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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 3:21-22a

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30pm Mass

Sunday

7:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

Weekdays

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00am Mass

Confession Schedule

Saturday | 3:30pm

15 minutes before Daily Masses

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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Mass Schedule

Sunday

9:00am | Mass

Tuesday

5:30pm | Confession

6:00pm | Mass

Daughters of Mary Sisters

Sr. Mary Ann Diaz and

Sr. Fe Bista "Ping"

LITURGICAL LIFE

WEEKLY READINGS

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

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday:

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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.

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Jesus' identity is revealed as "The Son of God" through His baptism in the Jordan. Our identity as "children of God" is revealed through our baptism. Our lives, then, must constantly witness Jesus as Lord. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



In Sympathy Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the families of:
Mickey Martin, husband of Phyllis Martin,
Flora Rivette, mother of Kathy Williston, and
Sonya Picou Watson, daughter of Esther Picou & sister of Anita Cambre.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families. May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LITURGICAL AND PRAYER LIFE



SANCTUARY LIGHT: January 8—14

The Sanctuary Light at SJB
will burn in memory of
Jimmie McKenzie

The Adoration Chapel
will burn in memory of
Josh Hawley

The Sanctuary Light at OLA
will burn in memory of
Bobbie Lovelady



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday: Jan. 8: Judy Patriquin, Berlyl Gordy, Jimmie McKenzie, Ana DeJesus, Jeff Schwidman, Capone/Grob Family, Scruggs/Kennedy Family, Bob & Gerry Anderson, Gene Appleton, Mark Rious, Celeria Ranatza, Austin Hollingsworth, Bruce Pitre, Dennis Delatorre, Luke Everett Fontenot, Dana Baker Othmer, Louis Baker, Jr., Kay & Charles Pelletier, Henry Kliebert

Sunday: Jan. 9:

7:00 AM: Luke Everett Fontenot, Celeria Ranatza, Henry Kliebert, Phil Larsen, William Andrepont, William & Natalino Whitley, Mary Jane and Newman Matte, Lucy Maggio, Jimmie McKenzie, Brad Vince, Dana Parmelee, Nancy Sunderman-Elert, Cyndy Greschak

9:00 AM: Little & Davis families, Georgia Honore Dr. John Piker, Evelyn Beauchamp, Leslie Ligon, Joan Abraham, Irma Laird, Ann O'Brien, Maude Williams, Flora Rivette, Sonya Picou Watson

11:00 AM: Charles Rissler, Joe Anzalone Family, Tyler Craig, Ronald Parker, Bernadine Nugent, Euta Fruge', Teddy Hurst, Joseph & Eva Ballard, Glenn & Elizabeth Connor, Michael "Mickey" Martin

Tuesday: Jan 11: Celeria Ranatza, Eural Hingle, Michael Martin, Irma Laird, Evelyn Beauchamp, Bobbie Lovelady

Wednesday: Jan 12: Celeria Ranatza, Dana Parmelee

Thursday: Jan 13: Dana Parmelee, Celeria Ranatza, Luke Everett Fontenot

Friday: Jan 14: Celeria Ranatza, Jimmie McKenzie, Don Metcalf, Karen Cooper, Fr. Joseph Doyle, Dana Parmelee



PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS, THEIR FAMILIES & OUR COUNTRY

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Jared Barr, USAF
Nathaniel Barr, USN
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Stephen DiLorenzo, Army
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Thomas Foster, USN
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I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

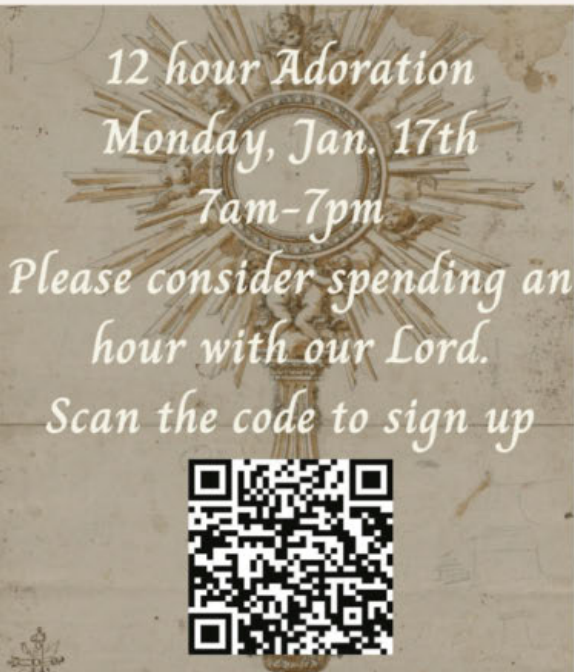
But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

SJB Faith Formation

K-5 and Edge are this Sunday, Jan. 9th.
The next K-5 and Life Teen are Jan. 23rd.
The next Edge is Jan. 30th.



