



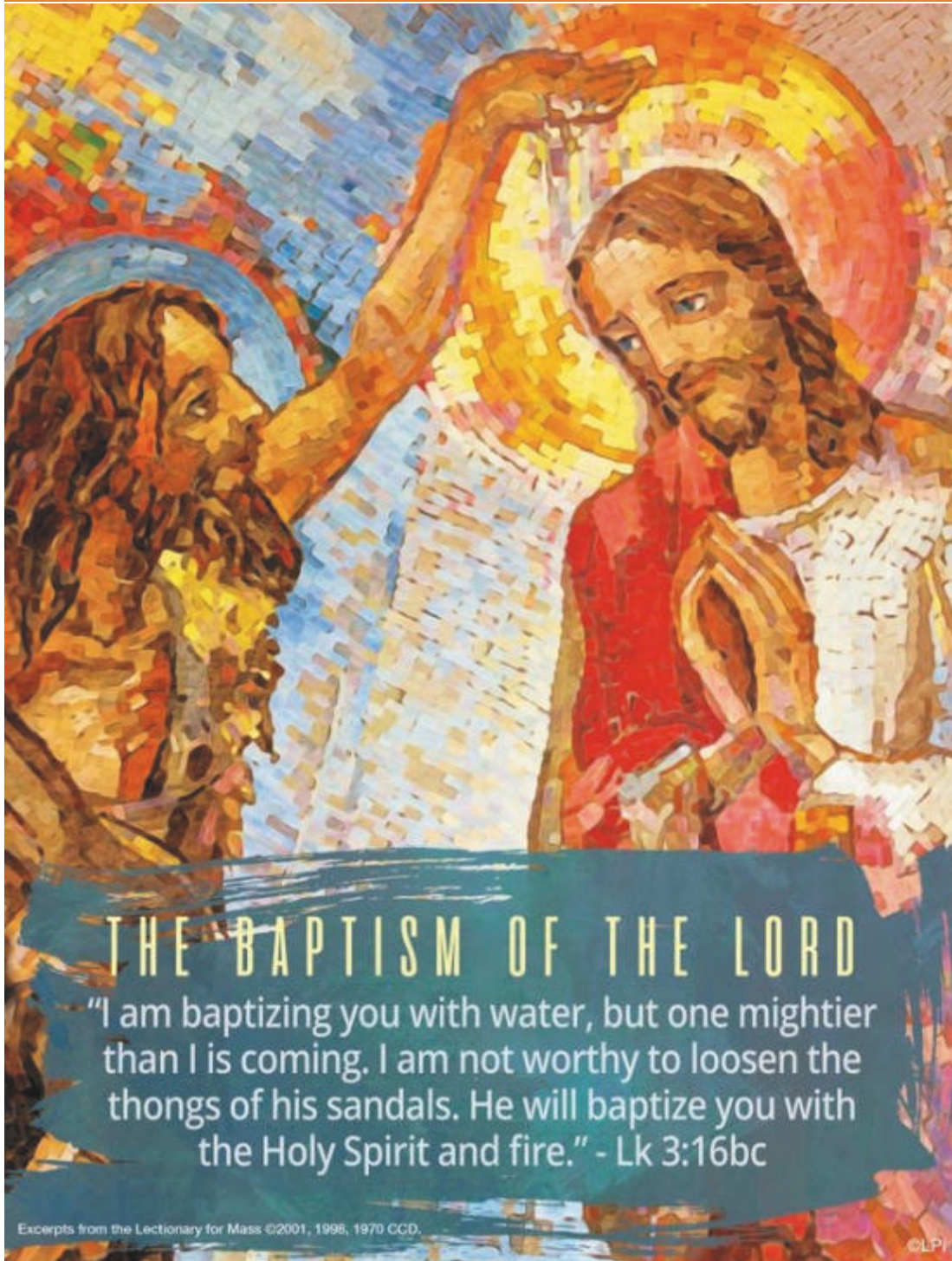
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CATHOLIC CHURCH



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday,
January 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday
9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm

Sunday Masses

8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 pm—3:30 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday

9:30 am—3:00 pm
Livestreamed

HOLY ROSARY

Monday-Friday

9:30 am

Thursday

Livestreamed

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am—Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am—Noon



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Welcome

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on beautiful Siesta Key!

Whether you are a full-time parishioner, seasonal resident, or just visiting us for a short time, you are very welcome to our glorious faith community.

