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# HEAVEN



Heaven was opened  
and the Holy Spirit  
descended upon him.

LUKE 3:21

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THE SACRED HEART

## THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

by Deacon Cuong Nguyen

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The Church recognizes three manifestations of Christ's divinity – the adoration of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Even though Jesus has no sin, he receives the baptism from John in order to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15). That is to submit to the plan of God for the salvation of mankind. In receiving baptism, Jesus identifies Himself with us sinners.

In Christ's baptism, the mystery of the Trinity is revealed. Heaven is opened, and the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus, anointing Him as the Christ and empowering Him to bring the Good News of salvation to humanity. The voice of God the Father is heard saying, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). The Father gives witness to His Son and tells us to listen to Him. The Father is pleased with Jesus because He does His Father's will and is the perfect image of God the Father.



Like Jesus, we receive baptism. However, many of us may not realize the power of this sacrament, what is done to us, and what we are called to do. In our baptism, the Holy Spirit descends upon us. God's Word is spoken to us through the ministers performing our baptisms. The Trinity is invoked, and we are baptized “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The effects of our baptisms are the forgiveness of all sins, adoption as children of God, initiation into the Church, bond with other Christians, and the indelible spiritual mark of belonging to Christ.

By virtue of baptism, we are anointed like Jesus and share in His mission as priest, prophet, and king. As priest, let us offer ourselves, our gifts, and sacrifices to God. As prophet, let us spread the Good News and live the Gospel in our families, communities, and the world. As king, let us exercise our leadership in our families, in our ministries, and in our works by our sacrifices and services to better the lives of others. We hope that one day God welcomes us into Heaven, saying “You are my child; with you I am well pleased.”



### WE GIVE BECAUSE GOD GAVE FIRST

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We are able to serve because of your generous prayers and financial support. If you haven't already, consider giving through our online portal!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 10th

8:45 am: Kristen Barta (-) by Steve & Mary Jo Barta  
12:10 pm: Mariamma Thomas (+) by Gracy Sebastian

### Tuesday, January 11th

8:45 am: Iris Trevino (+) by the Lored Family  
7:00 pm: In Thanksgiving by Anishya Idicula

### Wednesday, January 12th

6:30 am: Hilda Garcia (+) by Wilma Nazareth  
8:45 am: Katie Barta (-) by Steve & Mary Jo Barta

### Thursday, January 13th

8:45 am: Jim Rodgers (+) by Dee Rodgers, Corey Morvant  
7:00 pm: Berkeley Barta (-) by Steve & Mary Jo Barta

### Friday, January 14th

6:30 am: Aurora Rejante (+) by Wilma Nazareth  
8:45 am: Loyce Gomez (+) by Karisue Nelson

### Saturday, January 15th

8:45 am: Diljo Francis (-) by Michaeyla Francis  
5:30 pm: Angeline Cangelosi (+) by Travis & Frances Courville

### Sunday, January 16th

7:00 am: Elian N. Suazo (-) by Parents  
9:00 am: For All Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
11:00 am: Grace Inoma (+) by the Nigerian Catholic Women's Org.  
1:00 pm: Pedro Correa (+) by Olivia Conejo-Correa

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Peter Cangelosi  
Rudy Falcon  
Samuel DeLeon Franklin III



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### January 3—January 9

In Memory of Horace Miles  
by Willard Roberts & Gloria Batiste-Roberts

### January 10—January 16

In Memory of Grace Inoma by Gloria Batiste-Roberts

### January 17—January 23

In Memory of Brian Chaison  
by Willard Roberts & Gloria Batiste-Roberts

### January 31—February 6

In Memory of Pedro Pena by Bernardo Pena & Family

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION

### **NAVY**

Jacob De Paz, Thomas Franklin Hill

*Do you have family serving our nation? Send us their name and the name of their branch of the armed forces and we will pray for them. Names can be sent via email to [information@holyfamilychurch.us](mailto:information@holyfamilychurch.us) or by calling (281) 499-9688.*



## Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride, and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination – GREATNESS! Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS! Stay Blessed! And welcome in 2022.

“  
GOD  
ANOINTED  
JESUS OF  
NAZARETH  
WITH THE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
AND POWER.  
”

(ACTS 10: 38)

January 9, 2022

## The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After all, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs us that baptism is “the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.” (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, but it’s much more than that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though without sin, Jesus’ baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, “You are my beloved Son.” So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father’s saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God’s beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Baptism is often referred to as “the doorway to the Church” because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized, and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn’t. Each day that we “put on Christ” and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.

**SERVE** Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been “anointed,” in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE  
LEGAL PROTECTION OF  
UNBORN CHILDREN**

JANUARY 22

To commemorate this day, the Offices of Pro-Life Activities and Worship will host a morning of prayer at the Co-Cathedral from 8:30 a.m. to noon. A time of Adoration, reflection and prayer will be offered from 8:30-10:30 a.m., followed by Mass celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo.



