

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2009

All you who are thirsty come to the water!



Isaiah 55:1

Music for Jan 10 & 11

760 – Come to the Water

675 – Earthen Vessels

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

Lamb Of God

792 – O Lord I Am Not Worthy

601 - Sent Forth By God's Blessing



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit; he went about doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *1 John 5:1-9*.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord;
National Vocation Awareness Week
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Tuesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: St. Anthony

Rosary Dedication: January 2009 For the courage to turn away from sin and make a new beginning in the new year.

Altar Servers – Please remember that **YOU** are responsible for finding a substitute if you are not going to be present for your assigned Mass on the weekend and holy days. The parish counts on your being present to assist at the altar and disregard for the schedule disrupts the worship of the entire community. Last weekend, there were **NO SERVERS** at neither the 8:00 a.m. nor the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. It was embarrassing to our parish community with so many visitors for the holidays. Please pay attention to the schedule that is mailed to you because we are counting on you to be present.

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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Deadline for bulletin news is on Tuesdays by 4:00 pm. Please call the office with any news you would like to put in the bulletin.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday Jan 10th

K of C Free throw contest Gym 10 am
Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 11th

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
K of C Breakfast after 8:00 am Mass
Pre 9 am
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm ,
Bible Study Classes 6:30 – 8:30 pm Krug Hall

Mon, Jan 12th

Mass– 8:15 am

Tuesday, Jan 13th

Mass– 8:15 am
K of C Business Meeting 7:30 pm Krug Hall

Wednesday, Jan 14th

Mass – 6:30 pm
RCIA – after 6:30 pm Mass Krug Hall
Youth Group Meeting after 6:30 pm Mass
Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7pm Cafeteria

Thursday, Jan 15th

Mass – 8:15 am
Bible Study 9:30 – 11:30 Krug Hall
PTO Meeting 6:30 pm Cafeteria
STVDP Meeting 7 pm Krug Hall

Friday, Jan 16th

Mass– 8:15 am
School dismissal 11:30 am

Saturday, Jan 17th

Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass 4:00 pm

Are You or Do You Know Someone Who Is An Inactive Catholic?

– Most of us do not have to look very far to find inactive Catholics in our circle of family and friends, but we may not know how to help them. If you are inactive, you may not know where to begin exploring your relationship with the Church. Many inactive Catholics are simply waiting for some kind of invitation. The parish communities of St. Ann, St. Francis of Assisi, Church of the Nativity and the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Services have joined together to extend an invitation to all inactive Catholics to “Gathering to Remember,” a six-week program to assist inactive Catholics in exploring their relationship with the Catholic Church. This special program will begin on Thursday evening, January 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Family Life Center. You can make a tremendous difference in someone’s life simply by reaching out to them and extending an invitation and sharing with them an invitation to “Gathering to Remember.” Please encourage them to visit the St. Ann web site at www.stannbartlett.org and click on the “Gathering To Remember” link on the right side of the home page for more information. For questions and additional information, contact Barbara King at the St. Ann parish office, 266-5201.

Victim of Domestic Violence? – The Athena Project is a research clinic that serves women who have experienced domestic violence and are troubled by stress after the violence ends. Offered by the University of Memphis, Department of Psychology, the Athena Project is a free service to all members of the community. Trouble recovering from the violence may include nightmares, trouble concentrating, avoidance of situations that remind you of abuse, feeling jumpy and related emotional problems. Participants will receive free evaluation and (where appropriate) treatment focusing on alleviating signs and symptoms of stress. For more information, call 678-3973 and ask to speak with Dr. Gayle Beck.

SCHOOL NEWS - If you have an old monitor you want to get rid of, the school is in need of monitors. Please call Lisa Petzinger at 358-7431.

