



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held  
in the St. Dominic Savio Center  
to the right of the school.

### MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently closed for repairs.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will  
take place every day from 9am till 9pm in  
the St. Dominic Savio Center, except during  
weekend Mass times.

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### 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. ©LPi

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 10

8:30 am Dennis Pollard, Sr., John Anders

### Tuesday, January 11

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, January 12

8:30 am Religious Vocations

### Thursday, January 13 • St. Hilary

8:30 am All Souls

### Friday, January 14

8:30 am A.J. Melancon, Joan Melancon, Lenorah Smith

### Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Living & deceased members of the Carmen & Ronald Perilloux Family, All Souls, All Souls of Babies, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Living & deceased members of the Eula McMurry Family, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Special Intention

### Sunday, January 16 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am All Souls of Babies, Living & deceased members of the P.J. & Joyce Bread Family, Lester Savoie, Steven W. Mowers, John Snyder, Sr., Angelica Asencio, Clara Pineda, Lidia Espinal  
10:30 am Bridgette Oubre  
3:00 pm (en espanol) Henry Harris, Jr.  
7:00 pm Our Parishioners



### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In memory of Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, and Conrad & Betty Hymel

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### Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth Leadership Award program offers all Louisiana high school seniors who are practicing Catholics the opportunity to apply for this award. If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application at the Parish Office or print one at the link below. **Deadline to submit your application is January 21st.** For more info, visit [www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla](http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla).

### Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

will take place on  
**Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00pm**  
at St. Joseph Church in New Orleans.

*This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.*

*The celebration is open to couples married between 1992 - 1997.*

To register, please call the Parish Office before January 24th.

Please note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass, and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.



This three-day virtual retreat will help you cultivate a lifelong relationship with the Word of God by learning directly from the hosts of *The Bible in a Year Podcast*: Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. For information and to purchase a retreat ticket, visit [ascensionpress.com/pages/bible-in-a-year-retreat](http://ascensionpress.com/pages/bible-in-a-year-retreat).

### "Roe v. Wade: The Real Story You've Never Been Told"

will be shown on  
**Friday, January 14, 2022**  
from 7:00-9:00pm  
at St. Benilde School Cafeteria  
Metairie, LA



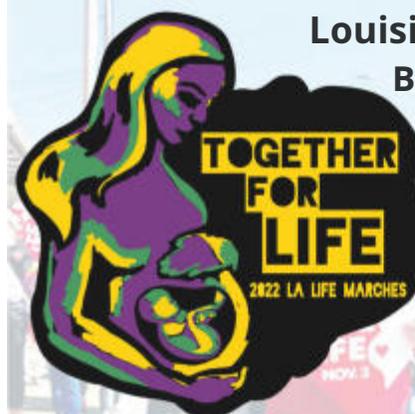
Join us as we take a deeper look into the parties involved on both sides of this landmark case. There is no cost to attend. Light snacks and refreshments will be available. St. Benilde Catholic Church is located at 1901 Division Street, Metairie, LA. 70001.



The 2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 12, 2022** at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. All men of our parish are invited to attend! The day will include empowering speakers, prayer, Mass, and reconciliation to help men reflect on what it means to be "Sons of the Father." We hope this day fires up the men of our parish to grow in their love for Christ, their families, one another, and to take their place in the life of the Church! Tickets are \$45. Light breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt are included. Vouchers are also available to purchase registrations for a friend or loved one. They make a great gift for the men of your life! To register and learn more about the 2022 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference, visit [nolacatholicmen.com](http://nolacatholicmen.com).

### Louisiana Life March Baton Rouge

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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Monday, January 10

6:00 pm Parish School of Religion  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council - Parish Office

### Tuesday, January 11

### Wednesday, January 12

### Thursday, January 13

11:00 am Rosary for Peace - St. Dominic Savio Center

### Friday, January 14

### Saturday, January 15 • Team 3

### Sunday, January 16 • Team 3

8:30 am Altar Society Monthly Mass - St. Dominic Savio Center

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

## Kids Corner

### 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.

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## PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



### Come Let Us Adore!

Adoration is being held in the St. Dominic Savio Center (the temporary Church) every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm, except when Mass is being celebrated on weekends. All Committed Adorers are asked to continue Adoration even if your scheduled hour is not between 9am and 9pm. Choose an hour and continue your commitment, please!



## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

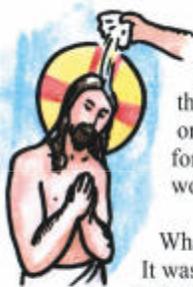
**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

## Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?  
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



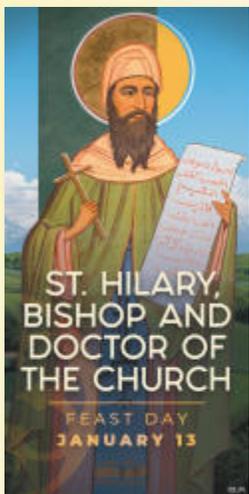
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### Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

John	Water	Holy Spirit
Messiah	Powerful	Fire
Baptizing	Sandals	Jesus

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

**St. Hilary of Poitiers**  
**Feast Day 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. ©LPi



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**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. ©LPi

# RESPONDING TO THE CALL

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

## 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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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