St. Michael's parish has been serving the Siesta Key community for over 60 years. What started as a Mission Church serving just 40 local Catholic families has grown exponentially over the decades. This growth correlates to Siesta Key's rise in popularity as a tourist destination due to its consistent ranking as one of the top beaches in the nation.

Today an estimated 400,000 Catholics visit Siesta Key each year, and our parish is now ministering to the faithful from all over the world. We have also become a popular place for not only "Destination Weddings" but also "Destination Baptisms", and other family events.

Feel free to visit our website for more information on our parish ([stmichaelssiesta.com](#)), download our mobile app (instructions on website), follow us on social media or view our Masses via Live Stream through our YouTube channel.

We are blessed to have you with us.

Fr. Michael

Fr. Michael Cannon
Pastor



WEEKLY COLLECTION (JAN 1-2)

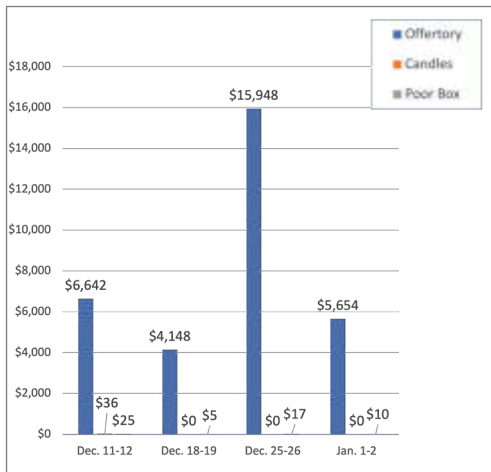
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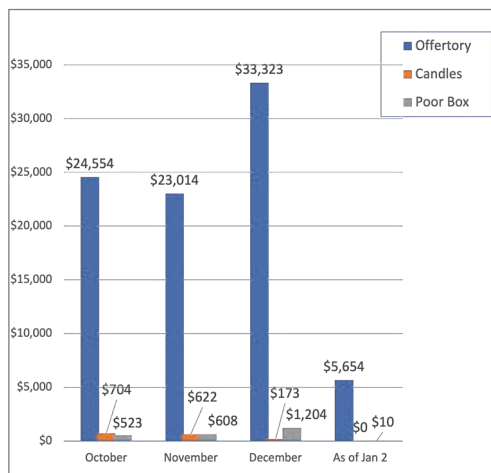
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WEEKLY OVERVIEW



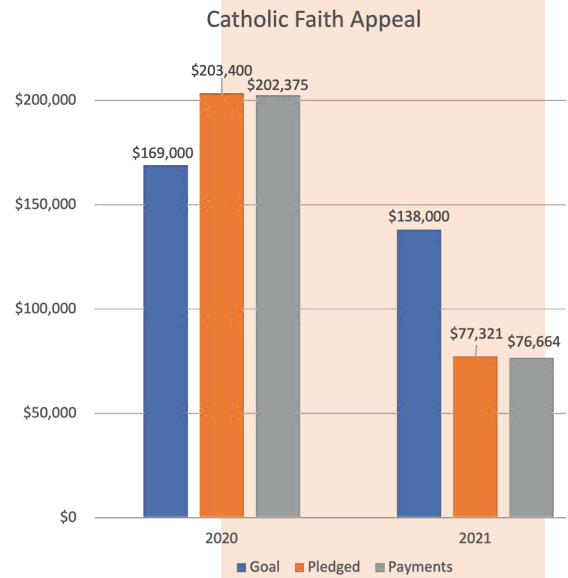
MONTHLY OVERVIEW



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

CFA	2020	2021
Goal	\$169,000	\$138,000
Pledged	\$203,400	\$88,271*
Payments	\$202,375	\$87,934*
% of Goal	120.36%	63.96%*

* as of December 16, 2021



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Women's Guild
2022 KICK OFF

REMINDER: The first Women's Guild Mass and Luncheon of 2022 will be on Monday, January 10. Mass will be held at 11:00am and lunch will follow at Mellow Mushroom on the trail. If you have yet to make a reservation and still have an interest in joining, please contact Eileen Walsh at 551-206-4264. The price for lunch is \$20 per person.



**NEXT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ZOOM UPDATE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 7PM**

**LINK WILL BE SENT OUT VIA FLOCKNOTE
OR CONNECT FROM OUR WEBSITE**



Eucharistic Adorers Needed

We continue to have a need for Eucharistic Adorers every Tuesday, especially 11am - 1pm. Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

For questions or to sign up for a specific time, contact Karen O'Neal at 216-990-2912.



