

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Church office to schedule Baptisms

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Priest 6 months prior to the wedding date. NO wedding date should be planned, till after the Marriage Preparation has been completed.

Funerals

Please call the office to inform of the death of a church member and to schedule an appointment to plan the Funeral. Only after meeting with the Secretary, should one contact the funeral home with the final arrangement.

Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m.–12 noon
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Tuesday **CLOSED**
(Parishioners: For any emergency or sacramental needs please contact Fr. Richard, SVD at (337) 714-9327)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: St. Anthony 8:00 a.m.
St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.
Monday - Thursday - Friday 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Weekdays following weekday masses
or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki, S.V.D.
(337) 714-9327

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ms. Peggie M. Bellow

Sacristan: Mr. Dan Foster

Maintenance: Mr. Terry Flugence

Musicians: Mr. Harris Flugence
Ms. Carla Bernard

Trustees: Mr. Ervin Flugence
Mrs. Dianna Darby

Victims Assistance Coordinator:
Mr. Joe Pisanco, Jr. (337) 298-2987

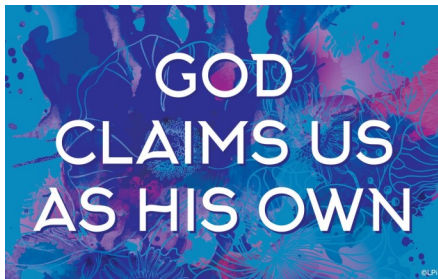
Meetings

Ushers Association: Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.—Bishop Perry Learning Center
Adult Choir Practice: Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Come Lord Jesus Group: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Knights & Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: 2nd Sun of the month

Mission Statement

“As a community inspired by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and our ancestral heritage, we the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Anthony profess to proclaim God’s goodness. And through our faith and commitment to the Holy Word we join together in spirit, truth, love and service working together for the good of our church parish.”

GOSPEL MEDITATION



“*We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.*”
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan 8th 5:00 p.m: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Kitty Keefe, Patrick Keefe and the deceased members of the Keefe family. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donor and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

Sun. Jan 9th 8:00 a.m: Lorena Mitchell, Elise Jeanbaptiste and the deceased members of the Archangel & Jeanbaptiste families. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

Sun. Jan 9th 10:00 a.m: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, M/M Harold & Velma Flugence, M/M Delores & Joseph Porter Sr and Jordan Porter. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of all our church members.

Prayers for the Sick:



Merciful Jesus, onto Your

Compassionate Heart we recommend:

Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Mark Tauriac, Shavawna Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Edna Nickerson, Carolyn Flugence, Ronnie Trahan Sr, Dan Foster, Emery Joe and Sylvania Cormier.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

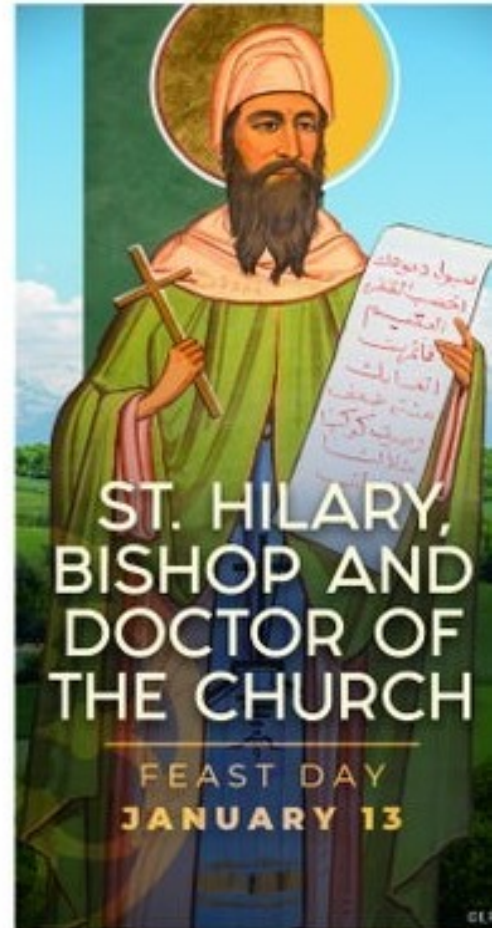
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.



