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JANUARY 12, 2025 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

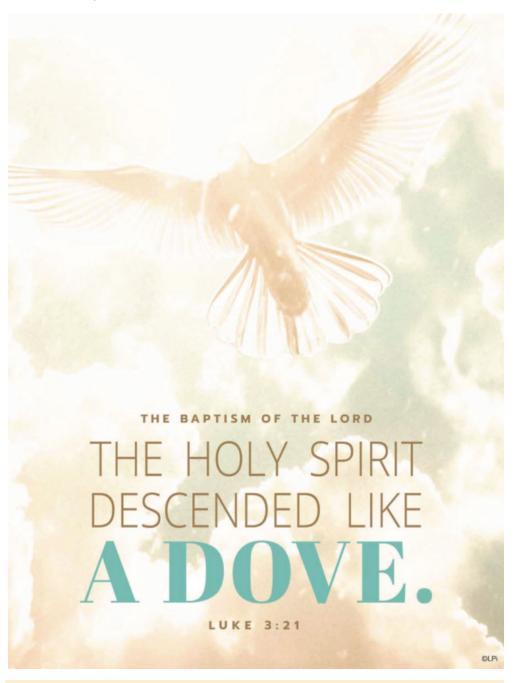


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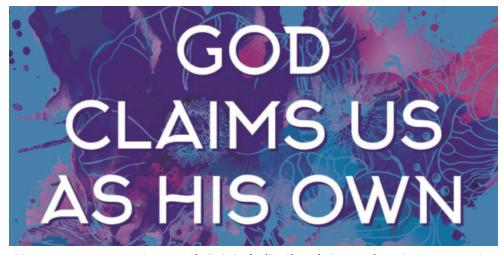
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#### MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKEND MASS** 

Sat Vigil: 4pm

Sun: 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm

**DAILY MASS** 

Mon-Sat: 8:15am Tues: 6:00pm Fri: 6:30am

#### **CONFESSIONS**

**Tues:** 5:00-5:45pm **Thurs:** 7:00-8:00pm **Sat:** 2:30-3:30pm

#### **ROSARY**

Sun: 4:15pm (Family Holy Rosary)Tue: 9:15am (Rosario en Español)5:15pm (Rosary for our Youth)

**Thu:** 6:30pm (Rosary for Life)

#### OFFICE HOURS

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

	Mornings	Afternoons	
Mon	9-11:30am	1-5pm	
Tues	9-11:30am	<b>3</b> -5pm	
Wed	9-11:30am	1-5pm	
Thurs	9-11:30am	1-5pm	
Fri	9-11:30am	Closed	
Sat & Sun	Closed	Closed	

#### **FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

Mon: 10:00 am-3:00pm Tues: 2:30 pm-7:45pm Wed: 10:00am-4:30pm Thurs: 10:00 am-3:00pm

#### **GIFT SHOP**

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#### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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"The lives of the saints and blesseds show us the importance of the Eucharist on our journey as disciples of Jesus."

- The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church (51)

Become a prayer partner! Help each other on your journey to become saints!



#### **BECOMING DISCIPLES**

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#### Sunday, January 12

The Baptism of the Lord
7:00 am † Arthur Lambert
8:30 am Parishioners
10:30 am † Robert Stavely
5:00 pm LDM of the
Ramsey Family

#### Monday, January 13

St. Hilary

8:15 am † Marie Klingenbeck

#### Tuesday, January 14

8:15 am LDM of the Sugai Families 6:00 pm † Jim McGrath

#### Wednesday, January 15 8:15 am Andrew Hopkins

#### **Thursday, January 16** 8:15 am † Tom Sullivan

#### Friday, January 17

St. Anthony 6:30 am † Evelyn B. Norgaard 8:15 am † Marie Klingenbeck

#### Saturday, January 18

8:15 am † Roberto Gonzalez 4:00 pm † Mike & † Marion Brescia

#### Sunday, January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am Dennis & Susan
Jenan
8:30 am Roger Donos
10:30 am Parishioners
5:00 pm † Mary Cashel

Huchings

Please note: LDM = Living & Deceased Members



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Weekly Deficit	(\$1,873.22)
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$888,493.16
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget	\$870,555.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus	\$17,938.16

#### **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Miscellaneous	\$20.00
Building Fund Collection	\$1,173.50
Building Fund Balance	\$67.114.82

\*Includes Christmas, Sunday collections, Online Giving, mid-week tithing, and quarterly, large, one-time donations (Budget: \$15,000 Actual: \$21,000)



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Regardless of how you choose to give, thank you for your continued generosity! Your support not only makes a difference within our own parish, but also throughout our local community!

As the Body of Christ — Becoming Disciples, we are called to serve each other in many ways. As a family of families, we know the needs are great. Together, we can do more than any one person or family could do alone.

