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January 9, 2022 ~ The Baptism of the Lord



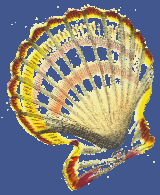
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“The Lord was Baptized,
not to be cleansed
Himself, but to cleanse
the waters, so that those
waters, cleansed by the
flesh of Christ which knew no sin,
might have the power of Baptism.”

St. Ambrose of Milan
Doctor of the Church

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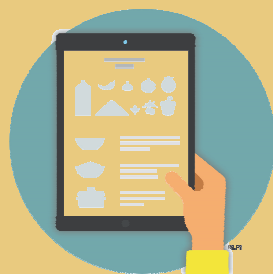
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8

8:00 AM, Church

Milagros Nuñez †

5:30 PM, Sunday Vigil

Mary Murphy †

Sunday, January 9—Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM Church

Lyn Moore †

9:00 AM Church

People of the Parish

10:30 AM Church

Mary Cassidy Matheson

Furrow †

10:30 AM BBPC

Michael Gigliotti †

12 Noon Church

Rose Norelli †

Monday, January 10

8:00 AM, Church

Deceased members of the

Dezuses family †

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 AM, Church

Deceased members of the

Dezuses family †

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 AM, Church

Deceased members of the

Dezuses family †

Thursday, January 13

8:00 AM, Church

Deceased members of the

Dezuses family †

Friday January 14

8:15 AM, Church

Ray Eckerman †

Noon, Church

Frank Greenwell †

Saturday, January 15

8:00 AM, Church

Richard Lawrence Golden †

5:30 PM, Sunday Vigil

Chris R. Eagan †

Sunday January 16

7:30 AM Church

Jim Nickle

9:00 AM Church

People of the Parish

10:30 AM Church

Ted L. Rausch †

10:30 AM BBPC

Francisco Arguello

12 Noon Church

Eva & Jimmy Lasecki

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call
the church office at 336-724-0561.

Please remember in prayer those who have died:

MARGARET FERENCZ
PAULINE KIDD
HELEN FAYE MARCHANT
JOYCE MOON

May the souls of the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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PARISH INFORMATION

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish family! Please take time to register online through our parish website: www.stleocatholic.org.

Hospitalizations: Please call the parish office if you or a family member enter the hospital, or if you would like an appointment with a priest to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Privacy laws prevent our priests from knowing when you are in the hospital.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is held twice a month on Saturdays at 11 AM by appointment only. Baptism Preparation Class, offered once each month, requires the attendance of both parents. Please contact the parish office for specific dates, to register for the class, and to schedule a baptism. To complete a Baptismal Information Form, please visit our website at stleocatholic.org.

Marriages: Couples must contact a parish priest at least six months before the proposed wedding date. Also, couples must be registered with the parish for at least three months before marriage preparation can begin. Weddings are only held on Saturdays at 11 AM or 2 PM.

Annulments: For information, please contact Dick and Mary Ellen Foley at 336-766-6294.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *for the* Week of JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5-10/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, 10-22/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17

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

Please Remember in Prayer:

James Schwarz, Diane Ferrelli, Myles Harris, Enriko, J. Denise, Audrey E., Karen Publick, Richard Boswell, Bruce Sanchez-Barkey, Joanne Kohl, Judith Erwin, Sarah Schrodt, Chris Stoeihrel, Elaine Schrenk, Katie James, Scott Morton, Neal McInerney, John, Francisco Arguello, Leslie Richard, Roger Krupel, Ann Gardner, Mary O'Sullivan, Teresa O'Connor, Jimmy Lasecki, Michael Keaton, Dixie Keaton, Paul Morrison, Timothy & Crista, Eddie Munoz, Leone/Zemon Family, Wayne Meredith, Tyler & Allayn Gover, Mary Ann Maynard, Paudie O'Shea, Mary Ann Huton, Mark Price, Marilyn Benack, Nick Patella, Zachary Taylor, Diana Beauchamp, Alex Cruz, Mayre Beauchamp, Manolo Mendoza, Caraline Lilly Christensen, Gregory Maldonado, Finley Price, Selena Vazquez, William & Dorothy Publick, Kelly Boyette, Cecile Esko, Rod Rockefeller, Jennifer Bolles, Eric Paswater, Betty Graves, Kimberly Lucado, Michael Leo Edwards, Melissa Publick, Sheila Johnson, Chris Puliselic, Evie Wiggins, Brian Almond, Andy Mazzo, Della Seay, Suzanne Faulk, Abbey Faulk, Lee Garner, Gail Gessner, Cindy & Robert Brown, Jeff Lineberry, Nina & Nicholas Fingar, Andrew Hayes, Jack Grantham, Christina Ruiz Grantham & Family, Mark Boone, Donald Smith, Robert Posodos, LaDonna Jensen, Gina Kim, Mariann Carothers, Lorraine Haendel, Georgia Mae Brady, Peyton Holland, Robbie Brewer, Tom Publick, Elaine Kincaid, Ryan Gover, all others who are ill, their caretakers, and those we hold dear.

Have a prayer request? Please email info@stleocatholic.org or call the church office: 336-724-0561. Names on our prayer list remain there until you request their removal. Please let us know if there is healing or resolution.

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Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 10

First Reconciliation candidate interviews —
3:00–4:30 or 6:30–7:30 PM, St. Cecilia &
Msgr. Showfety rooms

Tuesday, January 11

Cursillo Group—4:00–5:30 PM, St. Cecilia Room
Rosary Group—6:00 PM, Church
Baptismal Preparation Class—7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 12

Eucharistic Adoration—after 8:00 AM Mass—5:00 PM
Morning Bible Study—9:30–11:15 AM
Scriptural Rosary—11:30 AM, Church
RCIA—6:30–8:00 PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room
Choir Rehearsal—7:00–8:30 PM, Church

Thursday, January 13

Men's Gospel Group—7:00–7:45 AM, St. Cecilia Rm.
St. Monica Novena—9:00–9:45 AM, Church

Friday, January 14

Men's Cursillo—7:00–8:00 AM, BBPC
Confessions—11:15–11:45 AM, Church

Saturday, January 15

Confessions—8:30 AM & 4:00 PM, Church
Cursillo Group—9:00 AM, St. Cecilia Room
First Reconciliation Celebration—10:00 AM, Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday after the
8:00 AM Mass

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Women's Group

Mondays at 7:30 PM. On the first Monday we pray the rosary together; for the rest of the month we read a book and discuss. New members are always welcome! Contact Bethany at bethany.fischer23@gmail.com.

Men's Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 8:00 PM. For information, email Michael at hubbard.mc427@gmail.com.

The deadline for bulletin announcements is 10 days before the Sunday of publication. Send information to mmkyodzis@stleocatholic.org.



Please contact the parish office to register for a Baptismal Preparation Class and schedule a Baptism.

NOTE: You must register before the class and date of Baptism. You may also visit our website at stleocatholic.org for more information and to complete a *Baptismal Information Form*.

Upcoming Baptism Times, 11:00 AM

January 29 • February 19 & 26 • April 23
May 21 & 28 • June 11 & 25 • July 23 & 30
August 20 & 27 • September 10 & 24
October 22 & 29 • November 12 & 19

Baptismal Preparation Classes, 7:00 PM

January 11 • February 1 • March 1 • April 5 • May 3
June 7 • July 12 • August 2 • September 6
October 4 • November 1 • December 6

Live the Christmas Message: Join in “9 Days for Life”

In 2022, let's resolve to keep the message of Christmas all year long. Through the Octave of Christmas, we celebrated the arrival of Our Redeemer and the courage and generosity of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, to say “yes” to God in bringing Him into this world.

Our Lady responded to God with an open heart, following where He led her. Each of us is also called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. In the same way Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example this month is to join **9 Days for Life**, a novena for the protection of human life. The novena begins **Wednesday, January 19 and ends Thursday, January 27**. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

For the novena prayers, visit 9daysforlife.com.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

January 9	Classes resume, 9:00 AM
January 16	Class, 9:00 AM
January 23	Class, 9:00 AM
January 30	Class, 9:00 AM
February 6	Class, 9:00 AM
February 13	Class, 9:00 AM
February 20	NO CLASSES

* Pick up children after class at 10:15 AM.



