

St. Joachim Catholic Church

"THE LITTLE FAMILY CHURCH IN THE WOODS"

JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Noon Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri

RECONCILIATION

30 minutes before weekend Mass,
Anytime by appointment.

NOVENA

Tuesday Noon Our Lady of Perpetual Help

ADORATION

1st Friday of each month, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

PASTOR

Rev. G. Amaldoss Ph.D

GUEST MINISTERS

Father Stephen Leake

Father Deogratias Ekisa

Father John Andrew

BAPTISM

Parents, please call the Church office to begin the process of preparation for baptism.

FUNERALS

When a member of the immediate family returns to the Lord, before contacting the funeral home, please notify the Priest. Our office will contact the Bereavement Ministry to help provide comfort, care, and support to your family.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the Parish Priest at least six months in advance.

OFFICE HOURS

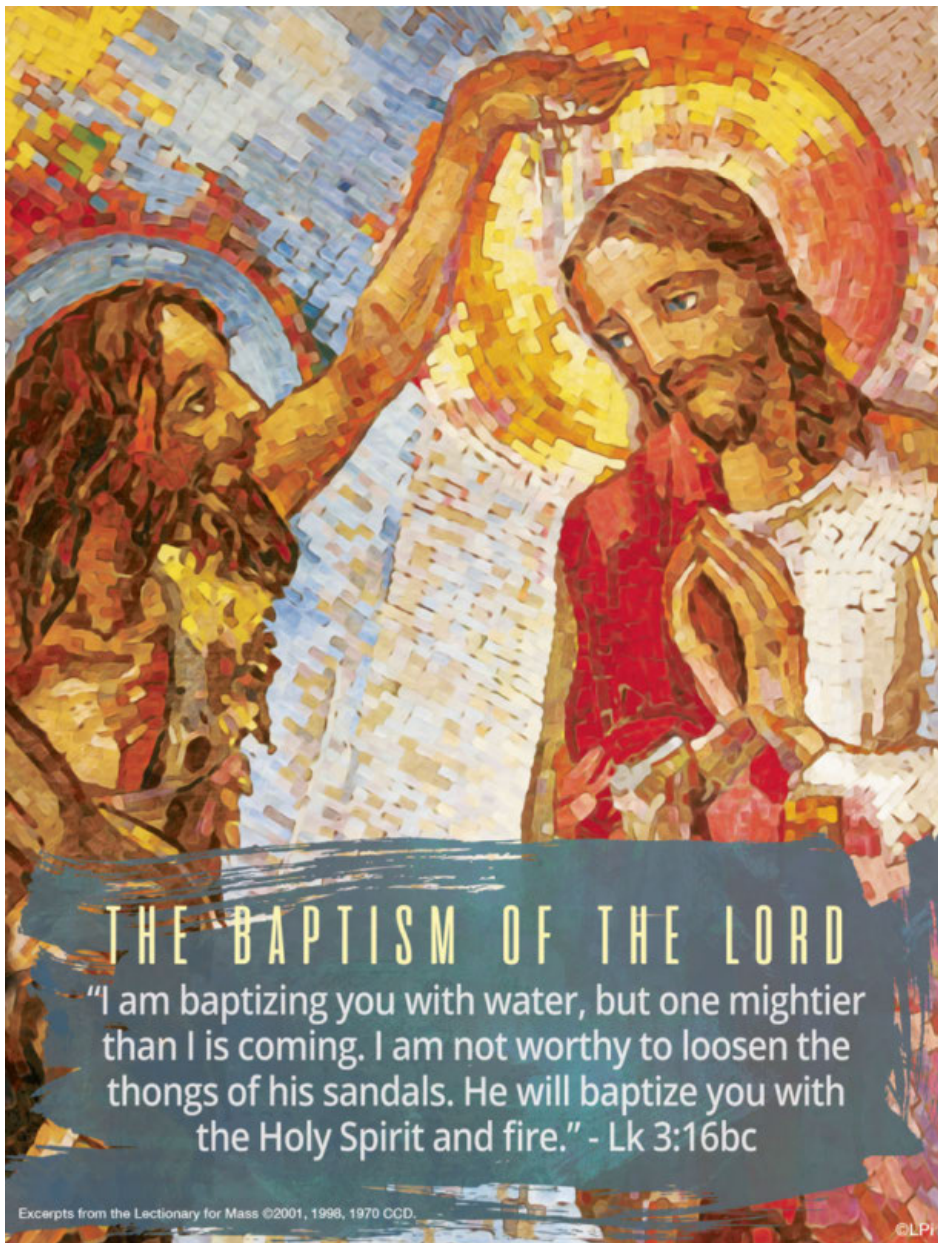
Monday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



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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Welcome Visitors!