Basic Preparation Course for Parish Nursing/Faith Community Nursing 7:30-5:00 PM. January 30 & 31, February 6 & 7, 2009 St. Francis of Assisi Church– 8151 Chimneyrock, Cordova, TN 38016. Course open to Registered Nurses of all faiths. To register, call Alma Abuelouf @ 901-373-1224 or email: alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org

Adult Greek Class – An enjoyable class to learn the basics of Greek taught by Fr. Nick Vieron begins on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church located at 573 North Highland. Class meets at 6:30-7:30 p.m. on either Monday or Tuesday (your choice) for 15 weeks. Some weeks the classes are combined for special events (like Orientation on Jan. 19). The cost is \$75/person and includes a Greek graduation dinner and guaranteed graduation with honors! Classes usually fill early, so call 323-9530 to leave a message or 327-8177 during office hours to have a registration form sent to you. Classes are filled on a first come basis.

Please note the dates
for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule
Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule
– for Jan 10 & 11**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
D.Bennis	H.Littleton	K.Pope	
N.Vinturella	L.Hall	A. Humphrey	
Lector			
B.Pettit	J.Hall	L.Pope	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Hudson	C.Bailey	S.Roque
	B.Hudson	D.Bailey	A.Roque

**Ministers & Altar Server Schedule
– for Jan 17 & 18**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
D.Bennis	H.Littleton	S.O.Brien	
G.Hooten	T.Acklen	L.O'Donnell	
Lector			
B.Roth	B.Williams	A.Humphrey	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	K.Hudson	C.Bailey	S.Roque
	B.Hudson	D.Bailey	A.Roque

Respect Life Breakfast – Sat., Jan. 17, 9 AM.
Family Room, Holy Rosary Church, 4851 Park Avenue, Memphis. Guest speakers: Rev. Victor Ciaramitaro, Pastor, St. Michael Church, Memphis and Robert Hutton, Attorney, Glankler Brown PLLC. Topic: "Life, Faith and the Law: What to do when faith and morals conflict with the law". The breakfast will begin immediately following the celebration of the 8:15 AM Mass. Call 901-230-7577 for additional information.

Please update your new church directory:
Miguel & Carolina Roque 3592 Ripley Street,
Memphis, TN 38127

In your prayers please remember: Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Dewey Aureli, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Louis Bompreszi, Crissy Brigance, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, John Calipari, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Bonita Comans, Abraham Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Sue Guinn, Lee Gonzales, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Bootsie Hammett, James Humphrey, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Robert Kuehner, Pat Kurrus, Butsie Lanigan, Mildred Lewis, Bill Lindsley, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Thomas Miller, Johnny Mitchell, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Fr. Robert Ponticello, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Nanette Quinn, Kenneth Rainey, Louisa Reilly, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, and Angie Wright.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Jan 10th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday Jan 11th 8:00 am

People of the Parish

Sunday Jan 11th 10:30 am

Florence Taulman+

Sunday Jan 11th 5:00 pm

Int. of Freddie Lobianco

Monday Jan 12th 8:15 am

Bill Aspinall+

Tues. Jan 13th 8:15 am

Thanksgiving to God

Wed. Jan 14th 6:30 pm

Protection of the Unborn Human Person

Thur. Jan 15th 8:15 am

John Fracchia+

Friday Jan 16th 8:15 am

Communion Service

Saturday, Jan 17th 4:00 pm

Langston/Bray Families & Rachel Renee Hooten+

Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence Taulman (Gerry Taulman mom) **whom** passed away Tuesday. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:



Brinda Paravicini - Baptist East room
4206
Nancy Pope – Meth North ICU room
307

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Carolyn Fracchia
St. Peter Villa, 331-A
141 North McLean
Memphis, TN 38104

Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119

Helene Weiss
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 328
Memphis, TN 38119

Ginger Shemwell
Luther Tower
274 S. Highland apt. 106
Memphis, TN 38111

Visit the sick and/or send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten

ALTAR Guild - Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of – anniversary – birthdays and any other occasion. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

REHEARSAL

Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets.
—St. Ambrose

Monthly Bus trip: Monthly bus trip is schedule for Sunday January 25, 2009 after 10:30 Mass. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849.

