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Weekday Mass: 12:10PM

(Wednesday–Friday)

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Saturdays at 3:00PM

or by appointment

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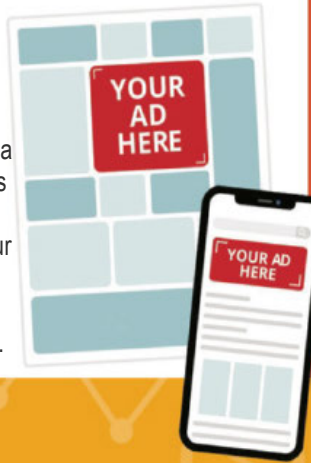
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date: THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

time: 8:30 Sign-In/Social
9:00 AM—11:00 AM Inspiration

place: SEVEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

RSVP: KINDLY RSVP BY JANUARY 6, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 8

4:30PM † Larkie Barnett
(Barnett & Dudics Families)

JANUARY 9

8:30AM Alfred Lockwood
(Jeanette DeWitz)

10:00AM † Philip Dhanens & Holy Souls
(Paul & Diane Dhanens)

11:30AM † Deanna McCauley
(Karen Krausse)

1:00PM Missa Pro Populo

JANUARY 12

12:10PM † Tony & June Papasergia
(Joseph & Rebecca Frank)

JANUARY 13

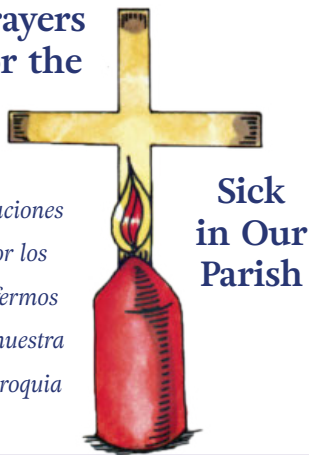
12:10PM Caroline Mae McDermott
(Becky & Joe Frank)

JANUARY 14

12:10PM † Gregory Hillis
(Becky & Joe Frank)

Prayers for the

*Oraciones
por los
enfermos
en nuestra
parroquia*



Sick in Our Parish

Maria Cristina Tovar
Zendyn Thompson
Ahdar Caero
Mike, Grace, & Celia
Hazdovac
Mary Long
Joann Currie
Imelda Comon
Daniel Xavier Huidor
Carlos Blanco
Robert Gonzalez
Pauline Vega
Amelia Agnes
Teresa Alatorre
Marcelina Arias
Alicia Capinha
Olin Gilbert
Pete Delao

Ofelia Paraton
Mateo Gonzales
Sgt. Susan Barriento

Prayers for the Deceased

Oraciones por los difuntos

Jim Hulsy
Rebecca Shon
Gloria Zollar
Concepcion Sanchez
Francisco Sanchez
Mike Solano
Leonor Vega
Geneva Guerra
Angel Campos
Gilberto Garcia
Eric Mijarez
Carmen Cisneros
Linda Barnett

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Donations to offset the cost of fresh flower bouquets for the sanctuary of the church are greatly appreciated! Donations may be made in memory of your family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones who are deceased, or offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. Remembrances will be listed in the parish bulletin. To submit a donation for memorial flowers, please visit the parish website:

www.olphbakersfield.org/flowers



Memorial bouquets will begin January 16th, after the Christmas season ends. To donate now for the January altar flowers, submit your information on the parish website at www.olphbakersfield.org/flowers or visit the parish office.

WEEKLY PRAYER

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

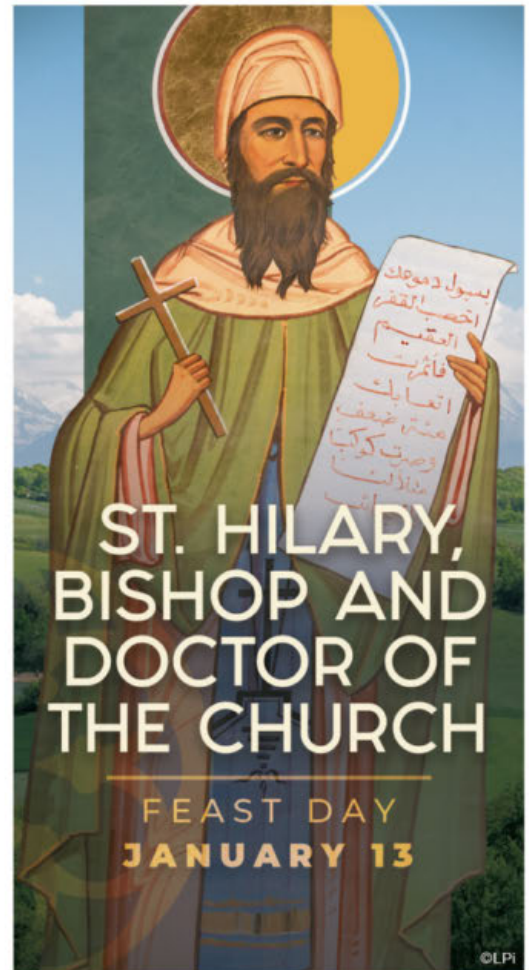
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

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.

KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN
MESSIAH
BAPTIZING

WATER
POWERFUL
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT
FIRE
JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N
H O L Y S P I R I T O
E H A I T O S U F A M
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SHARING THE GOSPEL

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized.

After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

PRAYER

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

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



The Origin and Foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus

The Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—are the foundations of the Christian life. “Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the ‘sacraments of Christian initiation,’ whose unity must be safeguarded” (CCC, no. 1285). We begin with our study of Baptism in this chapter and will treat the other two Sacraments in the following ones.

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord’s will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.—CCC, no. 1277

In his dialogue with Nicodemus, Jesus taught that Baptism was necessary for salvation. “No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit” (Jn 3:5). After his Resurrection, Jesus met with the eleven Apostles and gave them the commission to preach the Gospel and baptize, telling them, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mk 16:16). The word *baptism* in its origins is Greek and means “immersion” and “bath.” Immersion in water is a sign of death, and emersion out of the water means new life. To bathe in water is also to undergo cleansing. St. Paul sums up this truth when he says, “You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead” (Col 2:12).



The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. “He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water” (St. Gregory Nazianzen, *Liturgy of the Hours*, I, 634). Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.

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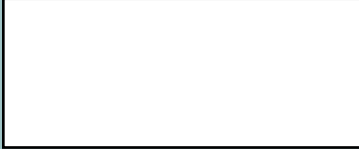
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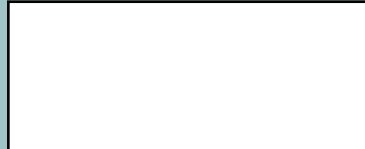

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