

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2011

*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 READING

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).

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:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Spanish Pre-Marriage Preparation: Also, I inform you the next Pre-Marriage Preparation in Spanish will be on Fridays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 2011 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Catholic Charities, 1325 Jefferson Ave., across street from Sacred Heart church. The sessions are especially for couples, children are not allowed. For more information, please call Miss Lupe Balderas at (901) 722-4759.

TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy.

—Blessed Henry Suso

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

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, Jan 9th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
K of C Breakfast after 8 am Mass
PRE Class 9 am
Altar Guild Hospitality after 8am &
10:30 Mass at KH
Mass - 10:30 am
Spanish Mass- 5 pm
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm KH

Mon, Jan 10th

Mass- 8:00 am
OLS Basketball game 7pm GYM

Tuesday, Jan 11th

Mass- 8:00 am

Wed. Jan 12th Rectory Closed

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH

Mass- 6:30 pm

Thurs. Jan 13th

Mass - 8:00 am,
Bible Study Class, 9:30-11:30 KH

Friday, Jan 14th

Communion Service - 8 am

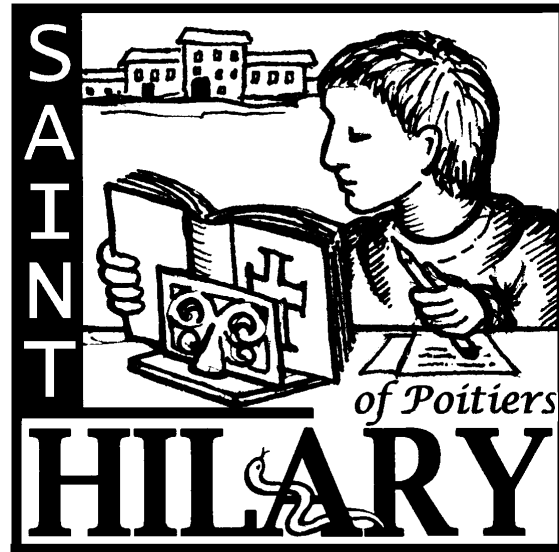
Saturday, Jan 15th

3:00 - 3:30 pm, CONFESSIONS

Mass - 4 pm

Sunday, Jan 16th

Rosary, 7:35 am
Mass - 8 am
PRE Class 9 am
Mass - 10:30 am
Spanish Mass- 5 pm
Bible Study Class 6:30-8:30 pm KH



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord;
National Vocation Awareness Week
Thursday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

House for rent; between Frayser & Millington, 4 bedroom, 1 bath, gas heat, no air or appliances. Big yard. \$ 575.00 per month, call 357-1590

Campbell Soup Labels: We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Like the Box Tops for Education, these labels are worth cash money to our parish school. All you have to do is remove the label from the can after you have used it and put the labels in the same box in the vestibule of the church used for the Box Tops promotion. It's another easy way to support OUR parish school.

DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AWAY!!!! Please clip and save the Box Tops for Education labels from General Mills products and put them in the box in the vestibule of the church. Every label is worth 10¢ to our school. As you prepare to bake for the holidays, please consider purchasing Betty Crocker mixes that have TWO labels per box and doubling your contribution to the school. This is a great way to support the school without having to write a separate check. We've already collected almost 1,000 labels this year and our goal is 10,000.

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Jan 8 & 9***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	F. Bursi G. Hooten	Deacon Henry B. Hall	Deacon Don J. DeStefano	R. Roque N. Vinturella
Reader:	P. Lutts	J. Bish	A. Humphrey	J. Isabel/M. Barrera
Altar Servers:	J. Moreno P. Moreno	An. Martini W. Durbin	S. Gilbreath W. Solomon	S. Roque A. Roque

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Jan 15 & 16***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	N. Vinturella G. Taulman	Deacon Henry M. Hensley	Deacon Don B. Bustos	R. Roque N. Vinturella
Reader:	C. Specht	B. Plessinger	R. Henderson	D. Marquez
Altar Servers:	L. Carter C. Sawicki	C. Bailey D. Bailey	A. Lopez M. Najera A. Bower	A. Marquez B. Marquez E. Marquez

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Rena Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Monsignor Bill Davis, Abraham Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Ron Marshak, Alex Mosby, Bill Nutt, Tony Oliviera, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, James Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Keith Trenham, Vera Trudell, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

Stewardship of the Altar – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone’s special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



Teens4Christ Electronic Communication: Youth Groups members can communicate online through Facebook by adding *OLS teensforChrist* as a friend.

