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Jesus came from Galilee
to John at the Jordan
to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

January
12
2020

The Baptism of the Lord

I will make you a
light to the nations,
that my salvation
may reach to the
ends of the earth.

– Isaiah 49:6b

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This Week

Monday, January 13

No events noted
[RCIA]

Tuesday, January 14

No events noted
[Knights of Columbus]

Wednesday, January 15

No events noted
[SHINE Youth]

Thursday, January 16

12:30PM : Scripture Circle

Friday, January 17

No events noted

Saturday, January 18

7:30am: Men's Group in Parish Hall

****No Recreational parking after 3:30pm****

4:15pm: Reconciliation in the Church

5:30pm: Mass - St Therese Parishioners

Sunday, January 19

8:00am: Mass - Pauline & Frank Mack (D)

10:30am: Mass - Barbara Gillis Barrs (D)

Monday, January 20 - MLK Day

11:00am: Funeral Mass - Jeffrey Werner

*Please contact the office if you have questions;
schedule is subject to change*

Interested in joining St. Therese?

Please contact the Parish Office.

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

"...the heavens were opened for him...."

-- Mt 2:1-12

This Week's Saints/Special Observances

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Felix of Nola

Wednesday: St. Paul the Hermit (of Thebes)

Thursday: St. Fursey

Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship

Offertory	Needed	Received
YTD 2019	\$348,002.00	\$377,366.00*
January 5	\$12,666.75	\$15,580.37
January 2020	\$50,667.00	\$15,580.37

***Includes Christmas collection
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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).

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

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

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This Week's Scripture Readings

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 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:17).

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are sponsored by Ed Kampschroeder in Memory of Betty Kampschroeder.....



Year-End Contribution Statements for 2019

Year-end contribution statements will be completed by January 31, 2020

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are usually heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, or at other times by appointment. Communal Services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration: Usually 12:30 to 4pm on Thursdays. (Temporarily suspended. Watch bulletins and emails for re-start date.)

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Marriage: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office. Young people are usually confirmed in the 10th grade after two years of preparation.

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St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish, united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community, outreach and service.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS - HAVE A BLESSED 2020!



SECOND COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA - January 25 & 26

The first second collection taken up in 2020 will be for the Church in Latin America. Through your generous support for this collection you help people (who often live in a world with political unrest, violence, poverty or persecution) accept the challenge to grow in faith, build relationships with one another, their peers throughout Latin America, and the rest of the world. Donations fund programs that provide people with personal, religious, and spiritual development, as well as training & retreats which they bring back to their communities.

Visit: www.usccb.org/latin-america for more information.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

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Prayers

As you know, Fr. Trent's mother, Elsie Watts, is suffering with a grave illness. Fr. Trent asks for prayers for her, all the Watts family, and her healthcare team.

Cards, or notes, may be mailed in care of the Parish Office. *(Don't forget to thank our visiting priests who are helping out at this time.....!)*

Wilmington Catholic Radio

Can be heard on four stations: **91.7 FM, 93.1 FM, 103.1FM** in Wilmington and on **100.7 FM** in Southport, NC

Visit their website:

www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com

Catholic High School Study: An exciting new opportunity is being studied for a new Catholic high school in the Wilmington region. The diocese assisted by a professional consulting firm, Meitler, launched a survey on January 8th for families with school-age children at: www.dioceseofraleigh.org/schoolsurvey. The survey will only be **available only through January 19**. The purpose of the survey is to determine potential interest in a new Catholic high school. Your individual responses will be confidential. Please respond to the survey even if you do not plan to enroll your children at the new school. Thank you for your support and participation. **Your response is very important.**

Knights of Columbus Annual Shrimp & Wings Sale!

**Need goodies for
Super Bowl Sunday?**

**Sale in the Courtyard after all
weekend Masses**

**Questions?
Just ask any Knight!**

Men - start your weekend off right!

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us, meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

Hope to see you there.

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...