Emmaus Road Bible Study

9:30-10:30am

Parish Hall

**1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20,
3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/24**

**First Reconciliation and Retreat
Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 9am-Noon
Students and parents meet in the gym.**

SAVE THE DATE
PARENT ISSUE NIGHT



MARCH 25, 2022

6:30pm in the Parish Activity Center
[babysitting provided upon registration]

 **FIGHT THE NEW DRUG**

Fight the New Drug is a non-religious and non-legislative organization that exists to provide individuals the opportunity to make an informed decision regarding pornography by raising awareness on its harmful effects using only science, facts, and personal accounts.



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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

- 6:30 am: KC Rosary
- 7:00 am: Mass
- 8:00 am: KC Meeting
- 9:30 am: K-5 Rel Ed/Emm Rd Bible Study
- 11:00 am: Mass
- 4:00 pm: Edge
- 4:30 pm: That Man is You

Monday, January 10

- 6:00 pm: Prayer Group / Chapel

Tuesday, January 11

- 9:00 am: Dusters
- 4:00 pm: Homeless Shelter

Wednesday, January 12

- 8:00 am: Mass
- 5:30 pm: H.S. Youth Group
- 6:00 pm: Catholic Daughters
- 6:30 pm: Men's Club

Thursday, January 13

- 8:00 am: Mass/Mother of Perpetual Help
- 7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, January 14

- 8:00 am: Mass/Divine Mercy

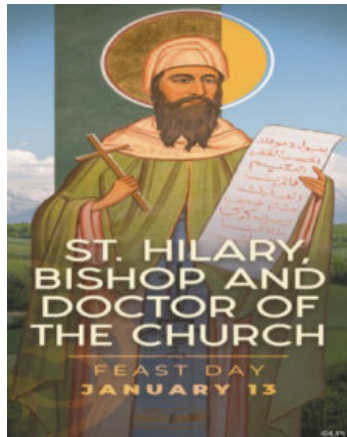
Saturday, January 15

- 3:30 pm: Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

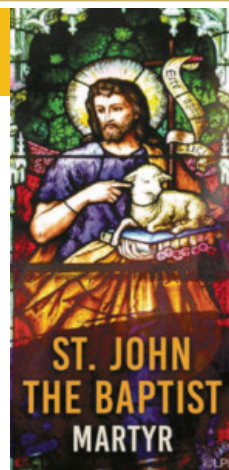
- 7:00 am: Mass
- 11:00 am: Mass
- 4:30 pm: That Man is You



COLLECTIONS

01/02/2022

Identified	\$ 12,780.00
Unidentified Cash	\$ 574.00
Sol of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 1,128.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 1,195.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 375.00
Religious Education	\$ 850.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 25.00
Catholic University	\$ 25.00
Catholic Life Center	\$ 25.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,780.00



CATHOLICISM and COOKIES

Bible Study

beginning Monday, January 17th
at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

We will use the ten week designed DVD Bible Study program by
Bishop Robert Barron titled CATHOLICISM.

Cookie treats and drinks will be provided.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus –SJB Council 10080

Baptismal Bib

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 9: Class
 January 11: 1st Reconciliation at 5:30pm / Mass and Reception to follow
 January 23: Class



First Reconciliation Tuesday, January 11th

Altar Society Meeting Tuesday January 11th

St. Vincent de Paul Society of
 Neighbors helping neighbors.

COLLECTIONS	01/02/2022
Identified	\$ 3,597.73
Unidentified Cash	\$ 138.00
Sol of Mary, Mother of God	\$ 736.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 40.00
Capital Campaign Drive	\$ 1,615.00
Total C.C. Received	\$ 414,262.76



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 9
The Baptism of the Lord
 -8:30 am: Rosary
 -9:00 am: Mass
 -10:00 am: Religious Ed Class

Tuesday, January 11
 -5:30 pm: First Reconciliation
 -5:30 pm: Mother of Perp Help Novena
 -5:30 pm: Reconciliation
 -6:00 pm: Mass
 -6:30 pm: 1st Reconciliation Reception
 -6:30 pm: Altar Society / SVDP

Sunday, January 16
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
 -9:00 am: Mass

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