We are seeking a part-time **Maintenance Technician**. For full position details and submission information, visit [HolyFamilyChurch.us](http://HolyFamilyChurch.us)



The Gift Shop will be closed for the month of January.



# GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

## The Gospel of Luke

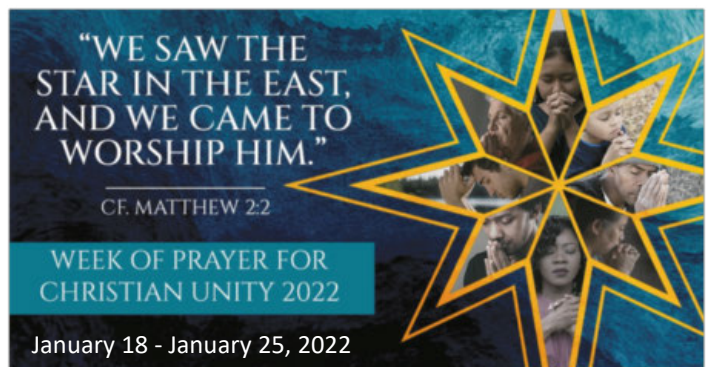
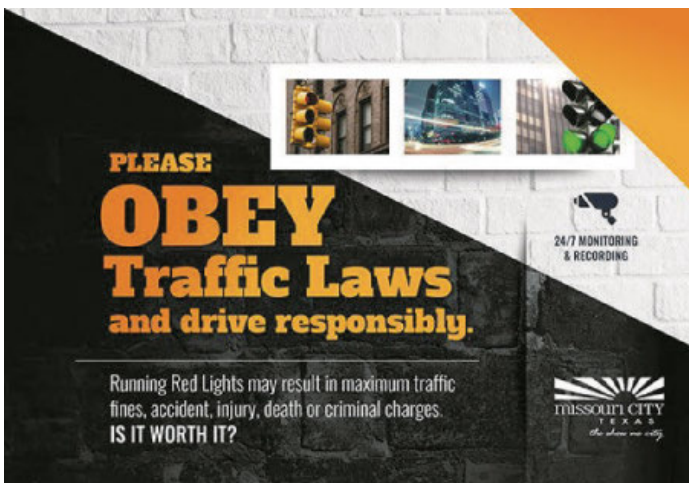
Questions can be found online at [HolyFamilyChurch.us](http://HolyFamilyChurch.us)



We have some more **2022 calendars** available in the Parish Office. Stop by to pick one up—while supplies last!



**Marriage Information Sessions** for couples interested in marrying in the Catholic Church are offered on the **first Monday of the month** via Zoom. For more information and to sign-up, contact Deacon Cuong Nguyen at 281-499-9688 x314.



## Cardinal DiNardo calls Catholics back to Mass in the New Year

We have entered the season of Christmas, the time of the Church year when we focus our meditations and prayers on the great gift of the Incarnation, God taking on human flesh for our redemption. This is a season of hope, a season when we hold fast to the reality that God is faithful.

For nearly two years now, we have lived through the difficulties of the coronavirus pandemic. At the outset of the pandemic, I enacted several protocols for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy in order to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19 at our parish churches. Over time, I have adjusted some protocols or given discretion for local pastors to use their best judgment.

In the spring of 2020, I decreed a general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. I did so in order to instill peace of mind among all the faithful, especially those who would sincerely desire to fulfill their Mass obligations while also harboring serious concerns for contracting the coronavirus.

Just as I have made changes to other protocols, I now announce a change for the dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation. Effective Jan. 2, 2022, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, this dispensation is removed for all Catholics within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The faithful should fulfill their Sunday and Holy Day obligations joyfully and conscientiously.

At the same time, I remind everyone that, from the Church's law itself, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation is not morally binding for those who find it impossible to attend Mass, e.g., due to illness, advanced age, caring for a sick person, or being at high-risk for contracting COVID-19 (cf. Canon, 1248). These persons should fulfill their obligations at home through some act of prayer or meditation upon the sacred scriptures for the Mass of the day.

When there was great uncertainty about the manner of transmitting COVID-19, I suspended the use of holy water in our churches. I have recently directed pastors to resume the use of holy water beginning on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022.\*

May the peace that comes from the Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts now and always.

\*Due to the current situation, we will wait some more time before returning to the use of holy water here at Holy Family.

Hemos entrado en la temporada de Navidad, el tiempo del año de la Iglesia cuando enfocamos nuestras meditaciones y oraciones en el gran don de la Encarnación, Dios en carne humana para nuestra redención. Esta es una temporada de esperanza, una temporada en la que nos aferramos a la realidad de que Dios es fiel.

