

# The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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## Message from Fr. Niall

Dear Friends,

This weekend we formally bring the Christmas season to an end with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Now you can truly put away your tree (if it survived this long), the lights and everything else for another year. Luckily, between all the comings and goings of the holiday, we had an extra week to get the names of your loved ones, whom you wanted to honor with your Christmas flower donations, into this bulletin. The names published are not those of the donors but only those whom you wished to honor. Your donations contributed to the Christmas trees, poinsettias, lights and the new wreaths on the windows. If any of you bought a live Christmas tree this year, you will have noticed the price has gone up considerably. I think this is related to the many fires and weather issues we, along with so many others, have suffered during 2019. We are most grateful for your contributions to the seasonal decorations and our heartfelt thanks to Loretta Coussirat and her team for organizing and assembling them.

Two weeks ago (Sunday, December 29) we welcomed Bella Ijeoma Nwami into the Church community through the sacrament of Baptism at the 11:15 morning Mass, but we didn't have all her

family details in time for the bulletin printer's deadline. So, better late than never, congratulations to her very proud parents, Katherine and Lewis, and her godparents, Emily Moon and Bryan Nwami. May we grow together here at Saint Catherine of Siena in our ministries of love of God and neighbor and continue to be a light in the world.

This weekend at the Saturday (January 11, 2020) 5:00 evening Mass, we welcome Luke Thomas McMillan into the Church community through the sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to his very proud parents, Kathryn and Alexander, on the birth of their first-born son and the first to be baptized here in 2020. Welcome to his godparents, Jordan and Brian McAdams, and his extended family and friends, as we all celebrate his new birth into the life of Christ in the Church community at Saint Catherine's.

May God bring to fulfillment the good work begun in us as we begin a new year and a new decade.

Happy New Year and God bless,

*Fr. Niall*

### Diocesan Services Fund



"This letter comes to you with my gratitude and congratulations for your parish's generous DSF 2019 contribution. The achievement of this goal speaks of your dedication to the 60-plus ministries of our Archdiocese and the lives they transform. Through your generosity, you have all shown the goodness of Christ by bearing fruit that will remain in thousands of lives.

"Pope Francis reminds us that 'It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.' In supporting the DSF, we are sharing what we have and bearing witness to our brothers and sisters in Christ with outward signs of mercy."

- Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

## Club 55+ Bus Trip

Please join us on our bus trip on Wednesday, January 29th for a **Tea and Tour** at the **Archway Gallery** led by parishioner Shirl Riccetti. The tour will include a presentation by the featured artist, Joel Anderson. We will then proceed to the **Charity Guild Resale Shop** where you will have time to browse the many consignment items benefitting the Charity Guild of Catholic Women. We will wrap up our trip with lunch at the beautiful **Kitchen at Dunlavy** overlooking Buffalo Bayou Park. We start the day at the church at **9:30 am** and should be back by **3:00 pm**.

There is no cost for this trip except for lunch, so to reserve your spot, please call Diane at 713-540-7884. Be sure to leave a voicemail as it is first come, first served. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

## Club 55+ Luncheon

Our first meeting of 2020 will be held on Sunday, January 12 in the Church Hall, after the 11:15 Mass. The Spring Woods H.S. Drama Group will be joining us to give us a preview of their upcoming Show: "Mamma Mia". This should be good so plan to be there for some great music.

## Final Feast of Christmas

It is fitting that on this final feast of the season of Christmas, we celebrate Jesus' baptism, and with it our own entry into Christ's life through the waters of baptism. During Christmas, we have reflected on the stunning recognition that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ. Now, as we make the transition to Ordinary Time, we think about what it means to follow this same Christ, the Anointed One of God. In baptism, we too are anointed. Baptism plunges us into Christ's death and resurrection; in baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit. Baptism, which is available to all who believe, draws us to the very heart of God. In baptism, we become the servants of the Lord, chosen ones who are called for the victory of justice, a light for the nations.



## Parish Calendar

For full calendar, visit [stcatherine-houston.org](http://stcatherine-houston.org)

### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

SAT 11	<b>5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass</b> Baptism of Luke Thomas McMillan
SUN 12	<b>8:30 AM Sunday Mass</b> 9:30 - 10:30 AM CCE Class <b>11:15 AM Sunday Mass</b> 12:30 - 1:00 PM Club 55+ Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 PM Confirmation Meeting
MON 13	OFFICE CLOSED <b>No Daily Mass</b>
TUE 14	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open <b>12:15 PM Daily Mass</b> †Kevin Foresman
WED 15	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open <b>12:15 PM Daily Mass</b> † Elaine Wilson 7:00 - 8:30 PM Bible Study
THU 16	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study <b>12:15 PM Daily Mass</b>
FRI 17	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open <b>12:15 PM Daily Mass</b>
Next Week	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
SAT 18	<b>5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass</b>
SUN 19	<b>8:30 AM Sunday Mass</b> 9:30 - 10:30 AM CCE Class <b>11:15 AM Sunday Mass</b>

We offer our condolences and support to the family and friends of Dorothy Mitchell, wife of Bob Mitchell, who died on the second of January.

