of Christian Initiation**</u>: Available to any Adult or Child (grade three and older) interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith with the added desire of celebrating the Sacraments with us.

Safe Environment Program: Any person experiencing offensive behavior on the part of any employee or volunteer of the parish is encouraged to inform our Compliance Officer: Liz Trujillo at 3139 E. Gable Circle, Mesa, AZ 85204 or 480-861-7208 or liz.trujillo59@gmail.com.

### 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT THE PARISH GIFT SHOP FOR ALL YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS. OPEN AFTER SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASSES. OR CONTACT NELLIE ANYTIME AT 520-868-4810.

### Readings for the week of January 09, 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 2:11-14; 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

# Assumption DATEBOOK

- The Knights of Columbus WILL BE SERVING COFFEE AND DONUTS in Phelan Hall after the 7:30 and 9:30AM Masses.
- The Knight of Columbus will be holding their Cash Raffle for this coming year. Grand Prize is \$10,000. 2ndPlace \$1000.00 (3 prizes) 3rd Place \$500.00 (5prizes) 4th Place \$100.00 (5 prizes) for a total of 14 winners. Tickets \$50.00 each or 1 time purchase of 3 for \$100.00. Drawing will be held at the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 8, 2022. All proceeds will be used to support local charity activities in the community.
- The Knights of Columbus is currently raffling a Nativity made in the Holy Land. The drawing will be held in February. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All proceeds go to support our ultra sound initiative.
- Rosary Prayer Group and Divine Mercy Chaplet will meet in Gila Chapel Mondays at <u>3:00pm</u>.
- Bible Study every Wednesday from 9:30—11:00 AM in Phelan Hall Classrooms 2&3. If you have questions call or text Linda 480-250-1320

# Assumption REMINDER

- CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Liz Trujillo will be starting Confirmation classes on Sunday, January 30, 2022 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Classes will be in the classroom next to the Gift Shop. This class is for students who have received Baptism, Confession and Communion. Call or text Linda at 480-250-1320 in order to reserve the classroom time and necessary books. There is no fee. Any person who has not received the necessary sacraments will need to attend RCIA (Right of Catholic Initiation for Adults) which Linda Pintar will start a couple of weeks after Easter 2022.
- Reminder—There will not be any Religious Education Classes on Sunday, January 16, because of the celebration of MLK Day.
- Baptism Class for children 7 years of age and older on Sunday, Jan-16, 2022 more information to come. Please see flyer included.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

• The Parish Office is in need of another team of volunteer money counters for the Sunday Mass donations. Please contact Office for more information if you feel you can help.

# GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE January 9, 2022 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.

