

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

*A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
— Matthew 3:17*

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,087.00	\$1,046.00
Number of Families contributing	81	46
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (1 Week)	\$4,494.00	\$4,318.00
Received to Date	\$2,087.00	\$1,046.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$2,047.00	\$3,272.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$152.00	\$152.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$3,070.00	\$3,070.00

Four people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$208,330.00
Total Received	\$14,247.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$5.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$43.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$73.00

NEW YEARS COLLECTION totaled \$790.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 150; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 130 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 115.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus...He did not give up because of the cross...So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up.
—HEBREWS 12:2-3

There's a dance in the movie *Funny Face* in which Fred Astaire knocks a top hat off his head with a cane and catches it on his heel.

The trick looks so easy on the screen. But it took 30 tries before the camera. When Astaire picked up his hat the 29th time, we can imagine the film director saying, "Let's give up that idea!" But Astaire wasn't made that way. Nothing could make him give up on an idea if he thought it was worth doing.

What keeps me going in times of trial and discouragement? Speak to Jesus about what kept him going in such times.

Many people have thrown up their hands at a time when a little more effort and a little more patience would have achieved success.
—ELBERT HUBBARD

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedito.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS

Fr. Cherian will be attending the Annual Diocesan Convocation of Priests this Monday, January 13th to Thursday, January 16th in Charleston. In his absence Fr. Jose will take care of the Parish. Mass this Monday, January 13th will be at 10:00 A.M.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

are announced for the second time for Tommy Vincent Sherlock and Theresa Maria Gorman.

DIVINE CHILD JESUS NOVENA

will be held in the Church at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday.

FUNNY STATEMENTS

- **MONEY TALK**...It says good-bye.
- **MILLIONAIRE**...A billionaire after taxes.
- **FACE**...If your face is your fortune, you won't have to pay any income tax.
- **CAR SICKNESS**...The feeling you get every month when the payment is due.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A minister was asked to inform a man with a heart condition that he had just inherited a million dollars. Everyone was afraid the shock would cause a heart attack and the man would die.

The minister went to the man's house and said, "Joe what would you do if you inherited a million dollars?" Joe responded, "Well, Pastor, I think I would give half of it to you."

The minister fell over dead.

THE CHURCH NEEDS

- ✓ More tithes and fewer drives;
- ✓ More action and less faction;
- ✓ More workers and fewer shirkers;
- ✓ More backers and fewer slackers;
- ✓ More praying and less straying.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, all the angels and saints; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; and two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

BUMPER STICKERS

- ❖ Money is the route to all evil — send 9.95 dollars for more information.
- ❖ Support your local Search and Rescue unit. Get lost.
- ❖ Welcome to Utah. Set your watch back 20 years.
- ❖ I took an IQ test — it came back negative.
- ❖ When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping.
- ❖ Adults are just kids with money.
- ❖ Stupidity is not a crime so you're free to go.

TEAMWORK

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

WHICH ARE YOU IN THE CHURCH?

- An attender or an absenter?
- A power or a problem?
- A promoter or a provoker?
- A giver or a getter?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
Friday: St. Anthony
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Betty Hunn Carroll on the Anniversary of her death.
Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
Wednesday: In honor of St. John Paul II.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Cracker.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

WHEN THE LOAD GETS HEAVY

*When the load gets heavy and you feel despair,
Call on the Lord who's always there.
He's right by your side each hour of the day
To make your load lighter along the way.*

*Sometimes the road is bumpy and rough.
He knows your endurance, when you've had enough.
He gives you strength to overcome all
And He may let you stumble, but never fall.*

READERS

Sat. Jan. 11th, 4:00 P.M. Rita Riley & Grace	Sat. Jan. 11th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sun. Jan. 12th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
Sat. Jan. 18th, 4:00 P.M. Joy & Leah	Sat. Jan. 18th, 7:00 P.M. Carolyn & Bridgette Anna
Sun. Jan 19th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Joy
Tuesday	- Skylar
Wednesday	- Cathy Lisa
Thursday	- Rose Marie
Friday	- Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	Jan 11th
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Jan. 12th	Jan 19th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Margaret Butts
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	Mary Cat

WHAT MONEY CAN BUY

- *A bed, but not sleep,*
- *Books, but not brains,*
- *Food, but not appetite,*
- *Finery, but not beauty,*
- *A house, but not a home,*
- *Medicine, but not health,*
- *Luxuries, but not culture,*
- *Amusement, but not happiness,*
- *Companions, but not friends,*
- *Flattery, but not respect.*

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER WHEN YOU ARE AFRAID

*Heavenly Father,
I feel afraid, and need Your comfort and guidance.
You are the source of strength and courage in my life, and
in this moment I need Your direction.*

*Help me feel the truth of Your Word that says,
“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil.”*

*Jesus, I place my trust in You and know that if You
are with me, nothing can defeat me.*

*In Christ's most holy name I earnestly offer up this
prayer. Amen.*