

# St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

## The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

### 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 55:1-11

Psalm—The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6.

**Second Reading**—Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Jn 5:1-9.

**Gospel**— A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Mk 1:7-11)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-38
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 10:27; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Lk 7:16; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Lk 4:18; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:41, 17b; Jn 1:35-42

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### Welcome to Online Giving

To Register for On-Line Banking go to the following link:  
<https://osvonlinegiving.com/1896>

## *Mass Intentions*

Sat.	9	5:00 pm	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	10	9:00 am	† <b>Ritchie Marty</b> By Janie & Wayne Marty
		11:00 am	† <b>Eloisa Vasquez</b> (heavenly birthday) By Rosie & Elvia
Mon.	11	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Tues.	12	NO MASS	
Wed.	13	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Thurs.	14	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Fri.	15	8:30 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sat.	16	5:00 pm	† <b>Gary Giromini</b> By Bob & Liz Conces
Sun.	17	9:00 am	<b>Thanksgiving for Family Blessings</b> By Bertha & Victor Rodriguez
		11:00 am	For <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

### Please Pray For the Sick:

Janie Fernandez, George Snell, Arturo Lara, Diana Robinson, Norman Granberry, Larry Tipler, Clayton Gard, Clay Fedak, Sandy Reed and all who are in need of prayer. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call: (361)749-5825.

### **Pope Francis says:**

May the Child of Bethlehem help us, then, to be generous, supportive and helpful, especially towards those who are vulnerable, the sick, those unemployed or experiencing hardship.



### Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign

The Ladies of St. Joseph invite you to participate in our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign in support of the Hope House of Corpus Christi. You can pick up your bottle from the bassinet in the foyer of the church. We encourage you to fill your baby bottle with loose change, currency or a check (payable to Corpus Christi Hope House) over the next few weeks. If you need to drop off your bottle early, you can do so in the basket by the bassinet or at the church office. All the proceeds will go towards the various programs that Hope House provides to women and children.

Thank you for your support.

### **Travelling Monstrance and Adoration**

In preparation for the upcoming Diocesan Eucharistic Conference, there will be a Monstrance travelling through all the Churches of the Diocese. Our turn to have it here at Port Aransas is on **Thursday, January 14, 2021**. We will have an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament soon after the morning Mass, using this Monstrance, until 9:30 AM. Let us come together to pray.

### BUILDING OUR LEGACY

We are continuing with our BOL campaign. Having completed the rectory, we work towards building our funds to complete our Parish Hall. We are grateful for your support in the past, and we hope you continue to support us in the future.

### Sunday Collection Report-January 3, 2021

Loose Collection	\$ 2424.00
Envelope Collection	\$ 615.00
Building Fund	\$ 266.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1245.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4550.00</b>

**HAVE A LAUGH . . .** A young boy called the pastor of a local "corner" church to ask the pastor to come by to pray for his mother who had been very ill with the flu.

The pastor knew the family and was aware they had been attending another church down the road. So the pastor asked, "Shouldn't you be asking Brother Simon down the road to come by to pray with your mom?" The young boy replied, "Yeah, but we didn't want to take the chance that he might catch whatever this is that Mom has."

**Pastor's Note: Called to belong and to proclaim....** Baptism of Jesus is a very important event in the life of Jesus. Until his Baptism, Jesus lived a life commonly known as the hidden life. This does not mean that Jesus was hiding away somewhere from the people. What it actually meant was that Jesus was leading a normal life as a son and as an ordinary Jewish young man. However, with the experience of his Baptism at river Jordan, Jesus begins his public ministry. This means that Jesus had a very personally transformative experience at his Baptism. All his doubts and concerns about his ministry seems to have been cleared and answered, that he is now ready to launch his mission. What Jesus experiences at his Baptism is a manifestation of God's love for him, as is hinted in the First Reading from the book of Isaiah. The 'one with whom he is well pleased', is the one God is sending into the world to transform it for the better. A person so loved by God is definitely someone who is called to represent God. Jesus is that person loved and sent by God into the world. Jesus experiences this tremendous love of God the Father from him, when he himself hears, during his Baptismal experience, the all assuring words of God the Father. Yes, Jesus is assured of the love of his Father. He is indeed the one in whom God is well pleased. It is important for Jesus to be assured of the love of God the Father. Jesus now is certain that he belongs to God the Father, and therefore the life that he is about to begin has to truly reflect the values of God. He is sent on a mission, and his words and actions have to truly reflect the values peace, love and joy. With the assurance from God the Father, Jesus continued to live a life of commitment to bring to fruition, the values of God and his Kingdom. The Baptism of Jesus is a reminder to all of us that we are also called to belong to God and represent his values here in this world. By virtue of our own Baptism, which made us members of the household of God, we belong to God, and it is his values that we should proclaim and uphold. That is how we belong to God.