THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 10, 2021

A voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”
Mark 1:11

Pastor

Rev. Marcin S. Wiktor
Parochial Vicar

Rev. John Noone
Retired

Deacon Brian Klause

Deacon Doug McNair

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday: 10:40 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Misa en Español
Spanish Mass in Parish Hall
5:00 p.m. Youth Mass
Weekday Masses: 8:10 a.m. on Mon., Thurs., Fri., and
6:30 pm Masses on Mon., Tues.,
and Thurs. evenings.
Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet:
After weekday Masses
**Jesus, I Love You, and I Trust In You!**

**Mass Intentions**
**January 9th – January 15th**

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**Communion Calls**
Please notify the church office of the names of those who desire to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital.

**Contact the**
**St. Charles Borromeo Church Office**
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
**1000 Fifth Avenue, Picayune, MS 39466**
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**This Is Your Parish!**

**Baptisms**
Baptism classes are held quarterly (January, April, July, & October) on the 3rd Monday of the month. All paperwork must be received at the office no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled baptism.

**Confessions**
Confessions are 30 minutes before Mass on weekends and by appointment.

**Funerals**
Arrangements may be made by calling the office. Pre-funeral arrangements may also be made.

**Weddings**
Weddings are to be scheduled 6 months prior to the ceremony. Any information you need regarding any of the sacraments or events listed above, may be obtained by calling the office.

**Anointing Of The Sick**
Communal Anointing periodically or anytime upon request.
For anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church or anyone who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation through RCIA, please contact the parish office. RCIA will be held on Mondays at 6:00PM in the parish hall. For anyone interested in helping with RCIA or would just like to come for continuous religious instruction, please also contact the church office. Due to COVID-19, attendance MAY be limited, so for those wishing to participate in RCIA for any reason, you must first contact the church office and speak with the RCIA coordinator before attending.
FIRST READING
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 55: 1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  (Is 12)
R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.
R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.
R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!
R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

SECOND READING
A reading from the Letter of St. John
1 John 5: 1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL OF THE MASS
A reading from the holy Gospel
According to Mark
Mark 1: 7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.
Five Things To Know About Intercessory Prayer

1. Intercessory prayer leads us to pray as Jesus did.
"Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men, especially sinners. He is 'able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them...' Since Abraham, intercession — asking on behalf of another — has been characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy. In the age of the Church, Christian intercession participates in Christ's, as an expression of the communion of saints." - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2634 and 2635

2. The Holy Spirit is the best guide for us in our intercessory prayer.
"On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of the Promise was poured out on the disciples, gathered 'together in one place' (Acts 2:1). While awaiting the Spirit, 'all these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer' (Acts 1:14). The Spirit who teaches the Church and recalls for her everything that Jesus said was also to form her in the light of prayer... The Holy Spirit 'himself intercedes for us... and intercedes for the saints according to the will of God' (Acts 2:1)" - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2623 and 2634

3. The intercessor's first movement is to ask God for forgiveness.
"The first movement of the prayer of petition is asking forgiveness, like the tax collector in the parable: 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' (Luke 18:13). It is a prerequisite for righteous and pure prayer. A trusting humility brings us back into the light of communion between the Father and his Son Jesus Christ and with one another, so that 'we receive from him whatever we ask' (1 John 3:22). Asking forgiveness is the prerequisite for both the Eucharistic liturgy and personal prayer." - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2631

4. Through intercessory prayer, we grow in charity because we move beyond our own needs to those of others.
"In intercession, he who prays looks "not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others," even to the point of praying for those who do him harm. The first Christian communities lived this form of fellowship intensely. Thus the Apostle Paul gives them a share in his ministry of preaching the Gospel but also intercedes for them. The intercession of Christians recognizes no boundaries: "for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions," for persecutors, for the salvation of those who reject the Gospel. - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2635 and 2636

5. Through intercessory prayer, we grow in humility because we learn to rely on God's providence, even in the midst of struggles.
"By prayer of petition we express awareness of our relationship with God. We are creatures who are not our own beginning, not the masters of adversity, not our own last end. We are sinners who as Christians know that we have turned away from our Father. Our petition is already a turning back to him... Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God... The 'spiritual battle' of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer." - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2629 and 2725

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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.

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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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AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

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.

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**Saint Paul the Hermit’s Story**

**January 15**

It is unclear what we really know of Paul’s life, how much is fable, how much is fact. Paul was reportedly born in Egypt, where he was orphaned by age 15. He was also a learned and devout young man. During the persecution of Decius in Egypt in the year 250, Paul was forced to hide in the home of a friend. Fearing a brother-in-law would betray him, he fled in a cave in the desert. His plan was to return once the persecution ended.

The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin. In Baptism, the Holy Spirit moves us to answer Christ’s call to holiness. In Baptism, we are asked to walk by the light of Christ and to trust in his wisdom. We are invited to submit our hearts to Christ with ever deeper love." — United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, pp. 184-185

Reflect: "In the one Body of Christ, all the members share a common dignity' so that 'no inequality arising from race or nationality, social condition or sex' exists, for all are one in Christ (Lumen Gentium [Dogmatic Constitution on the Church], no. 32)." — Sacraments and Social Mission, "Baptism," pg. 3

Pray: Pray in thanksgiving for a child in your family today. Act At the start of this year, think about ways that you can bring more of Christ's light to the world.

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**Saint Hilary of Poitiers’ Story**

**January 13**

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France. Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he chose, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athenasius of the West.” While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi -Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

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**Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys’ Story**

**January 12th**

“God closes a door and then opens a window,” people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else’s. That was certainly true in Marguerite’s case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in 17th-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God’s providence.

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her. In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel. Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved. Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop’s request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the “Mother of the Colony.” Marguerite was canonized in 1982.

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