#### **BABY SAFE HAVEN**

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parent can leave an unwanted, unharmed newborn baby at a designated Baby Safe Haven without fear of prosecution or answering any questions. They can remain anonymous. A baby can be left at the Parish Office during normal office hours. After hours, take the baby to the nearest fire station or hospital.

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#### The Baptism of the Lord

Jen Arnold, M.A. in Theology and Catechetics — www.CatholicHeartAblaze.com

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season and transitions us into Ordinary Time. The Baptism of Jesus is one of the most significant events in the life of Christ, marking the beginning of his public ministry and providing insight into God's plan for salvation. St. John the Baptist is also a significant figure in this event, as God chose him to prepare the way for his Son's ministry and to baptize him. St. John is not simply a person who facilitates a historical event, but also a theological symbol pointing to deeper truths about repentance, salvation, and the Holy Trinity. Let's take a deeper look at the Baptism of the Lord.

Before examining the significance of Jesus' baptism specifically, it is helpful to understand the general role of baptism within the context of the lewish religious practice at the time. Ritual washing or purification was а wellestablished practice in Judaism, and it had both individual and communal dimensions. The act of immersion in water symbolized the cleansing of impurities, a necessary process to approach God in holiness. You might recognize the priest recollecting our Jewish roots of ritual purification at Mass when the altar server or deacon pours water over his hands behind the altar and says the words, "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." However, the baptism administered by John the Baptist was distinct from the ritual washings that Jews had been practicing. John's baptism was a call to repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

John's role in the spiritual history of Israel was deeply connected to Old Testament prophecies, particularly those found in the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah foretold that a "voice crying out in the wilderness" would prepare the way for the Lord (Is 40:3). John's mission was to fulfill this prophecy, calling the people of Israel to repentance and renewal, preparing them for the Savior's imminent arrival.

So, the question is: Why did Jesus, who is without sin, submit himself to baptism? After all, John's type of baptism was a sign of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, yet Jesus, the sinless Son of God, did not need such purification.

First, it is important to understand that Jesus' baptism was not for his own purification but rather a manifestation of his humility and obedience to the Father's will. In Matthew's Gospel, we read that John initially hesitated to baptize Jesus, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (Mt 3:14). Jesus responded, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Mt 3:15). By submitting to baptism, Jesus identified himself with sinful humanity, even though he was without sin. This moment of solidarity was part of his mission to take on the fullness of the human experience, becoming the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world. Additionally, Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry and signifies his full acceptance of the role that God the Father ordained for him. Jesus' submission to baptism serves as a model for all Christians. He demonstrates the humility and obedience that we are all called to live out in our own spiritual journeys.

The baptism of Jesus is rich in theological meaning. It reveals the central mystery of the Holy Trinity and the perfect unity between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When Jesus emerges from the waters of the Jordan River, the heavens open, and the Spirit of God descends upon him like a dove. Then a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt 3:17).

This scene is one of the clearest manifestations of the Trinity in the New Testament. The Father speaks from heaven, the Son stands in the water, and the Holy Spirit descends upon the Son in the form of a dove. This divine revelation highlights the unity and distinctiveness of each of the three persons of the Trinity. It also marks a key moment in the revelation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, the Messiah, and the second person of the Holy Trinity. The event establishes the mission of Jesus as the anointed one, chosen by the Father and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring salvation to the world.

Furthermore, Jesus' baptism prefigures the Sacrament of Christian Baptism. In his baptism, Jesus not only identifies with humanity, but also sanctifies the

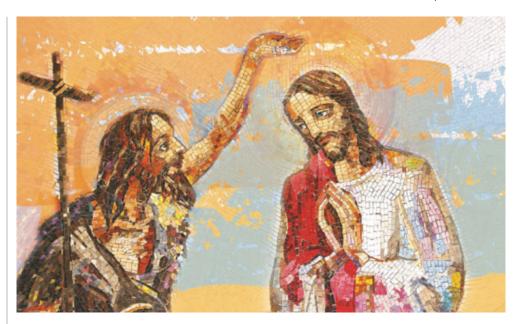
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waters of baptism, making them a channel of grace for all who follow him. Christian baptism, which was instituted by Christ, is a sacrament of initiation into the Church, a sign of cleansing from sin, and a means of receiving the Holy Spirit. Jesus' baptism anticipates the spiritual reality of Christian baptism, in which believers are incorporated into the life of Christ and receive the gifts of grace and salvation.

While Jesus' baptism is the focal point of this story, we should not overlook the significance of St. John the Baptist's role. As the forerunner of Christ, John was chosen to prepare the way for the Messiah. His ministry of repentance and conversion was a necessary preparation for the people of Israel to receive the Savior.

