

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

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ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today's Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a "social influencer." People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist's ultimate goal: "One mightier than I is coming." The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the "beloved Son." John the Baptist could be considered the "patron saint" of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn't John's teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people's attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TODAY'S READINGS: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1-4, 24-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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EN LA CÚSPIDE DE UNA NUEVA CREACIÓN

Fue en el cuarto domingo de Adviento del pasado mes de diciembre cuando oímos hablar por primera vez del encuentro de los dos primos, Juan y Jesús. Entonces fue en el vientre de sus madres, Isabel y María. Ahora los primos se encuentran de nuevo en la orilla del río Jordán. Juan es ya muy conocido, tanto que la gente había empezado a preguntarse si era el Mesías tan esperado. Jesús, en cambio, está a punto de comenzar su ministerio. Se podría decir que Jesús entró en las aguas del Jordán como persona privada y salió de ellas como persona pública. La voz del cielo no dejó ninguna duda al respecto. Al llegar al final del tiempo de Navidad, nuestras lecturas hacen eco de Isaías y Tito (véanse las lecturas de Adviento y del día de Navidad) y, junto con el Salmo 104 de hoy, nos señalan a Pentecostés. Estamos en la cúspide de una nueva creación.

JUAN EL BAUTISTA: ¿PATRÓN DE LOS MINISTERIOS DE LA LITURGIA?

Juan el Bautista era lo que hoy podríamos llamar un "influenciador social". La gente prestaba atención a lo que decía. Y lo que decía afectaba a las decisiones de la gente. Sin embargo, el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda el objetivo último de Juan el Bautista: "Viene uno más poderoso que yo". El Bautista camina por la fina línea que separa el llamar la atención sobre sí mismo con su ardiente predicación y luego redirigir esa atención hacia Jesús, el "Hijo amado". Juan el Bautista podría ser considerado el "santo patrón" de quienes tienen el ministerio de lectors, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, cantores, ujieres, acólitos y músicos. ¿No es la enseñanza de Juan una buena meta para un ministro litúrgico (¡o cualquier otro!)? Arraigados en la gracia de su propio bautismo, los ministros deben ser lo suficientemente hábiles y confiados como para atraer la atención de la gente (¡o, al menos, no desviarla!) y luego volver a centrar gradualmente esa atención en Jesús. Es una responsabilidad dinámica e impresionante.

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Lilly Ruiz
 Maria Langley
 Suzanne Gutierrez
 Syl Vasquez, Jr.
 Sarah Contreras
 Marty Carrera Tobias
 Frances Lozano
 Irma Urias
 Muñoz Family
 Isaiah Vasquez
 Mary Martinez
 Gina Gonzales
 Mike Mandujano
 Galilea Romero
 Flora Torres
 Jesus Lopez
 Tomas Diaz
 John Garlitz
 Iris Luna Sullivan

Jerry Ramirez
 Sandy Guerra
 Abraham Guerra
 Emma O. Velasquez
 Leticia Lopez Barrera
 Rosa Castorena
 Jesus Mario Castorena
 Melida Segovia
 Joyce Ochoa
 Alfredo Peña
 Sara Peña
 Sariah Peña
 Marissa Gallegos
 Leticia Martinez
 Kenny De La Rosa
 Ismael Flores
 Yolanda Bordelon
 Virginia Moralez
 Andy Trinidad

Raymond Sarabia
 Joe Espinosa
 Frank Rodriguez
 Pat Flores
 Julissa Rodriguez
 Alex Barron
 Janie Barron
 Danny Escobedo
 Blanca Padilla
 Miliana Bullock
 Hope Esquivel
 Melinda Cazares
 Ruben Ruiz Torres
 Robert Treviño
 David Garcia
 Mary Collazo
 Terri Moreno
 Lydia Soriano
 Robert Cruz

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.

