

The Baptism of the Lord

WHY ARE YOU COMING TO ME?

We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist's voice as he says to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism! We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus' response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God's plan of love.

CHRIST'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION

As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ's body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God's love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ's mission your mission?

Today's Readings: Is 42:1-7; Ps 29:1-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17 Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

¿Y TÚ VIENES A QUE YO TE BAUTICE?

Casi podemos escuchar el asombro de la voz de Juan el Bautista mientras le dice a Jesús: "Yo soy quien debe ser bautizado por ti, ¿y tú vienes a que yo te bautice?" Durante todo el tiempo que Juan predicó y bautizó a las personas, las había estado preparando para la venida del Mesías. Ahora, ¡Jesús se acerca a Juan para que lo bautice! La respuesta de Jesús a Juan nos ayuda a entender. Jesús ha venido a cumplir todo aquello esperado del Mesías y más. Al entrar a las aguas del bautismo, Jesús entra completamente en nuestra humanidad, llevándonos hacia Dios. Jesús santificó las aguas del bautismo, haciéndolas sagradas, abriendo los cielos mediante su humilde obediencia al plan de amor de Dios.

LA MISIÓN DE CRISTO ES NUESTRA MISIÓN

Al salir Jesús de las aguas del bautismo, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre él y una voz de los cielos se escuchó diciendo: "Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias". Al unirse él mismo a la humanidad, Jesús abrió los cielos para nosotros, y al hacerlo, fue confirmado en su misión de misericordia y amor. En el bautismo, nos unimos con Cristo. Inmersos en su vida y amor, su misión es nuestra misión. Todavía estamos al principio de este año nuevo. Hoy, reflexiona en nuestra llamada bautismal para vivir como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo. ¿De qué manera amas a Dios en los demás? ¿De qué manera podrías crecer como discípulo de nuestro Señor Jesucristo? ¿Cómo estás viviendo la misión de Cristo, para dar a conocer el amor y la misericordia de Dios en el mundo? ¿Es la misión de Cristo tu misión?

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Ashley Arthur	Suzanne Gutierrez	Hope Esquivel
Annette Vega	Benny Martinez	Victor Cruz
Kevin Ryan Martinez	Edward Martinez	Tomas Johnson
David Ortiz	Terry Moreno	Deacon Jesus Rodriguez
Sammuel Cortez	Sarah Contreras	Rosalinda Esparza
Mary Lou Medina	Donnie Vordenbaum	Daniel Rodriguez
Inez De Los Santos	Gary Stanko	Rosie Flores
Frances Ramirez	Jose Flores	Jessica Diaz
Clara Perez	Ramiro Davila	Robert Campos
Sandra Amaya	Marty Carrera Tobias	Gloria Martinez
Danny Rae Schexnayder, Sr.	Jesse R. Diaz	Carlos Guardiola, III
Sandra Jean Guerra	Celina Herrera	Joe R. Martinez
Kayla Scott	David Santoyo	Baby Sophia
Maria Langley	Eva Flores	Antonio Mendoza
Irma Urias	Paul Muñoz, Sr.	Sophie Alonzo
Mary S. Martinez	Joe Espinoza	Helen Lloyd
Frances Lozano	Virginia & Jose Ponce	Odilon G. Flores
Mary Escalera	Victoria Oroasco	JoAnn Almaguer
Maximus James Tobar	Henry Vidal	Diana Calderon

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

JANUARY 4 - 5, 2020

5:00 PM	-\$1,021.51	(093)
8:00 AM	-\$ 546.00	(089)
10:00 AM	-\$1,734.40	(160)
12 NOON	-\$1,688.00	(212)
Children's Basket	-\$ 15.25	
New Years Day	-\$ 931.00	(144)
Capital Expenditures	-\$1,122.69	2nd Collection
Mail In	-\$2,010.00	
2019 Gift of Giving	-\$ 212.41	
TOTAL	\$9,647.75	

SECOND COLLECTION

January 12, 2019 - Good Samaritans of SJB

2020 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 1/4 - 5/20	\$ 212.41
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$ 4,267.10

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, January 11

5:00 p.m. † Elvira Moreno

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m. † Aurora Terrazas - Angelita Canales
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
† Merced Cruz, Jr. - Family
† Maria Elena Martinez - Family
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

In Thanksgiving Luis & Dolores Alonzo
50 years of Marriage - Connie Peché

12:00 p.m.

Gift of Life Grace Salinas - Family

Monday, January 13

Tuesday, January 14

12:00 p.m. † Rosa Gonzales Garcia

Wednesday, January 15

8:15 a.m.

For Health Diana Calderon

Thursday, January 16

12:00 p.m. † Aurora Teneyuca

Friday, January 17

12:00 p.m. For the Leadership of our Country

Saturday, January 18

5:00 p.m. † Luis Duran, Sr. - Wife & Family
Gift of Life Kathy Vidal - Tias

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m. † Maria J. Terrazas - Angelita Canales
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño

10:00 a.m. † Daniel C. Arzola - Family
† Gloria Lloyd - Children
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family

12:00 p.m. † Paul G. Salinas - Family

In Loving Memory

We pray for the souls of our dearly departed who have passed from our parish community:

† Rosa Gonzales Garcia
† Aurora Teneyuca

Sanctuary Light

Teneyuca & Rodriguez
Family



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus began his ministry being baptized and we have received the Holy spirit in our Baptism. God has made us his adoptive sons and daughters through baptism. May we be the light to the world as we witness and bring the newborn Jesus Christ, our Savior, into our daily lives. I hope and invite you to join me in spending year 2020 in reaching out to our brothers and sisters and inviting them to join us in worshipping the Lord.

