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January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

Why did Jesus get Baptized?

This Sunday, the liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. There is a difference between the baptism of John the Baptist and the baptism that Jesus gives to us. The word baptism means to submerge in water. Baptism was not unknown to the Jewish people. Within the Jewish tradition there was a rite of immersion for legal purification for those who had become defiled under the Mosaic Law. From the beginning John's baptism focused on conversion. While John's baptism, a ritualistic expression of conversion, penance and repentance, did not confer sanctifying grace, Jesus' baptism, a sacrament necessary for salvation, does bestow upon the baptized sanctifying grace.

Jesus had no need of conversion and repentance. He is the sinless one. Jesus uses the act of baptism as a means to make himself known to the people. Secondly, the Lord's baptism is a moment of decision and identification. By being baptized, Jesus, although he is sinless, identifies himself with the very people that he has come to save. Through his baptism, Jesus announces to the world that his public ministry has begun. In his humanity, he freely chooses to complete this mission and makes a free decision: he will carry out the Father's will to its' ultimate consequence. Through his baptism, Jesus identifies himself with all of us, i.e., sinful humanity, so that we can come to him filled with total confidence and peace.

It would be a mistake to consider, as some spiritual writers do, that Jesus was confused about his identity and did not know that he was the Messiah until his baptism in the Jordan. On this matter the Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear. "The unique and altogether singular event of the Incarnation of the Son of God does not mean that Jesus Christ is part God and part man, nor does it imply that he is the result of a confused mixture of the divine and the human. He became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. During the first centuries, the Church had to defend and clarify this truth of faith against the heresies that falsified it" (# 464).

Let us reiterate our own baptismal commitments and try to carry out the promises in 2021.

Fr. Tomi

Source: www.catholic.org

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM - St. Elizabeth
Sunday : 8:30 AM - St. Jules, 10:30 AM - St. Elizabeth and 6:00 PM St. Elizabeth Oct 4th —Dec 20th

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:00 PM - St. Jules, Tuesday: 7:45 AM - St. Elizabeth, Thursday: 6:00 PM - St. Jules,
Friday 7:45 AM - St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 3:50 and 30 min before every weekday Mass or by appointment

ADORATION

Monday—5:00 pm at **St. Jules**, Thursday - 5:00 pm at **St. Jules**, Friday—7:00 am at **St. Elizabeth**

Administrator: Rev Tomi Thomas, IMS, Deacon Associate: Ehren Oswald

DRE: Celeste Esneault, Music: Emma Prejean, Housekeeper: Sharon Landry Admin Assistant: Wendy Ourso, Bookkeeper: Claire Blanchard Sisters of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel: (985) 369-7069

Office Hours 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri



I personally want to thank you for your support of our parish. Thank you to all who made sacrifices to send the year – end giving. May the Lord reward you generously one hundred fold. Anyone who would like to donate to our church are welcome to do so now. The year-end giving for St. Elizabeth was \$15,655.00 and for St. Jules was \$23,800.00.

My prayers are with you all,

Fr. Tomi Thomas

Stewardship

December 27, 2020

	Mass	Online	Total	2019 Collection Same Week
St. Elizabeth				
Regular Collection	\$2,377.00	\$705.00	\$3,082.00	\$3,302.00
Christmas Offerings	\$1,841.00	\$200.00	\$2,041.00	\$4,143.00
Improvement Fund	\$430.00		\$430.00	
St. Jules				
Regular Collection	\$1,931.78	\$2,430.00	\$4,361.78	\$2,114.00
Christmas Offerings	\$2,895.00	\$153.00	\$3,048.00	\$2,843.00
Improvement Fund	\$70.00	\$35.00	\$105.00	

January 3, 2021

	Mass	Online	Total	2019 Collection Same Week
St. Elizabeth				
Regular Collection	\$2,076.00	\$1,389.00	\$3,465.00	\$3,799.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$112.00			\$112.00
Improvement Fund	\$335.00	\$118.00	\$453.00	
St. Jules				
Regular Collection	\$2,269.00	\$1,478.00	\$3,747.00	\$4,068.50
Solemnity of Mary	\$577.00		\$577.00	
Improvement Fund	\$145.00	\$625.00	\$770.00	