Bill Allen, Jeanne Ashe, Todd Baumgartner, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Ann Bowes, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Shari Clements, Jeanne Davis, Maureen Donnelly, Ashley Eason, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Andy Fisher, Gerry Geist, Angela Gittings, Aubrey Glaskin-Clay, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Velma Herbulock, Debby Hester, Craig Hoffman, Nancy Johnson, Sandra Kelly, Lilliam Kingsbury, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Ray Kress, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Ray Liddy, Cecilia Mahoney, Dawn Mak, Sandra Malfa, Chip McGuire, Paul McLaughlin, Melissa Medina, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Myers, Rosie Norris, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Suzanne Palmer, Sharon Parmenter, Debbi Pollock, Marissa Rhyne, Nancy Ronne, Rich Ronne, Garry Rust, Heather Cunningham Rynne, Bill Sackley, Charlie Sarracino, David Scullin, Denise Shannon, Diane Sheedy, Lou Sheedy, Melanie Smith, Eugene Spagnoli, Bob & Doris Sparrow, Baby Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Joanne Tineille, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Ben Van Pilsum, Kevin Ward, Elsie Watts, Nancy Weicht, Lyne Welch, Keith West, Deborah Whalen, Bill Wilson, Alyce Wolfe, Wendy Johnston Wood

(Please contact the Parish Office if names should be added or removed from this list.)

Ignited by Truth Catholic Conference

"Save the Date" 2020 Ignited by Truth Conference Saturday, April 18, 2020 at NC State Reynolds Coliseum. The Saturday program includes five renowned speakers: Dr John Bergsma, Stephanie Gray, Helen Alvare, Matthew Leonard, and Jesse Romero. As always there are Confessions, Vendor and Ministry tables. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults. For first time students (ages 10 to college) are FREE.

Need information? Visit: ignitedbytruth.org



NC Catholics Volunteer 2020

Save the dates!

February 22

March 21

April 18

Join Catholic Charities and the Knights of Columbus in the Wilmington Region to help repair homes damaged by the hurricanes. Sign up required!

Visit: www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org

Email: Daniel.Altenu@raldioc.org

Save the Dates for Respect Life!

March for Life Prayer Breakfast, Mass & Rally in Raleigh, **Saturday, Jan. 18**

Mass & March for Life in Washington, DC, **Jan. 24.**

Questions? Want to arrange to go to one or both of these events with others within the Diocese?

Contact: Joshua Klickman; 919.632.7379 or email: Joshua.Klickman@raldioc.org

(Local meeting & potluck, Jan. 27, 12:30PM; bev.jolly@att.net)

RETRouvaille

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For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of February 14, 2020, call 800-470-2230 or email retrouvailleenc@msn.com, or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

Weekday Masses at Noon, and Adoration

We were fortunate to typically have had noontime Masses celebrated here at St. Therese, Tuesday through

Fridays at 12pm, with Adoration on Thursday afternoons from 12:30 til 4:00pm.

However, daily Masses and Adoration are temporarily suspended while Fr. Trent is away.

We apologize for any inconvenience, and will advise when we have a re-start date.

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, Burgaw

"He went about doing good...."

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area who use the Food Pantry, by bringing donated items to Mass on the weekend. Take your donations to the Parish Hall, or hand your bag to an usher. Bring only **nonperishable** items - & items that have not passed their expiration date. **Cereal is critical each week:** 120 families are typically served - and one box is given to each family, if it is available. Cooler weather brings the need for canned meat, soups, stews, tuna, chili, & spaghetti sauce. You can also make a monetary donation - write your check and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

Volunteers from St. Therese are instrumental in helping the pantry in a variety of ways: those donating food or money, ushers helping to make sure the food ends up in the Parish Hall, drivers taking the food to Burgaw each week on Tuesdays, and those distributing food Thursday afternoons.

Want to help? Contact: Jane Yemma, jry1950@yahoo.com

Marriage Preparation Ministry

Do you have a desire to serve engaged couples as they prepare to enter the sacrament of marriage? We are seeking out individuals and couples who would be interested in serving engaged couples in the diocese by being a part of the One-Day Marriage Preparation Workshop Team. There are several roles that you could be a part of, including hospitality, presenting, facilitating, and more. Please contact Rebekah Tolson, Married Life Coordinator, at 919-821-9753, or Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org.

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