Monthly Bus trip – The Monthly Bus trip will be going to Bally’s on Sunday, January 30, 2011. If you are interested in going, please call Martha Hensley at 357-2459 or 268-2849.

Helped Needed Urgent this week: The floors in the Rectory are being refinished and we are in need of experience people to pack crystal and china, so all furniture will be empty when workers come to do floors. Please call Carolyn Roberts at 353-1530

Quinceañera Preparation: The session will be on Saturdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Candidates must have received the sacrament of Confirmation. The preparation will take place at Saint Joseph church, 3825 Neely Road. Those celebrating Quinceañera from February to April must attend these sessions. Pre-registration is necessary, please contact to Miss Lupe Balderas (901) 722 4759

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan 8th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday, Jan 9th 8:00 am

Poor Souls in Purgatory+

Sunday, Jan 9th 10:30 am

George Field+

Sunday, Jan 9th 5:00 pm

People of Parish

Monday Jan 10th 8:00 am

Victor Frank Galecki+

Tuesday, Jan 11th 8:00 am

Carolyn Fracchia+

Wednesday, Jan 12th 6:30 pm

John Fracchia+

Thurs. Jan 13th 8:00 am

Int. of Leno Hartner

Friday Jan 14th 8:00 am

Communion Service+

Sat. Jan 15th 4:00 pm

People of Parish

Sunday, Jan 16th 8:00 am

Louise Guasco+

Sunday, Jan 16th 10:30 am

Georgene R. Fields+

Sunday, Jan 16th 5:00 pm

Int. of Fr. David Knight

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Jackie Perfetti

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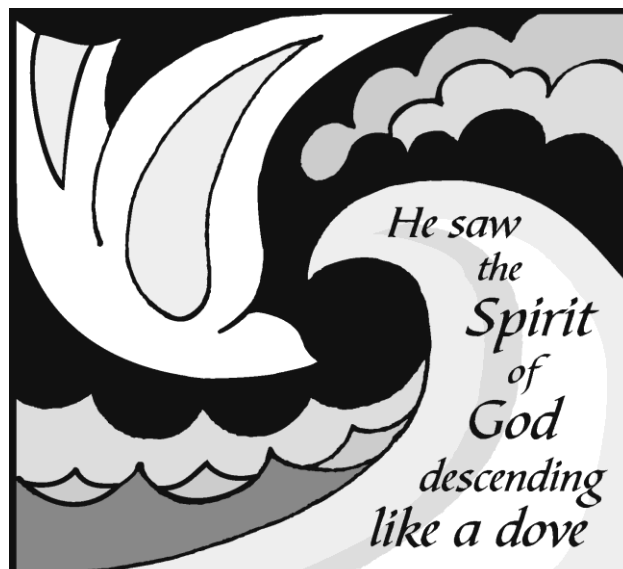
SPIRIT OF LOVE

Holy Spirit,
who came upon Christ Jesus
when he was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
we pray to you:
Baptize us in the fire of your love
so that the Father may say to each of us:
"You are my beloved Son,
On whom my favor rests."

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Financial Report Weekend of 01/02/2011

Envelopes	\$3,491.00
Loose Checks	302.59
Improvements	22.00
Christmas Day	183.00
Debt Reduction	1,757.25
Initial Offering	234.00
Total Collection	5,989.84
Church Budget for the week	<u>-4,458.38</u>
Collection Diff for the week	\$ 1,531.46
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 115,530.89
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>120,376.26</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (4,845.37)



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FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

WHO'S IN? WHO'S OUT?