In need of prayers for yourself or a loved one? Call the St. Michael's Parish Prayer Line:

Contact Anna DeFelice:
941-378-9944
adefelice@comcast.net

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Usher	Lenny Myers	317-437-4317
Witness to LOVE	Doug & Julie Lumpkin	941-349-2228
Women's Guild	Kathy Caltagirone	941-349-1281

BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Club resumed last week following the Christmas holidays. The club meets every Thursday at 1pm under the tent.

If you would like to play bridge or would like more information, please contact Rose Marie Hochendoner at 941-346-2853.



**BLESS
THE LORD,**
in my soul.
PSALM 104







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Women's Emmaus Retreat

Hosted by: Epiphany Cathedral Parish
Date: March 11-13, 2022
Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Venice, FL

More information will be published closer to the retreat. If you have any questions, contact Donna Vodraska at donnavodraska@aol.com, 941-496-4464 or 630-336-0918 (cell)

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 30 - February 5

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School is the only Catholic high school that offers academic excellence and faith-based education in Sarasota and Manatee counties. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance, and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. Please contact Rene Hebda for a campus tour and admission information, or Amy Gorman in the advancement office for donations at 941-379-2647.

ONE LORD

ONE FAITH

ONE BAPTISM

AVE MARIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 22, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
 Organized/Sponsored By: Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry; Ave Maria University (AMU); Community Pregnancy Clinics Inc. (CPCI)
 Featuring Pro-Life Speaker: Pam Stenzel
 Special Guest: Bishop Frank Dewane, Diocese of Venice

Each year, for forty-nine years, pro-life Americans have steadfastly remained strong in their conviction and commitment to standup for the protection of the unborn. Their efforts will not waver nor cease. It is our firm conviction as Catholics that, "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270). This conviction has been a part of the Church's constant witness since the Apostolic age and has inspired millions to defend human life at every stage.

On January 22nd, members of the Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Ministry, along with Ave Maria University (AMU) and Community Pregnancy Clinics Inc. (CPCI), will be organizing a March For Life in recognition of the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death. All are welcome to join us for this first time event in Ave Maria. We encourage both young and old, singles and families, ministry groups, etc., to join us. The march begins from the AMU football field. For more information on registering small or large groups, gathering area, route, speakers, etc. contact Sharon Levesque at: amprespectlifeministry@gmail.com.



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COUPLES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

February 12 and February 19, 2022



All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 12th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, and February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11am. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.



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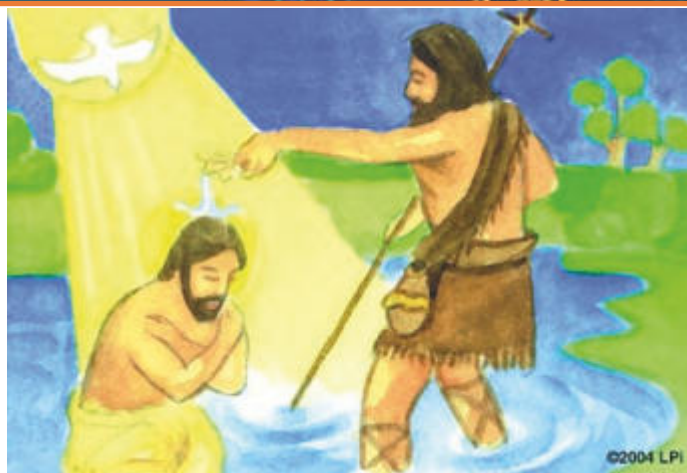
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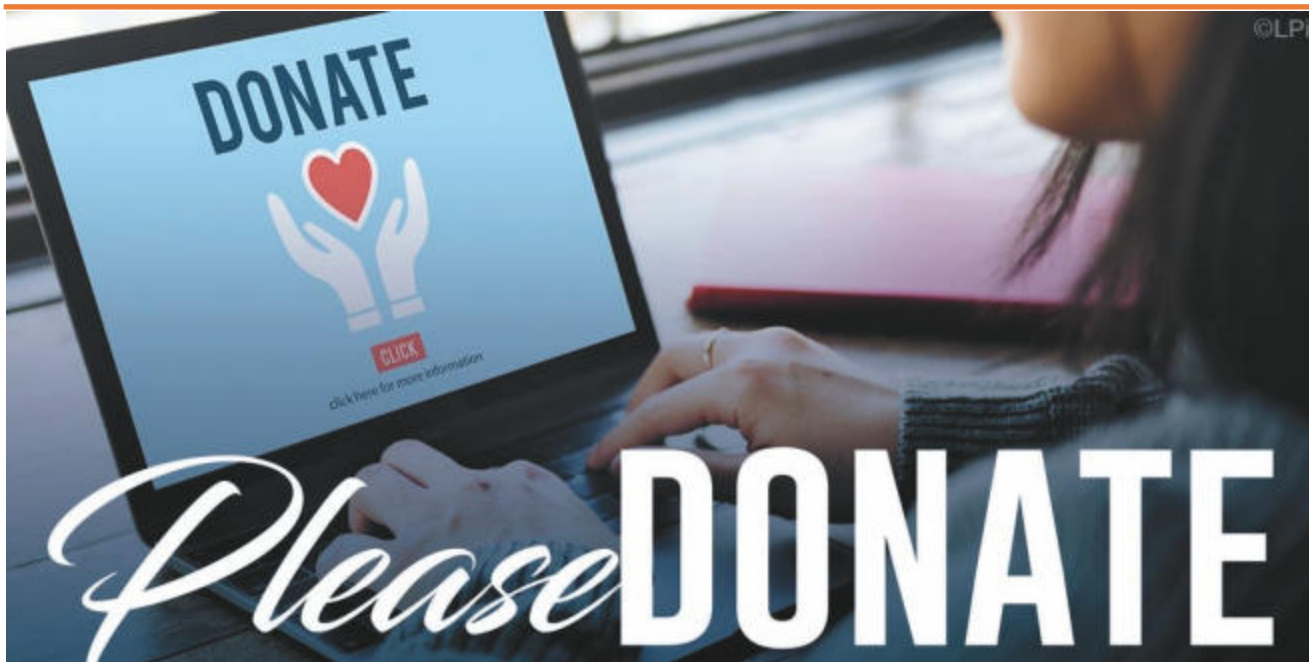