**Financial Report for
Weekend of Dec. 28th
2008**

Envelopes	\$ 2,927.00
Loose Checks	540.00
Loose Currency/Coin	130.11
Improvements	150.00
Debt	1,597.00
Initial Offering	360.00
Total Collection	\$ 5,704.11
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
Collection Diff for the Week	\$ 809.88
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$121,763.42
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>131,150.21</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ (9,386.79)
New Year Day	\$ 613.58

“Ministering through the Arts: The Sounds of Music” – Thursday January 15, 2009 5:30-8:00 PM;
Shady Grove Presbyterian Church 5530 Shady Grove, Memphis, TN. Speaker Lee Cagle, President of the Memphis, Dulcimer Gathering. Sponsored by: Health Ministers Network of the Mid-south, RSVP to Alma Abuelouf at 373-1224.

Pastoral Council Meeting will meet Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Krug Hall



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Diocesan Marriage Preparation in
Spanish

Spanish Marriage Preparation Class will be offer at Sacred Heart Church, 1324 Jefferson Avenue. **Saturday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2009**

Sessions will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

For information, please call Sacred Heart Church (901) 726-1891

Diocesan Preparation Class for
Quinceañera

Preparation Class for Quinceañera will be offer at St. Joseph Church, 3825 Neely Road. Sundays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 2009. Sessions will begin at 9:00 am.

Candidates must have received the sacrament of confirmation.

Please pre-register by calling St. Joseph's office (901) 396-9996

Please come to the **Lyrics for Life Benefit Concert** on January 17th, 2009, 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Christian Brothers University. This concert will be held in the CBU Theater and all proceeds go to benefit the children stricken with childhood cancers and other catastrophic illnesses at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It will feature the most talented vocalists from CBHS, St. Agnes, and CBU. Admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Our fundraising goal is over \$7,500. Please be as generous as possible. Your support and contributions are very much necessary to save the lives of these children. For additional information, please contact Jordan Tedford at (901) 605 - 4856 or Anthony Maranise at (901) 634 - 4280; by email at: amaranis@cbu.edu. Checks may be made payable to: Lyrics for Life Benefit Concert and may be mailed to: Lyrics for Life Benefit Concert, C/O Anthony Maranise at CBHS, 5900 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN 38120.

Congratulations to Carolina Mendoza and Mario Cristancho who were married at Our Lady Sorrows on Saturday, January 3, 2009. The newlyweds will reside in Philadelphia, PA.

The 33rd Annual Walk For Life, sponsored by Tennessee Citizens Concerned for Life, Inc., will be held on Sunday, January 18 at 1:30 pm in the auditorium at Central High School, 306 S. Bellevue. The Walk commemorates the 36th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, legalizing abortion-on-demand. The featured speaker is Dr. Robert P.N. Shearin, noted pro-life advocate and both a founding Board member and past president of TCCL, Inc. The Walk is free of charge and a family event. All are welcome!

We are scheduling MASS INTENTIONS for 2009. Please call the rectory for your intention.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church. In the fourth century, churches didn't contain baptismal fonts. Baptism was a once-a-year event, at Easter, and mostly for adults. Within a century, new practices soon masked the original purpose of Constantine, and later popes made additions, like a nave and altars, and even side chapels.

High above the place where the immersion baptism pool once stood, an inscription in mosaic tile is a lyrical expression of our baptismal tradition. It speaks of the font as the "womb of the church," and encourages the sinner not to be afraid of the water. "Though your sins be many and great, do not draw back afraid. Reborn from this stream, a Christian you shall be." The actual font is very old, but it is not the ancient flowing pool. As you often see in Italy, there are smaller pools carved into the marble railing of the font, just big enough to dip an infant. The present font has a carving of the baptism of Constantine, leading some to think that he was baptized here. That's not the case, since he waited until the last minute for a deathbed baptism, as people often did in the fourth century. It's not on the usual tourist path in Rome, but just a few steps from the Lateran Basilica is the best place in Rome to renew your baptismal vows and to marvel at the life-giving stream that has "washed the whole earth" over the centuries.

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