The book of Leviticus in the Old Testament contains a long list of rules for Jewish people to become “pure” and to maintain that purity. This purity has nothing to do with simple cleanliness. The rituals to ensure purity guaranteed a worthiness to be in contact with sacred things. The code for the priests who officiated in the temple ceremonies required the highest degree of purity. The Pharisees would only eat with others who were keeping those strict laws of purity. Social exclusion was the Jewish norm. The elite mixed only with the elite and the pure with the pure. Some Jews, the Essenes, took themselves off to a desert settlement to be even more pure and exclusive. So, along comes John the Baptist. He walks around in animal skins, eats grasshoppers, and doesn't seem to care all that much about the laws of Moses. He knows the Messiah, the Savior, is at hand and he says that *all* must repent and be baptized—men and women alike, and regardless of social status. No wonder the Pharisees, Sadducees, and other elite people are shocked and enraged. Jesus appears and insists on being baptized, just like everybody else in the crowd attracted by John. John reluctantly agrees, knowing that Jesus is the expected Savior. Jesus breaks even more rules: he heals on the Sabbath, forgives sins, and invites all sorts of people to his table. He shares meals with tax collectors and prostitutes, as well as respectable, even wealthy, citizens. Is it any wonder that people were shocked? Jesus was a scandal. He was inclusive of all people without any limits or preconditions whatsoever. Jesus not only loved them, he made them feel wanted, cared for, and included. Should we not do the same? Remember, Jesus did say to follow him. *Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.*



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Thank You!: Fr. Timby wants to thank everyone for their generosity this Christmas. Your support of the parish and Villa Vianney shows the depth of love that we all have for Holy Mother Church. And, those who sent personal greeting cards and gifts are so appreciated for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



Lenten Bible Study: Like last year, we will be participating in the Disciples on the Journey study groups for the season of Lent. We are in need of hosts for the duration of the program. Remember, host only need to provide space for group members. Other people on the group should provide the refreshments each week. Next week and the week after we will solicit hosts for the Bible Study. Hosts should inform us of the day and time they wish to host their group when they sign-up. This will help us in explaining the program to others in the parish who will have until mid-February to join a group.

OLS School Board: The OLS School Board will meet on Tuesday, January 11, in the Faculty Lounge at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing a proposed scholarship for graduates choosing Memphis Catholic High School, a new testing program for the proper placement of students for success at their level of learning, and many other things.

A Memorial: Gordon and Peggy Gordon have give a new chasuble and stole to OLS that is dedicated to the memory of Rachel Renee Hooten and Elizabeth Wheelen. The chasuble is the outer vestment worn by the priest when celebrating Mass. The one donated by Gordon and Peggy is white with blue decorations and came by way of Scott Gordon, their son. Fr. Timby wore it for all the Masses last Saturday and Sunday for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God and the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

School Improvements: We undertook several projects over the Christmas vacation. **1)** It took nine days, but a team was successful in stripping the hallway and cafeteria floors all the way down to the original tiles. It was estimated that there were 25-35 coats of wax on the floor, which is white and not yellow. Two new coats of wax are now on the floor. **2)** We had to have part of the grotto between the two wings of the school dug up to address drainage problems in the kitchen and bathrooms at the school. We hope we have solved the problem, but it will be sometime before we know for certain. **3)** We have contacted a company to replace the exterior doors to the church basement. **4)** Deacon Henry got all the exterior lights on the parking lot working again which will make walking to the gymnasium, into church, and across the parking lot much safer.

Help Needed: **1)** We need adult volunteers to paint the hallway of the school during the Spring Break (March 14-18). **2)** We are still looking for someone to finish the job of replacing the doors on the front of the church. Two new doors need to replace the two bad ones and the kick guards need to be placed on all four doors. **3)** As warm weather approaches, we need to power clean the covering over the side entrance to the church and the entrance to the school so we can get them painted and then work on getting the holes patches. **4)** We need a team of people to do a deep cleaning of the hallways in the basement of the church and to paint the ductwork.

OLS Youth Group: Teens4Christ will meet this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. On the agenda are the Diocesan Youth Convention and T4C service projects. We will have open gym following the meeting.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer and Praise Celebration: will take place on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 10 am in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The theme for this year is Sustaining the legacy, Carrying the Torch. Fr. Norman Fisher, Pastor of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church and Chaplain of Lexington Catholic High School in Lexington Kentucky, is the speaker. Fr. Norman is a joy-filled and dynamic priest. All are invited to come. For more information, please contact the Office of Multicultural Ministries at 722-4759.

Mass Intentions 2011: we still have openings for mass intentions; please call the office if you need a mass intention.