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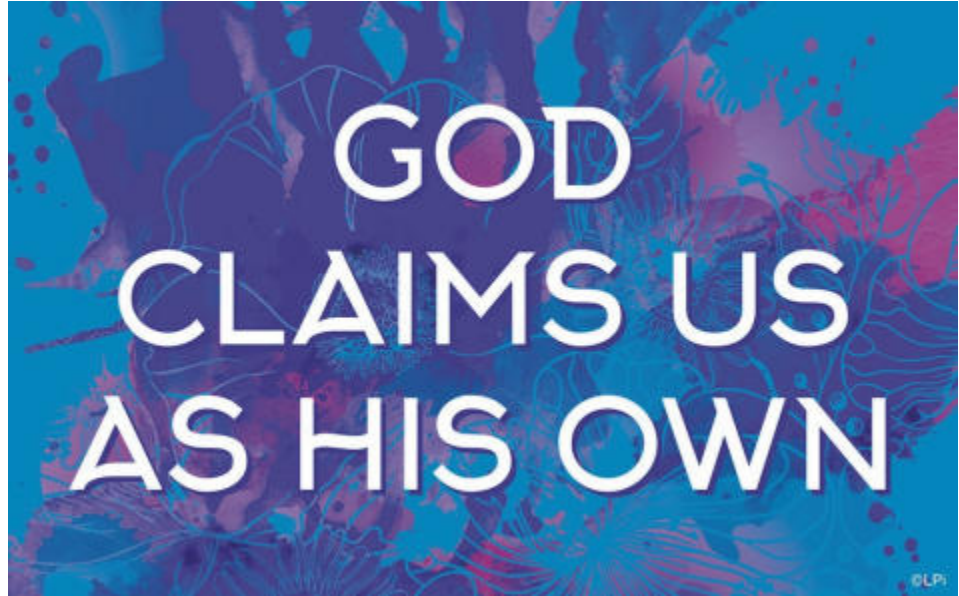
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“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 won-



derful 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

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

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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

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.



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.”