St. Elizabeth & St. Jules Ministers Schedule

If you are not able to serve your scheduled time, please call someone to take your place*
Entire schedule is posted on <https://sesjchurch.com/liturgical-ministers>

DATE	TIME	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVER	SACRISTANS	USHERS
01/16/21 St. Elizabeth	Saturday 4:00 PM	Megan LeBlanc	Suzanne Giroir	Noah Giroir Johnny & Louie Viallon	CMC Sisters	Volunteer
01/17/21 St. Jules	Sunday 8:30 AM	Aiden LeBlanc	Claire Blanchard	Sam Blanchard Zachary Charlet Adalyn LeBlanc	Patsy Breaux Volunteers	Volunteer
01/17/21 St. Elizabeth	Sunday 10:30 AM	Norma Blanchard	Sister Alphonse	Wyatt Diaz Ava Womack Seth Strubb	Norma Blanchard	Hayden Strubb

Baptismal Seminar

If you are expecting or just recently had a child, please call the Church Office about arranging a baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Seminar if you have not done so in the last 3 years. The seminar lasts approximately **40 minutes**. Our next Baptism Seminar is scheduled for Sunday, **February 7, 2020 after the 10:30 Mass at the Mount Carmel Hall (on right side of St. Elizabeth Church)**. Please contact our office at 225.473.8569 to register ahead of time.

We also accept walk-ins.

"You are sealed by the holy spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever."



"BAYOU" Men of The Immaculata Men's Conference
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 at 7:30am
St. Philomena Community Center



This will be a live stream viewing of the Conference in Baton Rouge as it happens. Fr. Eddie will celebrate Mass in the Church. A pre-packaged lunch will be served. To register or for more info, contact Charlie Bailey 985-413-2475

This week the sanctuary light donation is in memory of:

St. Elizabeth: For the People

St. Jules: LeRoy Leblanc

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM - Albertine Giroir and Family, Roland LeBlanc, Sr.,

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM - For the People

10:30 AM - Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. LeBlanc

Monday, January 11

6:00 PM - + Rene Landry

Tuesday, January 12

7:45 AM - Barbara Correnty

Thursday, January 14

6:00 PM - Msgr. Walter Orlowski

Friday, January 15

7:45 AM - Ann Marie Tardio

Saturday, January 16

4:00 PM - Paul Daigle, Sr. and Family, Roland LeBlanc, Philip and Irma Landry Family, Marie Adele Rivere and Morris, Maudry Hebert, Sidney and Therese Alleman and Mary Jane Becnel

Sunday, January 17

8:30 AM - Dr. and Mrs. Roland Sternfels, Arthur Bergeron, Jr., Raymond Sagona



Christmas Flowers

+Percy Landry, Jr., +Mr. and Mrs. Camille Traigle, +Mederic and Mildred LeBlanc, +Henry and Tillie George, +Lenny LeBlanc, +Julie LeBlanc, +Henry George, Jr.

Assistance Needed

We will be removing the Christmas decorations at St. Elizabeth Church on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 8:00

AM

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.



Please Pray For:

Robert Brower, Sandy George, Special Request, Dorthy Caballero, Percy Falcon, Kathleen Rousseau, Max Prejean, Brayden Hood, Lauren Duiery (Special Intention), Beth Boudreaux, Jake Daigle, Johnny LeBlanc, Tim Smith, Sr. and Family, Tommy L Smith, Jr., Mr. Daryl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Brett Smith, Gage Adams, Shirley Hebert, Polly Johnson, Warren Dugas', Kayla Buchen, Scott P. Falcon, Maggie Plauche, Margaret Law, Steven Gauthé', Marlene Newchurch, Trey Prejean, Russell Crochet

FM Radio for weekend Masses

For those who want to participate in the Mass from your car, just tune your radio to FM 90.9 from the parking lot. Communion will be brought to your vehicle.