WE WELCOME YOU WITH JOY TO THE LITTLE FAMILY CHURCH IN THE WOODS AND INVITE YOU TO REGISTER IN OUR PARISH BY FILLING OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM IN THE OFFICE LOBBY.

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MY DEAR PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP AT ST. JOACHIM

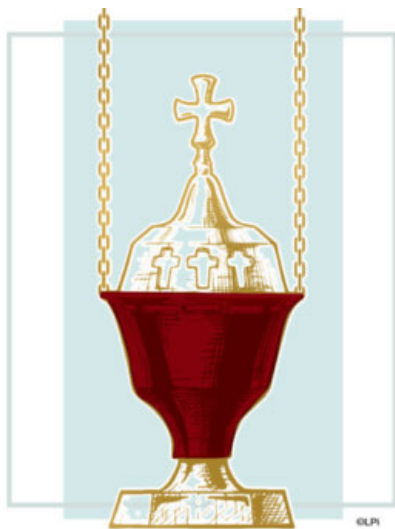
Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has the power to change and transform our lives so that we may be burning lights pointing others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God? Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and with the fire of your love and goodness. May I always find joy and delight in seeking to please you in doing your will just as you have delighted in the joy of pleasing your Father and doing his will.

Father Steve

THANK YOU!

The Little Church in the Woods would not exist without the St. Joachim Parish community!

We would like to acknowledge with gratitude to the various entities/ministries and organizations: all ministries, office staff, volunteers who help the parish office and altar society, finance council and its members, building and resource committee, pastoral leadership, Helping Hands, all of our benefactors and supporters, and all our priests.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

BURNS IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Andrew Daigle

January 9 - 15

MASS INTENTIONS

Claire Lucido, Claude Lafont, Audrey Victoriano, & James

1/8 4:00 pm Drachenberg

1/9 8:30 am Mabel Maillet & Louis D'Angelo

1/9 10:30 am Andrew Daigle

1/10 Noon All sick members of our parish community

1/11 Noon Silvia L. Perez, Jose Perez Sr., & Jose Perez Jr.

1/13 Noon Christy Perez

1/14 Noon Bennie Trosclair & The benefactors and donors of our parish community

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Yvonne Abadie, Shane, Steve, & Vergie Allemore, Dianie Anccar, Laurette Barbier, Ann Beaver, Wade Bolotte, Paulette Boulas, Robert Burns, Mary Daigle, Maris Dean, Bella Demoille, Milred DiPascal, Doris Finkle, Charles Gautreaux, Joyce & Al Hebert, Hinton & Mays Families, Don Holman, Erin Killeen, Diane Landry, Madeline Lewis, Sal Lomonaco, Craig McGee & Family, Larry O'meara, Nick Paleos, Gerald Planche, Keith Reinholt, Frank Sauvinet, Terry Shaw, Doris Smith, Darrell Sullivan, Maude Temento, Jerry Verrette, Don Victoriano, Leisa Walker

WORSHIP & REFLECTION

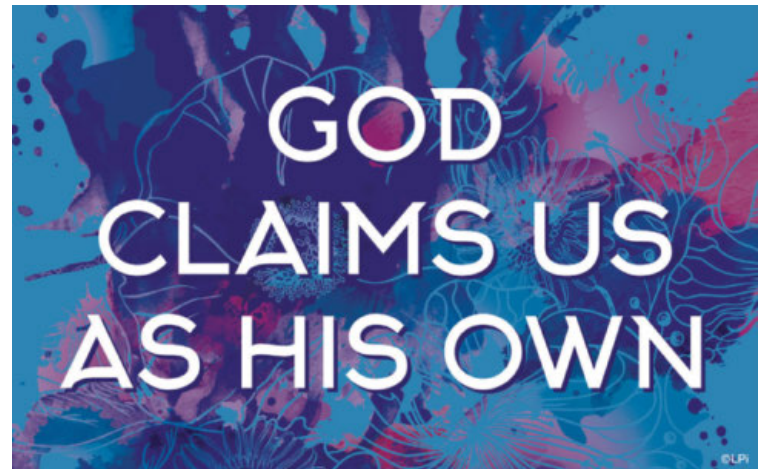
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