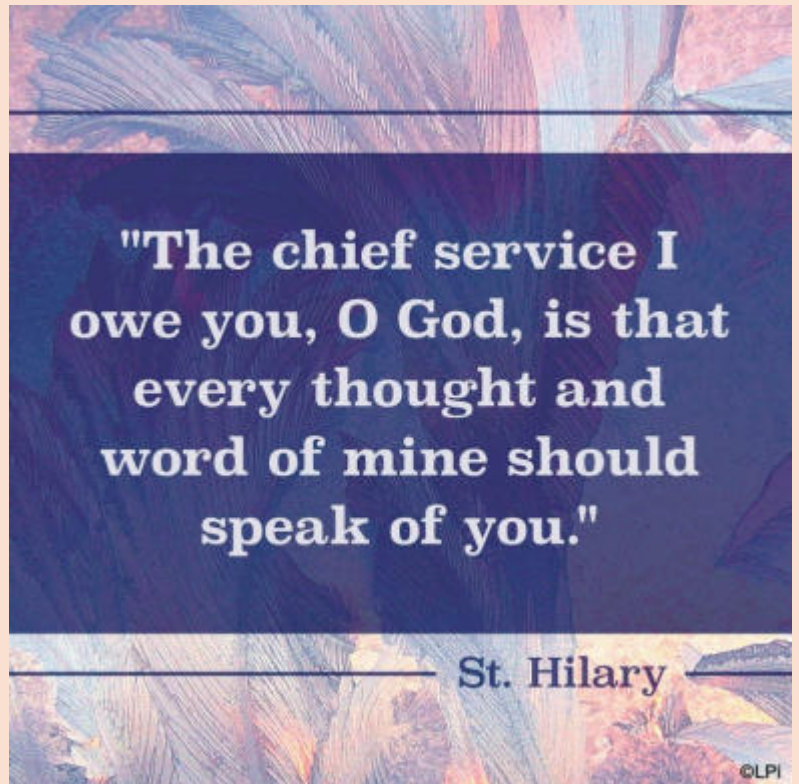
Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

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



What is the significance of a Christening or Baptismal bib? Is it something new?

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 pro-

found 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.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Saturday:**
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sanctuary Candle:** + Joseph & Patricia LaGrasso by Frank & Joyce LaGrasso
- Flowers:** + Sean Snyder by Michael & Cyndi Snyder
- Sunday:**
- 8am:** + Jerry Agron by Ralph & Karen Basile
Leela Piotrowski by Piotrowski Family
- 10am:** + L. Wayne Palmer by Lizzy & Warren Harakal
+ Alfredo Gonzalez by Lizzy & Warren Harakal
- Monday:** + Dr. Jean Haar by Dr. Marie Kunz
- Tuesday:** + Mary Mercurio by Mercurio Family
+ George DeMaris by Patricia Healey
- Wednesday:** + Dawn LaGrasso Cichoski by Bob & Sharon Southwell
- Thursday:** + Amy Thompson by Family
- Friday:** + Nickolas Morgia by Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Renzi
- Saturday:** + Jayne McCann by Joseph McCann
+ Geraldine Tusch by Denis & Maureen Keyes
- Next Sunday:**
- 8am:** + Thomas Varilek by Mary Beth & Jack Murphy
St. Michael's Parishioners
- 10am:** + Laurie Gadsden by Lee & Ted Trespass

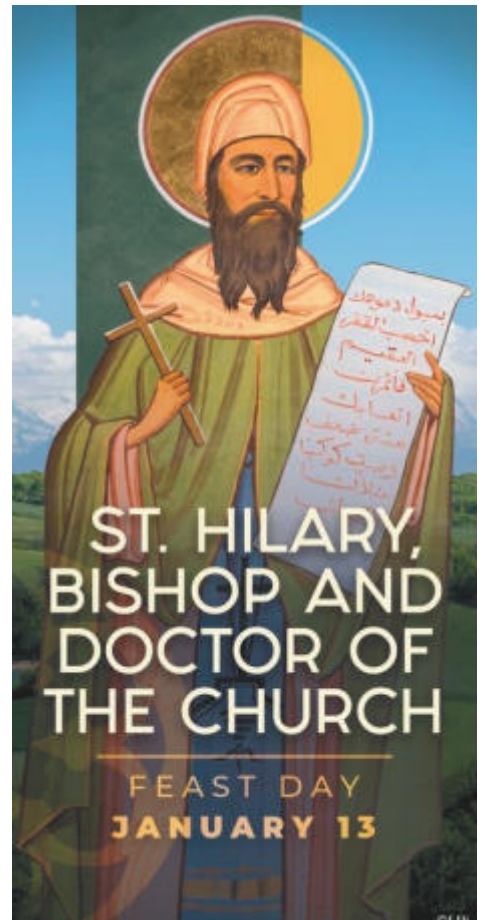
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View Mass on TV: Sundays: 9:30 am **Comcast:** Channel 9; **Verizon:** Channel 4

Mass Celebrants (subject to change)

Sat. Jan. 15: 4:00pm: Fr. Mike Guarino

Sun. Jan. 16: 8:00am: Fr. Michael Cannon 10:00am: Fr. Michael Cannon



SAINT OF THE WEEK

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.

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