



The Baptism of the Lord

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
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Welcome New Parishioners To The Prince of Peace Family

**Welcome to our Visitors and New Parishioners.
May you find faith fellowship, love and peace.**

**Registration Sheets may be found on the table in
the Gathering area of Church.**

The Staff

Father Callistus Onwere: Pastor

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Ministry of Sacristans

Beth Patterson: Art & Environment

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closed all day Thursday

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Mass in Creole

**Last Sunday of Month: 12: 30 p.m. Mass for
Nigerian Catholics (**Suspended during Covid**)**

Holy Day of Obligation:

**The Mass Schedule
will be announced in Bulletin**

Weekday Mass/Rosary Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Rosary

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Friday: 8:10 a.m.

First Fridays

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

or by appointment.

PRAYER REQUESTS



**St. Joseph,
foster
father of
Jesus,
Pray for
us!**

Please remember the sick in your prayers!

*Marie Ochs, Victoria Stacy, Haley Rose Matacale,
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Kendal, Paulette Hammond, Jonathon, (King's Grandson),
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Monday	I Sm 1:1-8	Mt 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20	Mt 1: 21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20	Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11	Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1	Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Is 62:1-5	Jn 2:1-11

MASS READINGS OF THE WEEK

ALTAR FLOWERS



The Altar flowers are in loving
memory of Bill Redmond
By Ann Redmond

Flower Notice

The parish will no longer provide flowers each weekend. If anyone would like to provide flowers for a weekend in memory of a loved one, the fee is \$40. Please send a check to the Rectory Office with a large note that says, **"For Altar Flowers"**.

Please write who the Mass is in memory of and who it is by.

Once received, a Mass date will be assigned.

St. Gregory of Nyssa – Jan 10th

The son of two saints, Basil and Emilia, young Gregory was raised by his older brother, Saint Basil the Great, and his sister, Macrina, in modern-day Turkey. Gregory's success in his studies suggested great things were ahead for him. After becoming a professor of rhetoric, he was persuaded to devote his learning and efforts to the Church. By then married, Gregory went on to study for the priesthood and become ordained (this at a time when celibacy was not a matter of law for priests).

He was elected Bishop of Nyssa in 372, a period of great tension over the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Briefly arrested after being falsely accused of embezzling Church funds, Gregory was restored to his see in 378, an act met with great joy by his people.

It was after the death of his beloved brother Basil, that Gregory really came into his own. He wrote with great effectiveness against Arianism and other questionable doctrines, gaining a reputation as a defender of orthodoxy. He was sent on missions to counter other heresies and held a position of prominence at the Council of Constantinople. His fine reputation stayed with him for the remainder of his life, but over the centuries it gradually declined as the authorship of his writings became less and less certain. But, thanks to the work of scholars in the 20th century, his stature is once again appreciated. Indeed, Saint Gregory of Nyssa is seen not simply as a pillar of orthodoxy but as one of the great contributors to the mystical tradition in Christian spirituality and to monasticism itself.

Background on the Gospel Reading By Loyola Press *Sunday Connection* *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.



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Friday, January 14

March for Life Pre-March Kick Off

5 p.m. Adoration, 6 p.m. Mass, 7p.m. Living Rosary at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine

Saturday, January 15

March for Life St. Augustine

Theme: **Heal Our Wounded Culture: Choose Love**

- Choose Life 9 a.m. Mass with Bishop Estevez
- 10:30 a.m. Speakers and March begins at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche.
- Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus from 12 to 4 p.m.
- Questions? Contact May Oliver at (904)262-3200, ext 159

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious Education Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Center for students in K-High School.

If you have any questions, call Terrie Curtis @ 733-6011 or 733-6860.

Christian Formation Program

January Schedule

- 9 CFP Classes**
- 16 CFP Classes**
- 23 CFP Classes**
- 30 CFP Classes**



On January 16th Prince of Peace will conduct a Rose Procession at 10:15 am in the Church commemorating children who have lost their lives to abortion. 49 individuals or families will carry a rose to the sanctuary to represent each year that abortion has been legal.