I continue to wish you and your family a wonderful year 2020 and may the New Year fill you with hope, love, joy, peace and faith. Please maintain me in your constant prayers that I have the strength, energy and faith to serve my parish community. **Happy New Year 2020 to each and everyone of you!**

Sunday, January 5th, 2020, was the last day the envelopes were distributed after Mass in the foyer. Each registered parishioner may now collect their requested box of envelopes in the parish office. Every parishioner has been issued a new number for 2020. If you wish to register, or request envelopes, please speak with Stella Rico, Parish Secretary, for more information. Thank you for accepting this great responsibility in assisting your parish with financial assistance which is extremely important. Please ensure you receive your complimentary calendar as well. The calendar is a small token of appreciation for your loyalty to our parish.

It is with great excitement that I announce my future pilgrimage to the Holy Land! I will be leading a pilgrimage to The Holy Land for 10 days from June 2nd thru June 11th, 2020. We will explore and meditate in places where Jesus was born, worked, suffered, died and rose from the dead. We will also visit places where Mary, Mother of God, was born where she raised Jesus, and witnessed her son's suffering, death and resurrection. This is an opportunity for us to connect with scriptures and the reality. The trip cost is \$3,100 per person (double occupancy) which includes round trip airfare from San Antonio, 4 & 5 star hotels, breakfast and dinner included, daily sightseeing, tips, daily Masses, airport taxes, fuel surcharges and assistance of professional local catholic guides. Invite your family members and friends to join me in this memorable trip. If you intend to walk with me in this journey, please stop by the office for a brochure or speak with me after Mass for more information.

May God bless you always,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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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 (Isa 42:1-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psa 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). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thu: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-25; Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Events of the Week ~ January 12 - 19, 2020

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Monday, January 13

5:00 p.m. Building a Healthy Temple - Formation
6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation - Formation House

Tuesday, January 14

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

Wednesday, January 15

8:15 a.m. Communion Service - Church
6:30 p.m. RCIA - Formation House
8:30 p.m. Youth Group - Formation House

Thursday, January 16

12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

Friday, January 17

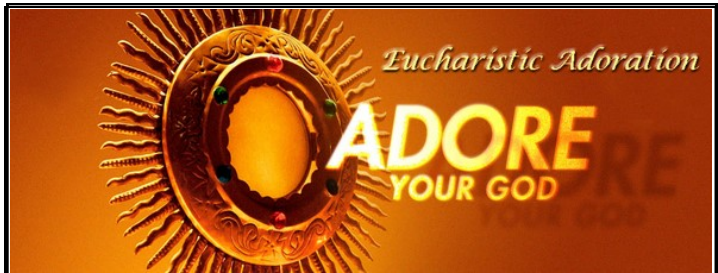
12:00 p.m. Communion Service - Chapel

Saturday, January 18

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church



THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020 9:00 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Please join us every Thursday from 9am to 5pm in our Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, and the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." The best time you spend on Earth you spend is with Jesus!

ATTENTION ST. JOHN BERCHMANS ALUMNI...

Please send contact information to sjbalumni@sjbsa.com to learn more about upcoming school events and learn about ways you can help build a strong foundation for our children's future.

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CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. "A short time devoted to taking care of the Lord's House is a small price to pay for all He does for us each and every day."

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries
January 18, 2020 - All Choirs

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



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.

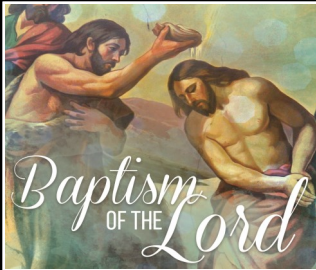


NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan by St. John the Baptist, the Precursor, and proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. This event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Will be hosting an **8th Grade BBQ Plate Sale** on **Sunday, January 26, 2020** in the school cafeteria.

PLATE consists of: BBQ Chicken, Sausage, Rice & Beans

COST: \$8 Donation

SERVING TIME: 11 AM - 3 PM

Pastries and drinks will be available at an additional cost. Tickets are available for purchase at the school and or walk ups will also be welcomed on the day of the plate sale. Thank you for your continued support of our school efforts!



RETROUVILLE - HOPE FOR MARRIAGES



As many of you know, the Retrouville program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship and is primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Our presenters are not trained counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles. Along with a Priest, our presenters share and teach others how to use the tools they need to rediscover their love.

The next course in San Antonio begins on **Friday, January 31, 2020**. For more information, or to register, go to <http://HelpOurMarriage.org>. For questions about the specifics of the program here in San Antonio, call 210) 848-3278.

MASS FOR LIFE - PRAYER, PROCESSION AND MASS

**Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 1:15 PM at St. Mary's Church Downtown
(202 N. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX 78239)**

Every year, the Archdiocese of San Antonio calls for the renewed protection and promotion of the gift of life with a prayer service, procession, and Mass for life at San Fernando Cathedral around the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. In 2020, this event will be held on Sunday, January 12th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The prayer service begins at 1:15 PM at St. Mary's Church Downtown, followed by a prayerful procession (3 blocks) to San Fernando Cathedral at 1:30 p.m. The Mass will start at 2:00 PM and will be presided by Most Reverent Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS, Archbishop of San Antonio. Because of the prayerful nature of this event, please do not bring signs or distribute literature of any kind.



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). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Are we open to seeing the Holy Spirit acting through unexpected people or guiding us in unexpected ways?