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stleocatholic.org/life-teen



YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge and Life Teen resume **January 9, 6:00-8:00 PM** in the Youth Room, for our **Spring Kick-off: Humans vs. Zombies Nerf Tag**. Bring a nerf gun if you have one, but we will have plenty to share; and bring \$3 for pizza.

On **Monday, January 10**, registration opens for summer opportunities! Sign up for Steubenville Atlanta, our mission trip, and our Works of Mercy weeks. For dates and more information, visit the **Life Teen** or **Edge** pages on the parish website, www.stleocatholic.org

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First reconciliation candidate interviews are
Monday, January 10, 2022

in the St. Cecilia and Msgr. Showfety rooms.
Please attend one of the two offered sessions:

3:00-4:30 PM — OR — 6:30-7:30 PM.

Candidates will be required to review the Reconciliation information and assigned prayers.

First Reconciliation Celebration
Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 10:00 AM

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50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte

The Diocese of Charlotte celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022. Bishop Jugis is proclaiming a yearlong celebration and encouraging everyone to “come together in celebration of our unity as one family of God.”

The celebration will include special events and initiatives at parishes, schools and ministries — as well as a pilgrimage and charitable outreach initiative in communities across the western half of North Carolina.

Bishop Jugis will kick off our celebration on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022** — 50 years from the date of our inception — with an opening Mass and Holy Hour at St. Patrick Cathedral in Charlotte. **The 8:00 AM Mass on January 12** at St. Leo will mark the beginning of our parish-based anniversary celebration.

If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate our events in this special year, please contact Mary Beth Young at mbyoung@stleocatholic.org

Catechesis



The Baptism of Christ (1665) by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, *Gemälde-Galerie*, Berlin.

Why was Jesus Baptized?

Jesus begins his public ministry by having Himself baptized in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. John had chosen a spot where the water pooled nicely, along a major trade route that attracted a steady flow of people from diverse cultures and walks of life. Notably, it was near Jericho, where Joshua first entered the Promised Land. John's followers could leave the desert and pass through the water into the new life promised us. Their baptism was a public statement of commitment to conversion.

Since Jesus was without sin, why did he choose to be baptized? St. John was reluctant to do it, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" (Matt 3:14) But Jesus replied that it was "to fulfill all righteousness" and voluntarily submitted Himself. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1223-1225) Just as Jesus, though sinless, would atone for our sins on the Cross, He repented for our sins in His baptism and set the example for us.

After His Resurrection, He tells the apostles, "Go... make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matt 28:19-20)

We could never repent of our sins without the repentance of Christ. We must repent through Him, with Him, and in Him, first by Baptism, the first of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church.

— MMKY

Why do we Celebrate the Baptism of the Lord in the Christmas Season?

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan River invites us to contemplate an adult Jesus. We have just celebrated His birth on Christmas and His manifestation to all nations in the Epiphany; now, this feast celebrates both truths — that He is the Incarnation and that the world may know He is the Son of God. It also presents the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all part of the event that consecrates Jesus as the Christ. (Ratzinger, Joseph. *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury (2007), p. 18) It closes the story of Jesus' early life and ties the proverbial bow on the Christmas season in the Church. Next week, in Ordinary Time, we will begin to explore in Sacred Scripture more of his adult life in ministry.

— MMKY

“Through baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in His own baptism anticipates His death and resurrection. The Christian must ... go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with Him.” (CCC 537)

On Baptism

How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried, therefore, with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” (Rom 6:2-4)

Baptism is the gateway into life in the Spirit and opens the way to receive the other Sacraments. It is a regeneration; its waters signify both purification and renewal.

The Forgiveness of Sins

When we receive the Sacrament of Baptism, all sin is forgiven, both original sin and personal sins. All ties to darkness are broken, and the whole person is made pleasing to God.