Desde hace casi dos años, hemos vivido las dificultades de la pandemia del coronavirus. Al comienzo de la pandemia, promulgé varios protocolos para la celebración de la Sagrada Liturgia con el fin de mitigar la propagación de COVID- 9 en nuestras iglesias parroquiales. Con el tiempo, he ajustado algunos protocolos o he dado discreción para que los pastores locales usen su mejor juicio.

En la primavera de 2020, decreté una dispensación general de la obligación de asistir a la Misa los domingos y días santos de obligación. Lo hice para inculcar la paz mental entre todos los fieles, especialmente aquellos que desearían sinceramente cumplir sus obligaciones de Misa, al tiempo que albergaban serias preocupaciones por contraer el coronavirus.

Así como he hecho cambios a otros protocolos, ahora anuncio un cambio para la dispensación de la obligación de la Misa del Domingo y del Día Santo. A partir del 2 de enero de 2022, la solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor, esta dispensación es removida para todos los católicos dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Los fieles deben cumplir sus obligaciones del domingo y del día santo con alegría y conciencia.

Al mismo tiempo, recuerdo a todos que, de la propia ley de la Iglesia, la obligación de asistir a la Misa del domingo o a un día santo de obligación no es moralmente vinculante para quienes encuentran imposible asistir a la Misa, por ejemplo, debido a enfermedad, edad avanzada, cuidado de un enfermo, o estar en alto riesgo de contraer COVID-19 (cf Canon, 1248). Estas personas deben cumplir con sus obligaciones en el hogar a través de algún acto de oración o meditación sobre las sagradas escrituras para la Misa del día.

Cuando había gran incertidumbre acerca de la manera de transmitir COVID19, suspendimos el uso del agua santa en nuestras iglesias. Recientemente he ordenado a los pastores que reanuden el uso del agua santa a partir del domingo 2 de enero de 2022.\*

Que la paz que viene del Señor Jesucristo llene sus corazones ahora y siempre.

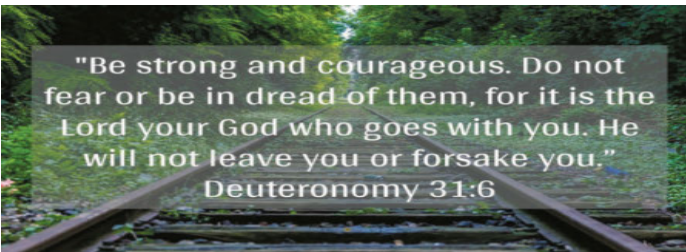
\*Debido a la situación actual, esperaremos un poco más antes de volver al uso del agua bendita aquí en la Sagrada Familia.



## MLK Mass of Remembrance

*Honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 3 pm at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston) with His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Main Celebrant and Rev. Houston Okonma, Homilist.



"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."  
Deuteronomy 31:6

**COMING BACK TO THE**

**HOW**

**HEART OF WORSHIP**

Saturday, February 12, 2022  
11:30 AM – 9:00 PM  
St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land

Special Guest Speaker: DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS  
Inspiring talks, praise & worship, dinner, Mass & Eucharistic Adoration

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**TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE**

Saturday, January 22, 2022, at the Capitol in Austin

[TexasRallyForLife.org](http://TexasRallyForLife.org)

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer transportation to Austin, TX for the annual Texas Rally for Life event on Saturday, January 22, 2022. January 2022 marks 49 years since Roe v. Wade. Join thousands of Texans march in support for each human life! The trip cost is \$40 and includes a Buc-ee's stop to and from Austin. Reserve your spot on the bus by registering at <https://cvent.me/kkXL2Z> or call 713-741-8728

Register today at <https://archgh.cventevents.com/BioethicsBeginLifeYA>

Medical Ethics at the Beginning of Life

**CATHOLIC BIOETHICS FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Mondays, February 7-28, 2022  
7-9pm, St. Dominic Chancery

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- ⇒ Special Mass times
- ⇒ Bulletin announcements or advertising
- ⇒ House or car blessings
- ⇒ Copy of Baptismal certificate
- ⇒ Parishioner registration acknowledgement letter
- ⇒ Spiritual / marriage matters
- ⇒ Holy Communion to the Homebound
- ⇒ New Parishioner Registration or editing current registration information
- ⇒ Change of address/contact info
- ⇒ Mass intentions, tabernacle candle sponsorship
- ⇒ Lost items in church or campus
- ⇒ General inquiries

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- ⇒ Quincenearas program
- ⇒ RCIA / RCIC program
- ⇒ Confirmation program
- ⇒ First Holy Communion program
- ⇒ Bible Study offerings
- ⇒ Childrens CCE program
- ⇒ Family CCE program



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The SVDP is supported by our generous parishioners who contribute financially and by donating non-perishable goods and good-condition small household goods and clothing. Easily give to the SVDP by visiting [HolyFamilyChurch.us](http://HolyFamilyChurch.us) and clicking on the green DONATE button. Donations are accepted Monday—Friday and can be placed on the SVDP tables located by the SVDP Office doors by Frontage Road.