Our CFP students will lead this procession.

We also encourage parishioners and their family members to participate.

Three tips to boost your prayer

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

Become aware of God's presence. It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

Bring a good book. St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture,



Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

Be honest. It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

from Scripture

Luke 4:21-30, God's will is unexpected

In this Gospel, Jesus returns to Nazareth after launching His public ministry. He announced He is the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy. But then comes a twist: Jesus recounts a time when great prophets were sent to call Israel to repentance and were ignored and persecuted.

The response of faith God was looking for in His Chosen People was found elsewhere, in the Gentiles. Jesus' listeners doubted that He was really the Messiah and were deeply insulted at being reminded that "foreigners" had received God's favor instead of them. In anger, they threw Jesus out of the synagogue and tried to

cast Him off a cliff. He passed unharmed through their midst. God's will can surprise us. For



example, He willed that the Messiah-King be a local carpenter. God's favor extended beyond the Chosen People to include Gentiles, who were considered outsiders. Sometimes, we assume we know how God works, and lose faith when He does something that seems illogical. We can pray for the faith to see Jesus as He really is and trust Him, even if He does the unexpected.

Feasts & Celebrations

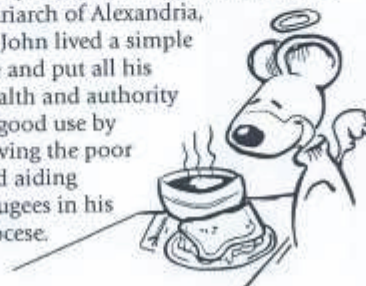
Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, and also Jesus, as true God and true Man.

Jan. 9 – Baptism of the Lord. Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. The Heavens opened up and God the Father spoke, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

Jan. 14 – St. Macrina the Elder (340). St. Macrina was related to St. Basil the Elder and St. Macrina the

Younger. She and her husband were forced to flee during the Diocletian persecutions and endured many hardships. After her return, she helped raise her grandchildren Saints Gregory of Nyssa and Basil the Great.

Jan. 23 – St. John the Almsgiver (616). Despite being a noble and the Patriarch of Alexandria, St. John lived a simple life and put all his wealth and authority to good use by serving the poor and aiding refugees in his diocese.



Q & A Can you suggest a New Year's resolution to grow in Holiness?

All Christians are called to holiness. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.



Daily prayer. God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

Weekly Mass. The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

Monthly Confession. Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness.

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Grace

Grace is a participation in the life of God. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life: by Baptism the Christian participates in the grace of God, the Head of his Body. As an "adopted son" he can henceforth call God "Father," in union with the only Son. He receives the life of the Spirit who breathes Charity into him and who forms the Church.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday 8:00 AM	9th	✠	Albert Ensell, 5th By: Hope Orsi
Sunday 10:30 AM.	9th	●✠	The People of Prince of Peace
Monday	10th	✠	For the Souls in Purgatory By: Ted St. Martin
Tuesday	11th	●	The Sick of Prince of Peace By: Ted St. Martin
Wednesday	12th	✠	Sister Marie Bruna Boucard By Grandnephew Pierre Marie Boucard
Thursday	13th	✠	Dr. Frank H. Kemp By: Mary Kemp
Friday	14th	✠	Souls in Purgatory By: Clarisse Birregah
Saturday	15th	✠	Robert King By: Barbara & Pat Remich

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Money Mailed or Collected 12/27/21- 01/02/22

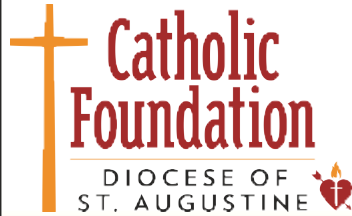
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Liturgical Supplies	\$230.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$103.00

Total \$11,710.00

Respect Life Collection

The Respect Life Collection will be the weekend of January 15th & 16th. Your donation supports local pregnancy resource centers and parish-based respect life activities in partnership with Walking With Moms In Need.

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