

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**JANUARY 9, 2022**

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.— *Titus 3:5*



### BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations  
(*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace  
(*Psalm 29*) or *Psalm 104*.

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good  
(*Acts 10:34-38*) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased  
(*Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;  
Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;  
Mk 2:13-17  
**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;  
Jn 2:1-11

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord  
**Monday:** First Week in Ordinary Time  
**Thursday:** St. Hilary  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of the Lord  
Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection question:

*What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God?*

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### WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES Masks are required. to attend.

#### SUNDAY

**8:00 a.m. Mass** (Live)  
**10:00 a.m. Mass** (Live and Recorded)

#### WEDNESDAY:

**9:00 a.m. Mass** (Live)  
**6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.**

## HOMEGOING



Mrs. Barbara Parks, passed away quietly at home, on Sunday, January 2, 2022, following a long illness.

To the Family, our thoughts and prayers are with each of you, as we gather to celebrate Barbara's life. She will be greatly missed at St. Monica. **Funeral Services for Barbara Parks,**

**will be held at**

**SAINT. MONICA CHURCH,**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022**

VISITATION: 10:00. – 11:00 a.m.

.FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 – 12:00 Noon

Internment immediately following .

May she rest in peace.

Family –Planned Repass, at Ferguson Hall

## SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY

### THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL –

**Strengthening The Church At Home**

***What is a Home Mission Diocese?***

Home Mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions. Special envelopes will be provided for this Collection.



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph – is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. I you are a victim of sexual abuse or suspect sexual abuse:

- 1) Call the Missouri child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age 18), and
- 2) Contact your local Law Enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812 or [crayon@ombudsmankc.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankc.org) if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese or of Kansas City – St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

## OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member has been hospitalized or is now homebound.

Call the church Office: 816-471-3696, or email:

[leombuthia@yahoo.com](mailto:leombuthia@yahoo.com).

Edith Bolder. Jeanette Hamilton, Rosa Birch, Sandra Cloyd, Delores Bazy, Vera Brown, Keven Brown, Ray Myers, John Johnson, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald & Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Michael Mize, Paris Harrington, Earl Greene, Ovell & Frances Thomas, Dorothy Mustin, Earnestine Nard, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomas, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Michael Mize, Rhea Henderson, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Rai Carol Myers, Carlos Nix, Marilyn Hardy

## ST. JOHN VIANNEY INAUGURAL LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

11:30 – 1pm

Hotel Kansas City 1

228 Baltimore Avenue Kansas City, Missouri, 64105

Tudor Ballroom

Tables: \$1,000 Sponsorships

Join Bishop Johnston for the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual St. John Vianney Luncheon** to support the Seminarians of the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph.

We are pleased to launch this inaugural event as we look to support the young men in our diocese studying for vocations. This event will feature a celebration of the priestly vocation and all the work that is needed to ensure that we have priests for generations to come. Your support will help the Diocese to provide resources needed to support these young men on this special and important journey. This event will end promptly at 1 p.m. so that you may plan for your day.

Those who wish to support by purchasing a table or donating may return this envelope or register online at [www.kcsjatholic.org](http://www.kcsjatholic.org).

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday -NOON.