DISCIPLESHIP SHARING FOR THE WEEKEND ENDING JANUARY 2, 2022

Jan 1. - 11 AM Mass - \$	816.00	(69)
9 AM Mass - \$	879.00	(85)
11 AM Mass - \$	1,645.40	(104)
Capital Improvements - \$	691.00	Second Collection
Daily Mass - \$	34.00	
Mail In - \$	1,104.00	
Gift of Giving - \$	223.40	
TOTAL	\$ 5,392.80	



SECOND COLLECTION

January 9, 2022- Good Samaritans of SJB

2022 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending Jan. 2, 2022	\$	223.40
TOTAL	\$	3,797.20

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Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday, January 8

5:00 p.m. † Maria Elena Martinez - Family

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m. † Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño
For Health Emma O. Velasquez - Daughter

11:00 a.m. † Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Officer Jay Peña - Family
† Adela Solis - Family
† Fred Longoria - Family

Monday, January 10

Tuesday, January 11

12:00 p.m. † Marcelino Garanzuay, Jr. - Family

Wednesday, January 12

8:15 a.m. For Our Parish Community

Thursday, January 13

12:00 p.m. † Ronald Calonje - Wife & Family

Friday, January 14

12:00 p.m.
For Health Mike Mandujano

Saturday, January 15

5:00 p.m. † Maria Elena Martinez - Family

Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Amy Jean Weddel - Sister
† Aurora Terrazas - Angelita Canales
† Mr. Guadalupe Treviño - Nora Treviño

11:00 a.m. † Paul Salinas - Grace Salinas
† Ryan Sanchez - Sanchez Family
† Isidro Mata - Kim & Khloey Mata
† Rosa R. Salazar - Dominguez Family
† Benito H. Salazar - Dominguez Family



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am excited to inform you regarding my newest parish initiatives! Several competitions have been organized for the purpose of encouraging you to work diligently and make significant improvements spiritually, emotionally and physically in your lives in 2022. These initiatives are created for the purpose of raising money to support our school and our senior citizens. I have planned the following categories for all my parishioners.

The seven categories that are being considered:

- I will be running 10K (6.2 miles) on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 8:00 in the morning at Woodlawn Lake Park, 1103 Cincinnati Ave, San Antonio, Tx to raise funds for the school. Fr. Eddie Bernal and Fr. Fidèle O. Dikete Scholarship will provide \$250 to each new student enrolled in our school for the 2022-2023 academic year and to pay the utilities and portions of the property taxes estimated at \$40,000. Mothers who would like to join me and walk a lap and donate \$50 for this cause are most welcomed to participate beginning at 9 a.m. Your loyal sponsorship of \$8.00 per mile will be multiplied by 6.2 miles for a total of \$50.
- I strongly seek, and humbly ask, for your support as I plan to run a marathon (26.2 miles) at Woodlawn Lake Park on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00 a.m. to purchase a minibus or a van for the elderly or seniors in need of assistance. You sponsorship for \$2.00 per mile will be multiplied by 26.2 miles for a total of \$53.00.
- Participants will have to lose weight over 11 months commencing February 1, 2022 thru December 22, 2022. The names of the participants will weigh in every month and their lost weight will be acknowledged. To acknowledge their achievements, their names will be displayed on the electronic marquee for the entire month of January, 2023. Please be advised that all information is highly confidential.
- Participants attending daily masses at 12:00 noon, or communion service, in the absence of the priest commencing February 1 thru December 22, 2022, will be acknowledged and their names displayed on our electronic marquee for the entire month of January 2023.

PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

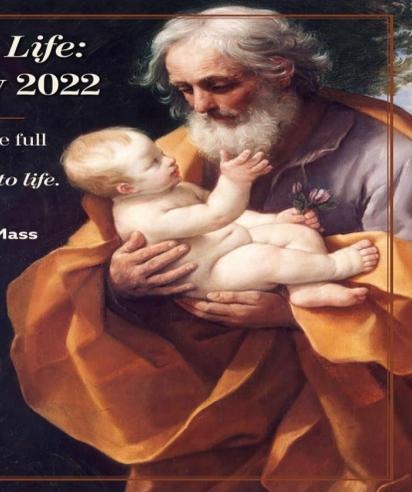


Respect Life: January 2022

Join us in prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the *right to life*.

Friday, January 21:
Archdiocesan Monthly Mass
and Holy Hour
9:30 AM
Watch the livestream
on CTSA YouTube
or Facebook

Saturday, January 22:
Mass for the Legal
Protection
of Unborn Children
5:00 PM
San Fernando Cathedral



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PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED...

- Participants choosing to clean the church every Saturday for the next 11 months commencing February 6 thru December 18, 2022, will be acknowledged and their names displayed on the marquee for the entire month of January, 2023.
- Children ranging in age from 6 years thru 16 years of age serving as Altar Servers every Saturday or Sunday commencing on February 5 thru December 18, 2022, will receive a Christmas gift and their names will be displayed on the electronic marquee for the entire month of January 2023.
- Children that are able to recite the entire Apostle's Creed will receive a Christmas gift and their names will be displayed on the electronic marquee throughout the month of January 2023.

