



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 11 – Rev. Patrick Tierney+ 8:00am
Tues. Jan. 12 – Jody Jackomine+ 8:00am
Wed. Jan. 13 – For the Parish 6:00pm
Thurs. Jan. 14 – William Murphy+ 8:00am
Fri. Jan. 15 – Rev. Gregory Kennedy+ 8:00am
Sat. Jan. 16 – Betty Cox+ 5:00pm
Sun. Jan. 17 – For the Parish 11:00am

If you would like a Mass said for your loved ones, please call the church office. There are many dates still available.

Second Collections

**This weekend: Aged and Infirm Priests
(These funds stay in our parish)**

January 23/24: Saltillo and Latin American Missions

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Bridgette Pope Adams, Adrienne Ankerson, Tommy Ankerson, Fred Anglin, C.L. Ates, Deatra Bigelow, Judith Bono, Abby Bosarge, Sandra Briggs, Terry Carsten, Carol Coggin, Michael Colburn, Elaine Cox, Kristin Dale, Lisa Danley, Dorothy Dersch, Betty Devera, John Devera Jr., John DeVeau, Elaine Edison, Dotsie Fountain, Hillary Frey, Walter Grady, Dudley Grantham, Horst Grasz, Ionne Guillotte, Mark Guillotte, Jackie Howard, Huynh Family, Deacon Robert Illanne, Rebecca Joiner, Steve Jones, Eugene Keaney, Norma Baker LaMar, Gary Loudenslager, Ronald Leter, Walter Lewis, Jerome Littleton, Walter Maderski, Greg Mansfield, Shirley Martell, Alisha Martin, Garry May, Frankie May, Marie McNemar, Robert McNemar, Ruth Melancon, Pyrrha Meyers, Rob Myers, Mary Moir, Billy Mosley, Jackie Muller, Harrington Murphy, Susal Parol, Louise Peden, Eileen Pelusi, Andy Pineta, Ronnie Raggio, Matt Roberts, Rucks Robinson, Jordan Salisbury, Norman Samuels, Robert Sellers, Edna Storey, Lane Todd, Timmy Tue, Sheila Vannoy, Cathy Ward, Kenny Wible, Kyson Zitzelberg.

St. Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 5:00pm
Sunday – 11:00am (Facebook Live)
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. – 8:00am
Wed. - Adoration and Confession – 5:00pm

Mass – 6:00pm

Masks are still required.

Father George Kitchin

All are welcome to Fr. Kitchin's Retirement Party this Sunday, January 10th after the 11:00am Mass. Cake, cookies, punch and coffee will be offered. There will be a basket for cards. If you cannot attend, please send your best wishes to Father at St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport.



The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish

Bishop Kihneman has decreed that this year will be designated "The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish. Please visit the Biloxi Diocese Website where you will find various materials for you and your family to focus upon the Eucharist and your Parish. This website offers many articles of information concerning our church here and around the world.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MEMBERS

Al/Jenny Downs and Family
Will/Sandra Harvey and Family
Betty Krebs and Family
Sandra Jupiter and Family
Deacon Tomasz Powroznik and Family

Background on the Gospel Reading...In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke. Clearly, Jesus' baptism was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to all who are present. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism shows that something new is beginning through the baptism and ministry of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God.

SEARCH

Please keep our Junior and Senior CYO members in your prayers. 25 children from our deanery will have their "Search Retreat" here at St. Mary's this weekend. Their day consists of music, learning, adoration, confession and Mass. We are proud of them and look forward as they become active Intentional Disciples of Christ in our community.

We will be changing out the Christmas decorations this Monday after the 8:00am Mass. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you! If you would like to take a poinsettia home, you may do so after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday or Monday of this week.

2021 Diocesan Directory

The Diocesan Directory is made available each year through the Gulf Pine Catholic Newspaper. It contains information on all the churches and personnel within our diocese. If you would like to order one, please pick up an order form in the vestibules. The cost is \$10. Please send check and orders to the Gulf Pine Catholic, 1790 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi, MS 39532.

***MAY ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD BE
YOURS IN ABUNDANCE IN THE NEW YEAR.***

ISAIAH 43:19

CCD CLASSES

Classes are held in the Activity Center at 9:45am – 10:45am. Refreshments are served before classes begin.

Please contact Becky Sparkman at 228-238-3079 for more information.

Children's Sunday School



VOLUNTEERS

As the New Year is here, please consider heading up or joining a committee for our church. We are looking for Mass Coordinators or lectors, people to help arrange funerals, or help in organizing our storage in the Activity Center. These would require just an hour or so a week of your time. Thank you for your consideration.

VOLUNTEER

St. Vincent de Paul

Next sale date - January 23rd

8:00am - Noon