Nevertheless, the temporal consequences of original sin remain, such as suffering, sickness, death, and concupiscence. (CCC 1264) That last one, concupiscence, means an inclination toward sin; it is a rebellion of the flesh against the spirit. Yet these consequences are not sins in themselves; on the contrary, they become useful in Christ as opportunities for spiritual victories and everlasting rewards.

Renewal

When Jesus was baptized by St. John in the Jordan, He revealed the renewal brought about by Baptism. Regarding that event, St. Hilary of Poitiers, whose feast day is Thursday, January 13, taught:

Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God. (see CCC 537)

At the moment of Baptism, sanctifying grace enters our souls and allows us to partake in the divine life. God enters our souls in a new way, but sanctifying grace is not God Himself. Rather, it is “the gratuitous gift of His life that God makes to us; it is infused by the Holy Spirit into the soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify it.” (CCC 2023).

Sanctifying grace enables the baptized to develop the virtues of faith, hope, and love; to live in the Spirit and listen to His promptings; to possess His gifts; and to grow in moral goodness. (CCC 12666)

By our own power, we are incapable of gaining any merit; but through sanctifying grace and by becoming members of the Body of Christ, we become, like branches grafted onto the vine, capable of bearing good fruit, so long as we abide in Christ. (John 15:1-17)

— J. Patrick Yodzis
www.heartofthechurch.net

How to Choose Godparents



Godparents play a special role in the life of a new Christian. In the Catholic Church, a pair of godparents may include one male and one female. Together with the parents, they present a person to the Church for baptism in our ancient custom and support the person in leading a Christian life.

The Church requires godparents to have the aptitude and the intention of fulfilling this role as a model of the Christian lifestyle when they are designated by the parents. They must be at least 16 years old, baptized and confirmed as Roman Catholics, and they must already have received Holy Eucharist. They may not be a parent of the person to be baptized, and they must live a life of faith. **If they are not St. Leo parishioners, they must complete a Diocesan form affirming their faith and morals and the dates they received their sacraments.**

(Code of Canon Law, 874)

A non-Catholic Christian may not serve as a godparent but may stand as a witness to the baptism if there is a Catholic godparent. A baptized Catholic who is sacramentally or canonically ineligible to serve as a godparent may not serve as a Christian witness but is welcome to attend the baptism. Ineligibility stems from renouncing the faith in favor of another church community or entity; or having a baptism that is not recognized by the Catholic Church.

A godparent who lives a life of faith is one who sincerely believes and strives to put into practice the Word of God as taught by the Catholic Church. The godparent prayerfully assists at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. If married, it is in accordance with the requirements of the Catholic Church.

If no friend or family member fits the requirements, look to fellow parishioners. The role of a godparent is not to rear your child should you pass away, but rather to help you share the faith and model the Christian way of life in the Catholic Church. It's important to choose wisely and well.

— MMKY



St. Peter Orseolo Feast: January 10

As we put away our beautiful gold altar frontal in the church and replace it with a green one to mark Ordinary Time in the liturgical year, it is interesting to note that the Feast of St. Peter Orseolo falls on the date

of the switchover. He is believed to be the first in the Church to install a gold altar cloth. As Doge of Venice when St. Mark's Cathedral burned to the ground, he rebuilt it from his personal wealth and purchased the cloth from Constantinople for the dedication. Later in his life, he fled to solitude at the Monastery of St. Michel de Cuxa in the Pyrenees, where he became a model Benedictine monk. He is buried near the monastery in Prades, France.

OF NOTE: The monastery fell into disrepair after the French Revolution, but large fragments of it, including its colonnade, are displayed at The Cloisters Museum in New York.
— MMKY



Portion of Ghent Altarpiece (1432) by Hubert & Jan van Eyck

MANY THANKS!

As our Christmas season comes to an end, we wish to acknowledge everyone who added time and talent to create a meaningful and holy experience in our liturgies. From our wonderful priests, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and decorators from St. Dorothy's Guild to our choir, cantors and instrumentalists, your participation has truly brought us joy in celebrating Our Lord's birth. For that, we offer heartfelt thanks.

