

January 9, 2022



SAINT EUPHRASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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- *Saturday: 5:00 PM
- *Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM
- *Monday: 8:30 AM
- *Tuesday: 8:30 AM
- *Wednesday: 8:30 AM
- *First Friday of the month: 8:30 AM
- *Thursday & Friday: Communion Service 8:30 AM

CONFESSION

- *Saturday: 3:00pm-3:45pm

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Are by appointment. Please call the Rectory office at 818-360-4611 ext. 110 for information and scheduling.

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Please call the Rectory at least six months before the desired wedding day to begin marriage preparation.

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 9, 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

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9th

8:30am Horst Burchard (D)

10:30am Donald Benson (L)

5:00pm Fr. Dave Ayotte (D)

Monday, January 10th

8:30am Freddy Orellana (D)

Tuesday, January 11th

8:30am Horst Burchard (D)

Wednesday, January 12th

8:30am Horst Burchard (D)

Thursday, January 13th

8:30am Maria Frigillana & Her Family

Friday, January 14th

8:30am Julie Hanson (D)

Saturday, January 15th

5:00pm Alicia & Antonio Macasaet (D)

4th Anniversary of Passing

Sunday, January 16th

8:30am Horst Burchard (D)

10:30am Parishioners of St. Euphrasia

5:00pm Deceased Members of Zahar Family (D)

The Baptism of the Lord/ January 9, 2022

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm: O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

Observances for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Maria Frigillana

Anton Holtzman

Dora Holtzman

Joan Johnson

Werner Kessler

Carolan Lombardy

April Mazzeo

Joe Nuccitelli

Anthony Nuccitelli

Deacon Mike Perez

Carl Stearns

Armando Talamantez

Beth Tramontina

and all those in our Parish Book of Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF ALL SOULS:

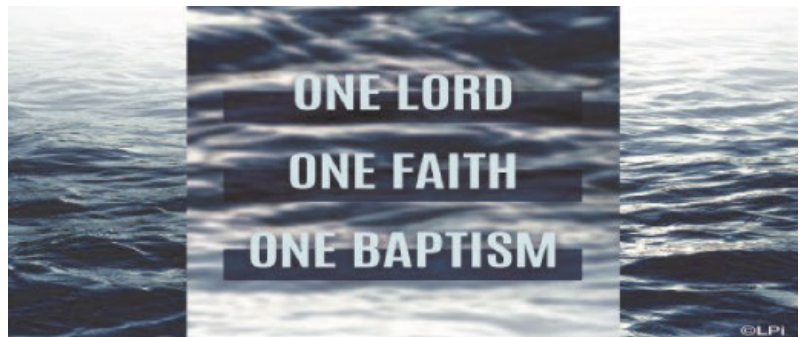
Julie Hanson

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:

Who designed the dome of the cathedral of Florence?

Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi





Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation or Communion? Or are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

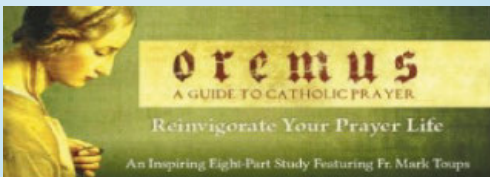
Are you interested in helping those who want to become Catholic? New team members for all levels of RCIA and Adult Confirmation preparation are needed.

Contact Sister Joanna
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Preparation of Adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Classes are Sundays 1-3 pm beginning February 13 or Mondays 7-9 pm beginning February 14. **Anyone who has already been Confirmed is also welcome to join and deepen in their faith.**

Contact Sister Joanna to register – 213-256-9753 or adultfaith@stemail.org



Do you find it easy to pray? For many, prayer can be difficult with our busy lives and/or our inability to quiet our minds. By following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life.

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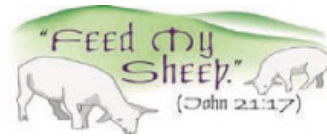
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For questions and please R.S.V.P!
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



It's Time to Give the Gift of Warmth to those in need by donating USED Men's-Women's-Children's Used Coats and winter garments!

Feed My Sheep, St. Euphrasia's service ministry to the hungry and needy, is sponsoring our annual Used Men's, Women's and Children's Used Coat Drive now through February 2022. Green collection receptacles are located in the vestibule AND in the porch alcove by the side church door entrance on Shoshone Ave. Please join in giving the Gift of Warmth to those in need!! Contact Nancy Hymes for more info: nancyhymes@hotmail.com



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Did you know? January 8-9 || Check Your Child's Backpack

As you and your children prepare for their return to school after Christmas break, make sure they are not carrying too much around in their backpacks. Backpacks that are too heavy can cause problems like neck or back pain, or poor posture. The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends that a child's backpack weigh no more than 5-10% of the child's body weight. Help your children by ensuring that they wear their backpacks correctly, with both straps over the shoulders, and that they are only carrying what they need. If you have concerns about the load your child is carrying, reach out to a teacher or school staff to discuss what should and should not be coming home every day. For more information, visit nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/backpack-safety-for-kids.