John's role is best understood in light of his relationship to Jesus. In the Gospels, John makes it clear that he is not the Messiah, but merely the one who prepares the way for him. In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist states, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord" (In 1:23) John's mission was to lead the people to recognize the coming of the Messiah and to prepare their hearts for his arrival. John's baptisms were not mere ritual; rather, they were intended as a sign of repentance. In Mathew's Gospel, John declares, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt. 3:2). Through his preaching and baptism, John was calling the people of Israel to turn away from sin and to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom. He



was in a long line of prophets who had called the people of Israel to repentance, but John's ministry was unique in that it pointed directly to Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises.

John's humility was another key aspect of his role. He recognized his subordinate position to Jesus, stating, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). John understood that his mission was to point others to Christ, not to elevate himself. His ministry was one of service and humility, and he did so with joy, knowing that he was preparing the way for the Savior.

The Baptism of Jesus serves as a reminder of our call to holiness and conversion. As John the Baptist called the people of his

time to repentance, so, too, does the Church continually call us to ongoing conversion and renewal in the grace of God. Jesus' baptism is an invitation for us to embrace the call to live as faithful disciples. to humble ourselves before God, and to open ourselves to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. This week, reflect on the words of St. John the Baptist. Identify any areas in your life where you can repent and "make straight the path" to better prepare for the coming of the Lord. Thank Jesus for taking on the fullness of the human experience by having himself baptized and sanctifying the baptismal waters so that we might receive his saving grace through our own baptisms.



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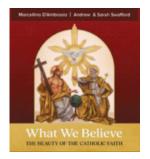
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**REMINDER:** All Children & Youth programs will resume this week! Mark Your Calendar:

The next Family Mass & Potluck is Saturday, January 25 at 5:30pm.

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



#### Coffee Break

What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith

#### Wednesday mornings

9:00-11:30am in the Bl. Carlo Acutis Center

Wherever you may be in your faith journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church, where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It's not too late to join us! For more info, please join the Coffee Break group on CCCC Flocknote.

#### Walking with Purpose Living in the Father's Love

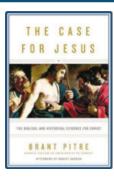
**Alternating Monday nights** beginning January 27

7:00pm in the Parish Center



Join us for Living in the Father's Love to discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love. The study focuses on practical ways we can apply the truths of the Bible to our everyday challenges. You'll make authentic connections with other women and learn more about God. For more info, please join the Walking with Purpose group on CCCC Flocknote.





#### ACES

**Adult Catholic Education Series** 

The Case for Jesus

Thursday mornings beginning Jan. 23 9:15-11:30am in the **Bl. Carlo Acutis Center** 

Over the years, many scholars have questioned the historical truth of the Gospels, claiming that they were originally anonymous. Others have even argued that lesus of Nazareth did not think he was God and never claimed to be divine. In The Case for Jesus, Dr. Brant Pitre goes back to the sources — the biblical and historical evidence for Christ — to answer these and other objections. As The Case for Jesus will show, recent discoveries in New Testament scholarship, as well as neglected evidence from ancient manuscripts and the early Church Fathers, together have the potential to pull the rug out from under a century of skepticism toward the traditional Gospels. Above all, Pitre shows how the divine claims of Jesus of Nazareth can only be understood by putting them in their ancient Jewish context.

To register, scan the QR code or go to corpuschristiphx.org/ aces. The cost is \$27 for this 10 session course and includes both the book and workbook.



For more information, contact Karen (khenz2020@gmail.com) or Jack Henz (ifhenz@gmail.com).

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#### SANCTITY OF LIFE MINISTRY

#### **Next Meeting**

Monday, January 13 at 6pm

A new year is about to begin and we would love to have you be part of our ministry as we plan events for 2025! Join us at our next meeting, tomorrow, January 13, 2025 in the Cry Room at 6pm.

#### Mass for the Unborn

Wednesday, January 22 at 6pm

Please join us in the church for Mass on January 22 to pray as a community for the protection of all unborn children and their families and for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.



### CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

#### **Layette Meeting Dates**

Wednesdays 9am-1pm in the Parish Center January-May 2025

01/22

02/12 & 02/26

03/12 & 03/26

04/09 & 04/23

05/7 & 05/14



#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Youth Free Throw Championship

#### Saturday, January 18 at 11am

Attention parents and guardians of children ages 9 -14:

The Knights of Columbus Council 10062 is holding the 2025 Youth Free Throw Championship on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 11am. The event will be off campus, but still in Ahwatukee and will take approximately 30 minutes. Winning contestants from



Corpus Christi will move on to the Regional Free Throw Championship in February at a site to be determined. Then the winners of the Regional Championship will head to the State Championship in March. Participants will receive certificates at the Parish Championship and medallions at the Regional and State Championships.

Registration forms can be obtained by copying and pasting the one on kofc10062.org or by emailing JulTiritilli@gmail.com. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 5pm**. Forms may be scanned and emailed back or dropped off at the Parish Office. Forms without a parent or guardian's signature of consent will not be accepted. For more information, please call Deputy Grand Knight Julius Tiritilli at 480-250-2208. Thanks you.

#### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

The Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus are proud to report another successful "Keep Christ In Christmas" poster contest. A total of 58 poster entries were presented this year from grades K through 5. The entered posters hung proudly outside our parish center for viewing during the Christmas Masses. The Knights were very impressed with the artistic effort of each participant as well as the message of Keep Christ in Christmas from all entrants.

The winning entries by grade this year were:

- K: Persephone Arama
- 1: Paige Ferrentino
- 2: Isla Chivers
- 3: Arabella Arama
- 4: Adi Maxwell
- 5: Elena Nguyen

Winning Essay: Hannah Wedell

The Knights of Columbus Council 10062 wish to give a huge thank



you to Rob Curtis and Jasmyn Gonzalez-Jauregui in the Faith Formation Office for all their amazing support!

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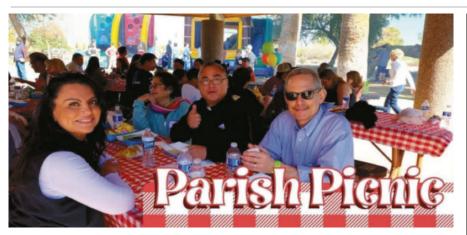
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#### **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**

#### **Linen Drive**

Representatives from Sleep in Heavenly Peace will visit Corpus Christi on weekends of January 18 & 19 and 25 & 26. Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a 501 c (3) nonprofit, is committed to ensuring that "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town." SHP is an all-volunteer force that raises money in the community to purchase the necessary materials and build every bed by hand. Each bed comes with a brand-new mattress, pillow, blanket and twin sheet set. Each bed is built by volunteers in SHP's workshop near Sky Harbor Airport. Through a network of nine delivery hubs throughout metro Phoenix (mostly churches), the beds are delivered and assembled in the homes of those people reaching out to us for help.

Benefitting SHP, the Ladies Auxiliary of Assembly 14, Knights of Columbus, will be hosting a linen drive during the weekends of January 18 & 19 and 25 & 26. Donations of **new** twin sheet sets, blankets, and pillows can be brought to the church before and after each Mass. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for your support of this worthy organization to ensure that "no kid sleeps on the floor in our town." For more information, please call/text Auxiliary Co-President Cathy Moore at 480-577-2612.



#### **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

A fun & free event for our parishioners and their families.

Sunday, February 2 • 11:30am - 3:00pm Desert Breeze Park in Chandler

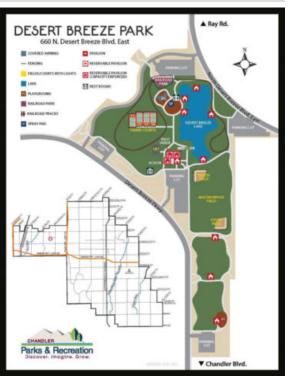


#### Food:

Burgers, Brats & Hotdogs Chips, Cookies, Popcorn & Cotton Candy Ice Cream Sandwiches & Popsicles

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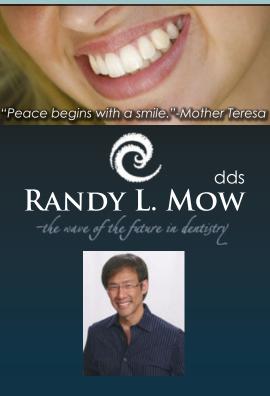
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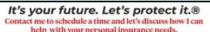


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#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

(7AM Mass)

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

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#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Ready the Way by Curtis Stephen

Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord.

- 1. Make straight the road, raise the valleys, and mountains make low. Turning from sin, let the broken be whole, and ready the way of the Lord. *(Refrain)*
- 2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk in your truth, so we may love more like you and ready the way for you, Lord. *(Refrain)*
- 3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we prepare a place. Come bring this world your mercy and grace, as we ready the way for you, Lord. (*Refrain*)

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104

#### O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth; **R.** 

You have constructed your palace upon the waters.

You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers. **R.** 

How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have wrought them all —
the earth is full of your creatures;
the sea also, great and wide,
in which are schools without number
of living things both small and great. R.

They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. **R.** 

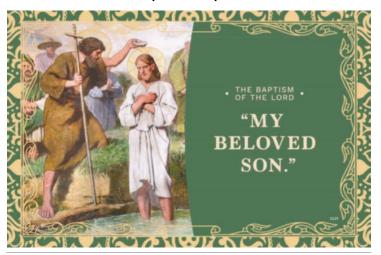
If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R.** 

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **Alleluia, alleluia.** 



#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine by G. Kendrick

Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord,
and let there be light

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness Ever-changing from glory to glory Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story Shine on me, shine on me (*Refrain*)

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