Stephen Stringer, DMA
Director of Sacred Music
& Liturgy

Community Outreach Delivered Joy to 72 Families for Christmas

Through your generous donations and the support of numerous volunteers, our parish was able to distribute Christmas dinners and gifts to 72 families. Parishioners donated goods and money, shopped for items with the



monetary donations, selected presents on the wish lists of families in need, and gathered December 11-12 to sort the items, package the meals, and wrap presents with our Community Outreach Committee. Members of St. Dorothy's Guild made and donated a table centerpiece for each family that weekend as well to deliver with the meals and gifts.



“Watching our parishioners do things for people they never get to meet is heartwarming. St. Leo parishioners always come through to help others through our Outreach projects. It's amazing. Every time, it is amazing!” said Outreach chair Marjorie Luckhart.

Volunteers delivered the parcels on December 13 to three local organizations: Catholic Charities and Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR) in Winston-Salem and Room at the Inn in Greensboro. Many thanks to all who participated to make this effort meaningful and joy-filled for the parish and the recipients.

St. Dorothy's Guild

An Apostolate
of Beauty



St. Dorothy's Guild formed at St. Leo in February 2021 to bring more of God's beautiful creation into our worship spaces. The flowers come from local sources, and the greenery is foraged from the homes of parishioners and friends in the area. Together, the guild members prepare and condition the flowers and greenery for each project, then work together to prepare arrangements, wreaths, swags, and acres of garland to adorn the church for the glory of God.

The cut stems are a sacrifice of beauty, time, talent and treasure to Our Lord. The work performed by the hands of the guild members serves as a prayer for the parish. With each snip and motion, the guild members pray for the people who offered stems and branches for their use, the people who donated to the effort, and for the collective needs of our parish family. The result is a restful, beautiful experience of Our Lord's glory and mercy when we enter the church for Mass or a prayerful visit.

Many thanks to the guild members who decorated our church for Christmas and throughout the past year and to all of the volunteers who came to help install the greenery. For information about joining our a multi-generational guild or to offer stems and branches from your home, please contact Mary Margaret Yodzis at mmkyodzis@stleocatholic.org



OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, January 12
9:00-11:00 AM
333 Springdale Avenue
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**Tuesday, January 11 is
our first meeting in the New Year.**

We meet every 2nd & 4th TUESDAY
7:00 PM, St. Cecilia Room.

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336-724-0561 or
lriviera-williams@stleocatholic.org

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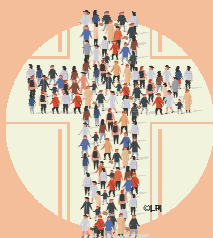
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you need assistance, call the Parish Office at (336)
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Serve as a Sacristan

Sacristans prepare the church for liturgies. As a liturgical function, it requires the preparation of books and items needed for the priest to say Mass. It also involves light cleaning in the church and sacristy with a team of other volunteers. If you are interested in service to the church through this ministry, please contact Sandra Camastra at sccamastra@gmail.com or (336) 408-5464.



Mark your calendar!

The nationwide “9 Days for Life” novena begins Wednesday, January 19. For the prayers and more information, see 9daysforlife.com

St. Monica Novena

Join us on **Thursday mornings, 9:00-9:45AM**, in the church to entrust the petitions of our parish family to the intercession of St. Monica within a beautiful Novena and other prayers. *If you can't join us, leave your prayer intentions in the marked box in the church, near the statue of Our Lady.*

“Nothing is far from God.” — St. Monica



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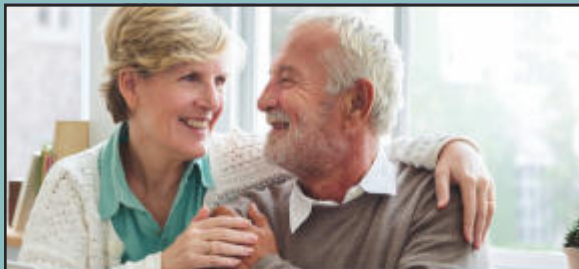
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