St. Euphrasia



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During this time of year it's the season of giving. Join us for the American Red Cross Blood drive on **January 23 from 7am-1pm** at the St. Euphrasia Hall.

To select an appointment time, please login at redcrossblood.org or if you have any questions you may reach Leslie Nuccitelli at lnuccitelli55@icloud.com



Married? Great! You're just who we're looking for to help **Catholic Engaged Encounter** prepare engaged couples for marriage. Whether you've been married 2 months or 40+ years, we need your help. What better way to start **2022** than with a resolution to share your sacrament of matrimony! **Catholic Engaged Encounter** provides free training based upon your busy lifestyle. Call Paciano & Molly Diaz @ 310.729.5890 OR visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org and email us at MollyandPaciano@gmail.com

Introduction to Liturgy 101

Beginning next week there will be a new column in our Weekly Bulletin entitled "Liturgy 101." It will consist of a short presentation on some aspect of the Mass and provide a question or suggestion for personal reflection and/or spiritual growth. It is our hope that these weekly articles might do the following:

- Help to strengthen our understanding of the liturgy;
- Throw some light on aspects of liturgy that we just take for granted or never think about;
- Provide an historical context for why we do what we do today;
- Answer possible questions about the content and structure of the Mass;
- Raise questions we didn't know we had;
- Strengthen us as a worshipping community.

Don't forget to look for this new contribution next week, and read why we call the Mass LITURGY.

Spiritual direction is the practice of walking with someone who wants to deepen their relationship with God and grow in their personal spirituality. The person seeking direction controls the time together.

(S)he may share stories of encounters with the divine, or how they are cultivating a life attuned to spiritual things, or how they may be struggling in Faith, especially during this time of pandemic. Sister Angela, Pastoral Assistant and a certified Spiritual Director, is available to meet virtually (ZOOM, SKYPE, or FaceTime) with any parishioner who wishes to strengthen their awareness of God's voice and presence in their lives. If you desire more information or wish to set up an initial appointment, please contact her at afaustina@stemail.org.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED



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.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Hilary of Poitiers | January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ’s divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

 **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today’s Gospel:

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MESSIAH
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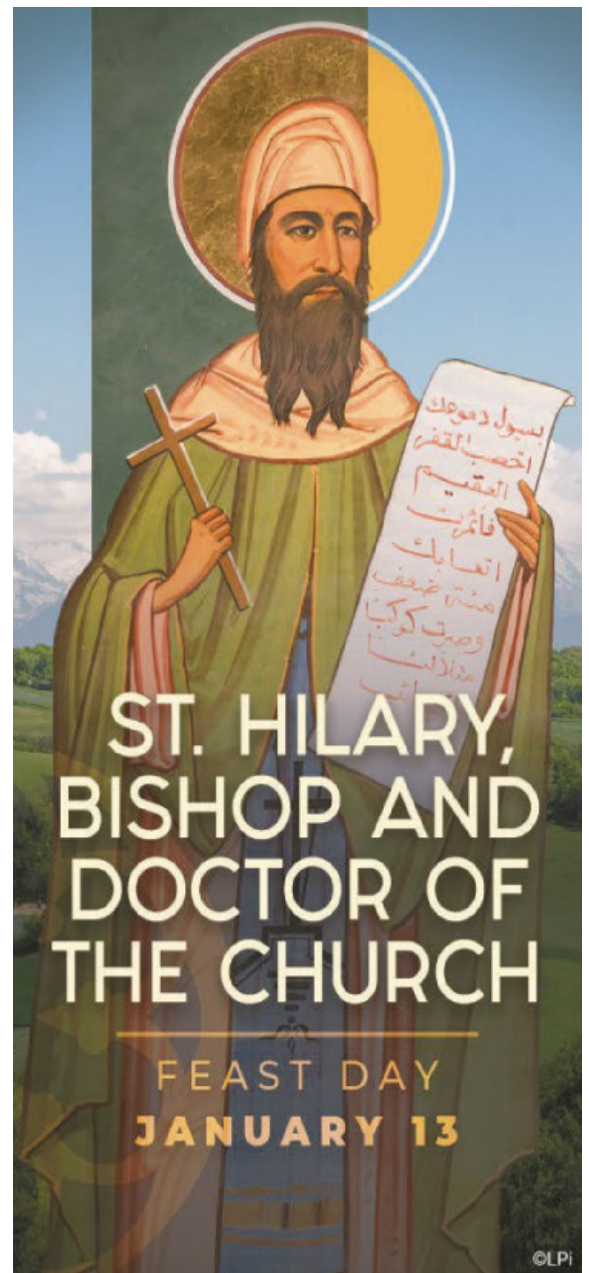
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JESUS

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 **MISSION**

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.



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