— Pope Francis

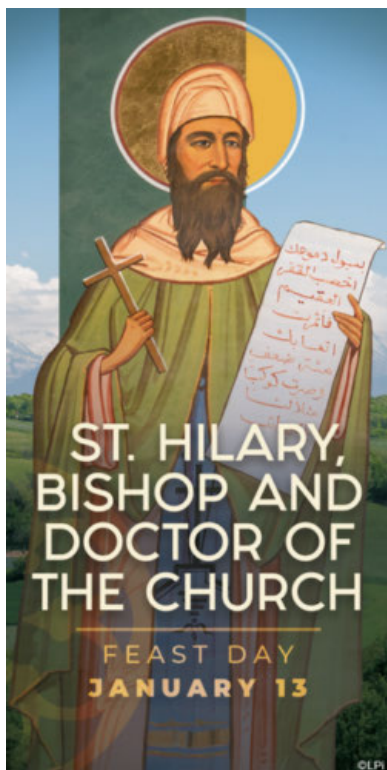
What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of 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. ©LPi



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS

BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH | 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.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 09, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 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:

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

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)

Our bulletin is still "under construction" as we transition to LPi publishing and utilize their template options. If you have any suggestions on ways we can improve the bulletin please contact Meghan Thibodaux at mthibodaux@stjoachimarrero.org.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTING

CHRISTMAS MASSES

1st Collection: \$ 3,912.60
Renovations: \$ 1,602.00

DECEMBER 26, 2020

1st Collection: \$ 3,366.00
Utility Fund: \$ 391.00



SUPPORT THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.
—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

On June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



IN LOVING MEMORY RENEWALS


**If you are interested in renewing your In Loving Memory spot in the bulletin please contact us by February 1st, 2022.
Call the office at (504) 341-9226 or email at stjoachim@arch-no.org**

STEWARDSHIP

A monetary gift is a service of love, not a contribution. Love should be our motive and a dependence of Divine Providence part of our gift. This dispels arrogance on the part of those who can give or resentment on the part of those who must receive. Both are where they are to glorify God - one by giving, another by receiving. - Mother Teresa



January 2, 2022		Upcoming 2nd Collection		Mass Attendance		
1st Collection (including online)	\$ 2,588.05	1/9	Church in Latin America	1/1	4:00 pm	22
Utility Fund (including online)	\$ 327.00	1/16	Building Fund	1/2	8:30 am	59
Special Projects (renovations)	\$ 1,100.00	1/30	ARCH-NO Catholic Schools	1/2	10:30 am	28

<p>O'neil & Rita Becnel Love, Your Children & Grandchildren</p>	<p>Andrew Daigle Love You Forever Wife, Children, & Grandchildren</p>		
<p>Carlo Albarado Forever in our Hearts By Wife, Children & Family</p>	<p>Herbert Chaisson & Elsie Chaisson Acosta By Children & Grandchildren</p>		
<p>Henry & Veronica Graf Forever in our Hearts By Maryann, Joe & Elena</p>	<p>Dawn Cookmeyer Boatwright By Family</p>		
<p>Steven Chiasson Forever in our Hearts By Mom, Ronnie & Family</p>	<p>Tommy Ipock Forever in our Hearts Debbie, Raina, Zach & Eve</p>	<p>Philip & Eve Mabile Love you more Debbie</p>	<p>Rosalie & Huey Este, Sr. By Gary, Cathy & Huey Este, Jr.</p>
<p>Ambrose & Andriella Foret By Cathy & Huey Este, Jr.</p>	<p>Mr. & Mrs. William Lazaro, Sr. By William & Wynonia Lazaro</p>	<p>Wendy Ann Kirkland By William & Wynonia Lazaro</p>	<p>Mr. & Mrs. Versie Wallace By William & Wynonia Lazaro</p>
<p>Peter & Rose Mary Vicari & Art Landry, Jr. By Keith, Kathy & Family</p>	<p>Roehl & Vivian Guidroz By Keith, Kathy & Family</p>	<p>Babson "BJ" LeBlanc Forever in our Hearts By Wife, Children & Grandchildren</p>	<p>Robert Allemore, Sr. By Wife Virgie & Children</p>
<p>Josephine B. Parfait Forever in our Hearts By Husband & Children</p>	<p>Victor & Shirley Rome By Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren</p>	<p>Reggie & Russell Moore Forever Young By Mama, Tyra & Aunt Elena</p>	<p>Randy Thibodaux and Michael Mignacca Forever in our Hearts Keith, Meghan, Keith Jr & Tia</p>

GOOD AND FAITHFUL GOD,

you have given us so many people in our lives that have given us joy and science. On this day we as you to remember our dearly departed, especially those above. Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are soliciting people to honor their beloved departed by placing their name in this section. These spaces will remind others to pray for your loved ones as we pray for them. Space is available for 1 year and masses will be said in their honor monthly. There is an offering amount of \$100.00 per year.



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