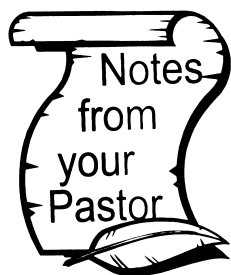
SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

PASTORS CORNER

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Today we celebrate the baptism of the Lord. This feast day is one that helps bridge the Christmas season and Ordinary Time. Today's feast is also a bit like a third epiphany when Jesus appears or is presented to the world after the first two "epiphanies" of the Nativity and the Magi's visit. The hopeful descriptions of the first readings are building up to a straight path, good news the glory of the Lord shining, justice coming to the nations a victory in justice a kept promise a chosen one. The exiled people were experiencing devastation, low morale and hopelessness during the Babylonian exile. These words bring promise and hope. And, the hope is not just for the Jewish people but rather for the whole world. The second reading from Titus reminds us that God's kindness and generous love and the gift of our Savior Jesus are not because of any righteous deeds we have done but because of his mercy. The second reading from Acts mentions a similar theme in reminding us that God's love and mercy is for all Jews and Gentiles in this context and God doesn't show favorites. Jesus baptism is also mentioned that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil for God was with him. The Gospel story is both familiar and surprising. John the Baptist paves the way in saying that one mightier than I is coming highlighting Jesus specialness. John the Baptist baptizes Jesus then after Jesus prays heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove with a voice saying You are my beloved Son with who I am well pleased. Jesus is definitively here among us living as a human and ministering on earth. What does this feast mean for us and we recently embarked into new year 2022? What does this feast mean for us as we conclude our Christmas celebrations and move into Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar? What does this feast mean for us as we still battle COVID, racism, extreme divisiveness, climate change, forced migration, and other overwhelming injustices and struggles?

I would suggest two points for reflection that are helping me as I pray with these readings:

1. How might we learn from and grow closer to Jesus as he begins his adult ministry here on earth? Maybe we can renew our commitment to be in awe of both his humanity and divinity? Maybe we can closely follow him, walk with him, learn from him during his "ordinary" events of his public ministry in the coming weeks.
2. How might we better understand that each of us is called "beloved" by God and named as someone with whom God is well-pleased? Our own identity - that God loves each of us without condition or merit - might be more clearly defined! What might that mean for our public ministry (or our private ministries each day) as beloved sons and daughters of God?

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Inspirations for Your Week



Our Giving

Jan 1st & 2nd, 2022

St. Joseph: (51) Envelopes) **\$887.00**

St. Anthony: (29 Envelopes) **470.00**

\$1,252.00

2nd Collections:

Christmas Offerings: **105.00**

Building Maintenance: **284.00**

TOTAL: **\$1,641.00**

November Assessment Paid: **\$1,792.95**

Stewardship Quotes:

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' (LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "*Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will.*" In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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JANUARY 9TH, 2022

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY Jan 15, 2022 5:00pm	Lesia Handy	Michael Rabon		
SUNDAY Jan 16, 2022 8:0am	Erroll Greig			Loucinda George Eddie Chretien
SUNDAY Jan 16, 2022 10:00am	Brenda Washington	Tyrone Rogers		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group A** that cleaned the church on January 8th, 2022. The next group is **Group B:** Barbara Thomas, Carolyn Domingue and Laura Williams. January 15th, 2022.

St. Anthony — January, 2022: (**Group A**) Loucinda George, Jeanette Mitchell and Lillie Faye Jones.
Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

Remember Your Loved Ones

Through Memorial Ads
on the Our Church Bulletin



In Memory of Our Parents

John & Edith Smith

By Sarah and Jane Smith

In Loving Memory of

John Smith

By Sarah and Jane Smith

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ The church office will be closed Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day.



**Be careful who you
vent to. A listening
ear is also a
running mouth.**