

**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**January 12, 2020**

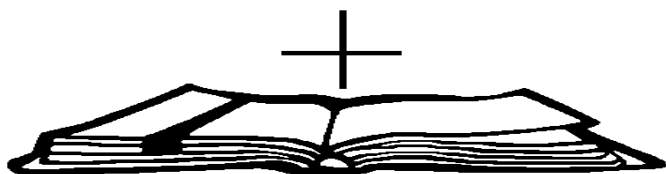
A voice came from the heavens, saying,  
 “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”  
 — *Matthew 3:17*

**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).

**Mass Intentions**



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Sat., Jan. 11, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Connie Tyler, Nick Sita, Ann Clark, Joy Guidry (L), Ethel Istre (L), Tom and Louise Cashmere (L), Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Special Intention, Fr. Vincent Phan (L)

Sun., Jan. 12, 7:30 a.m. Catherine Mule’

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Sun., Jan. 12, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., Jan. 13, 8:00 a.m. Sr. Gabriel Mule’ D.C.

Tues., Jan. 14 NO MASS

Wed., Jan 15, 8:00 a.m., Allen Armstrong (L)

Thurs., Jan 16, 8:00 a.m. Sr. Claire Mule’ D.C.

Fri., Jan 17, 8:00 a.m. Sean Grimes

**PRAYER LIST**

James Michael Cole	Korey James Harris
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Sylvia Callahan
Randy Cooper	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
Pam Addotto	Joseph Hadad
Nita Addotto	



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Envelopes	\$ 2,987.00
Loose	\$ 2032.42
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 150.00

**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

Sanctuary	Jon Craig (L) & Jon Holmes (L)
Blessed Mother	Patty Johnson (L)
St. Joseph	Ginger Gadonneix
St. Ann	Nicole Bryan (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers on the Altar are in honor of  
**Tom and Louise Cashmere**

**APPRECIATION DINNER**

The Hospitality Committee and Father Vincent would like to invite all volunteers to an Appreciation Dinner to be held on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Jonathan Hall. If you have served as a volunteer in any capacity at St. John's, you and your spouse are invited to join us for dinner. **A sign-up sheet will be on the shelf of the Church porch at all masses this weekend and next to get an approximate number of people attending. Please sign up and plan to join us for dinner.**

Bishop Hilary was born in France. He was married and a father who converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, “the Latin Trumpet against the Arians,” heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ’s divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus’ challenge to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

**We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a “Parishioner Form” located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.**

### **PRO-LIFE MARCH**

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to join the inspiring Pro-Life March in Downtown Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – noon. We will meet at St. John’s Church early and drive together. This event is open to everyone, children are welcome.

### **SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

We are pleased to announce that starting in 2020 the Archdiocese of New Orleans will annually host an anniversary celebration for those couples who have been married for 25 years. **THIS PERTAINS TO ONLY COUPLES MARRIED IN 1995.**

The celebration (**NO MASS**) will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church in New Orleans. If you were married in 1995 please call St. John’s office (796-3806) by January 13, 2020.

### **PIVOTAL PLAYER DVD**

Continues on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p. m. in the Jonathan Hall library. Because of the popularity of Archbishop Sheen, we will do a third segment on his life and work by continuing to review footage from Sheen’s “Life is Worth Living.” We will follow with a discussion. Sheen’s innovative radio and television programs, beamed out to believers and skeptics alike, reached upwards of 30 million people per week. Sheen had a gift for spreading the faith clearly and persuasively, and he paved the path for today’s media evangelists.

Pivotal players continue on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Jonathan Hall library with the study of St. Thomas Aquinas. Aquinas showed through the genius of his writings that there is harmony between faith and reason because both originate from the same source: God. He demonstrated that to believe is to think and the life of the mind is integral to life in Christ.

**This year the office will mail out the 2019 Contribution Statements.**

**The office will be closed this Monday for Martin Luther King Day. The office will open on Tuesday. If you have an emergency please call the office. You can retrieve the emergency number from the message center.**

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The December Contribution to the poor box in the back of church is \$ 339.00. It will be used by the committee to meet the needs to the local poor.

### **RESPECT LIFE FOCUS JANUARY- ABORTION/UNBORN BABIES**

Spiritual work of mercy: Join Catholics across the U.S. as we pray the 9 Days for Life Novena January 21<sup>st</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up via email, text or, download the app: <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/>

Corporal work of mercy - One of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead. Consider helping Compassionate Burial for Indigent Babies (CBIB) with their 2020 burial costs of roughly \$1600 to bury each baby. Any portion of the cost would be a welcome donation! CBIB has buried over 180 babies since its founding in 2007. They bury babies who were aborted, abandoned, and babies whose families are unable to cover the cost of their babies' burials. For more information go to: <http://www.cbibinc.com/home.html> or you may donate directly to CBIB at: <http://www.gofundme.com/ff/cbibbabies-org>

### **REMINDERS!**

The next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men’s group, Thurs., 7:00 p.m. in Library, except second Thurs.

PSR classes grades K – 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in JH 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade PSR classes, Sun., noon – 1:30 p.m. in Library

James Adult Bible Study, Thursdays or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting, January 13, 6:00 p.m. in office*