



OUR LADY OF
Lourdes
 CATHOLIC PARISH



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

PASTOR
 Rev. Paul E. Sumler

JANUARY 10, 2021

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HOLY MATRIMONY Diocesan policy requires that an appointment be made with a priest of your parish at least SIX MONTHS in advance. DO NOT set a final date for the wedding prior to your interviews with the priest.

CONFESSIONS by appointment (call parish office)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Parishioners entering or leaving the Parish contact the Parish Business Office during office hours.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers—deaconss@sbcglobal.net

Sunday, January 10

10:00 am †Merle Barnhill
11:30 am Roy Huerta (Special Intention)
 †Deceased Members of Broussard Family

Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm †James & Shirlene Humphries

Sunday, January 17


10:00 am †Uina Shafer
11:30 am Genevieve Maniscalco (Special Intention)

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

- SUN 1/10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
- MON 1/11** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
- TUE 1/12** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
- WED 1/13** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
- THR 1/14** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
- FRI 1/15** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
- SAT 1/16** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
- SUN 1/17** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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Jack Gallier passed away December 22, 2020.



Thelma Bulgherini passed away December 27, 2020.



Julia Pope Zeller passed away December 30, 2020.



Byron Ready passed away December 30, 2020.



2020-21 SUNDAY MISSALETTES

Due to the continue of the pandemic, there will be no Sunday Missals in the church this year and we are not able to order them individually because the Missals are ordered in bulk; however, **there are several resource booklets for you to personally subscribe in order to follow along at the Daily and Weekend Masses. Here are a couple. Check them out. Thank you.**

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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 out 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 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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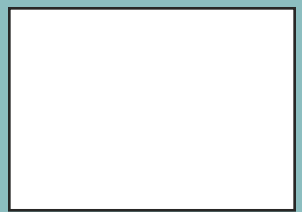
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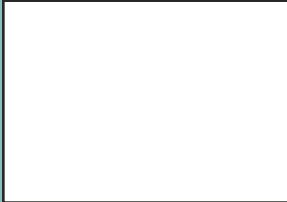
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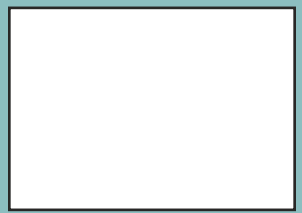
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