I hope these endeavors allow us to grow physically, emotionally, spiritually and strengthen our faith and closeness to God. Good luck to all the participants.

God bless St. John Berchmans Catholic Church.

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com

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)

Psalms — 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. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the 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, 4-8abcd; 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 44:10-15, 24-25; 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 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

EVENTS OF THE WEEK ~ January 9 - 15, 2022

Sunday, January 9 - CCD CLASSES RESUME

9:00 a.m. Guadalupe Mass - Church
11:00 a.m. Mass - Church
11:00 a.m. CYO Fundraiser - Bell Tower

Monday, January 10

Tuesday, January 11

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Wednesday, January 12

8:15 a.m. Mass - Church
2:00 p.m. Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

Thursday, January 13

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church
6:30 p.m. Women's ACTS Meeting -
Formation House

Friday, January 14

12:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Saturday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Church cleaning
5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. 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."* **Ministry Scheduled**

Saturday, January 15, 2022
Knights/Ultreya

We offer condolences and sympathy to our parishioners who have experienced a death in their family.

† Jose Oscar Calzadillas



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR

Mike Mandujano



Announcements!



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.

WELCOME
TO OUR
CHURCH

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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“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (Luke 3:16) Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by his cousin, John the Baptist. The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God’s suffering servant.

As Jesus descended into the Jordan, Luke tells us that, “the Holy spirit descended upon” him and the Father called out, **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”** (3:22)

On that day Jesus received the Spirit in a new way—a gift from God that would empower him and set him on the path of ministry, service, and ultimately death and resurrection. Though Jesus was already fully God, the Spirit of God still came upon him. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind.

Today is a good day to renew our baptism and the commitments that have flowed from it.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Will be hosting their **Annual 8th Grade BBQ Plate Sale on Sunday, January 30, 2022** in the school cafeteria.

PLATE: BBQ Chicken, Sausage, Rice, Beans & Drink

COST: \$10 Donation

SERVING TIME: 11 am - 3 pm

Desserts will be available at an additional cost. Tickets may be purchased at the school office and the Parish office. Walk ups will be welcomed on the day of the plate sale. Thank you for your continued support of our school efforts!



HELLO AND WELCOME TO FLIGHT #2022!

As we begin the New Year, make sure your **Positive Attitude** and **Gratitude** are secured and locked in an upright position.

All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness, pride and resentment should be turned off at this time.

All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a **Prayer**. Prayers will automatically be activated by **Faith**. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of Little faith. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination GREATNESS!! Stay Blessed and Welcome in 2022!

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Sal 116:12-19; Mc 1:14-20

Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mc 1:21-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40:2-10; Mc 1:29-39

Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44:10-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89:16-19; Mc 2:1-12

Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Sal 21:2-7; Mc 2:13-17

Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SPECIAL THANKS

To **Kimberly Mata** for her contribution of \$250.00 towards the Christmas Raffle.

We are blessed as a parish community to have the support of generous parishioners.

Thank you and God Bless you!

MUERTE Y RESURRECCIÓN BAPTISMAL

A medida que celebramos el Bautismo del Señor, también honramos nuestro propio bautismo como nuestra iniciación en la vida y comunidad cristiana. En el Evangelio, el bautismo de Jesús, con su inmersión y posterior salida del agua, indica su posterior entrega a Dios en su muerte, y su salida del sepulcro en su resurrección. Como seguidores de Jesús, esta forma de muerte y resurrección también es nuestro camino. A lo largo de la vida, y a menudo de manera limitada, aprendemos a renunciar a nuestros planes egoístas y limitados. Esta renuncia a menudo se siente como la muerte. El Sacramento del Bautismo ritualmente representa este camino para recordarnos la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, para que nosotros también podamos aceptar las muertes y resurrecciones de nuestras propias vidas. Cuando Jesús salió del agua, se encontró con su Padre y el Espíritu Santo. Como Jesús, podemos saber que somos los amados de Dios, fortalecidos por el Espíritu. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿De qué manera el Espíritu Santo que recibí en el Bautismo ha influenciado mi perspectiva de la vida y mis obras?