

## The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019



### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM
Friday Adoration	9:00 am -1:30 pm
Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday PM	4:30-5:15 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	8:30-8:50 am
Wednesday	5:30-5:50 pm

Also by Appointment

**BAPTISMS:** Parents should be registered parishioners or active for 6 months prior to baptism. Please call the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
following Masses every 3rd Sunday  
Anytime by Appointment

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday, 9:30am—4:30pm

Pastoral Administrator:

FATHER RICHARD WISE  
frwise2 @gmail.com

Secretary: DIANNE DAVIS  
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Music Director: OPEN

### WEBSITE:

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GOD'S TRUE

*Son*

the BAPTISM of JESUS • Mark 1:9-11

**Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord.** This brings to an end the season of Christmas and the beginning of ordinary time. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

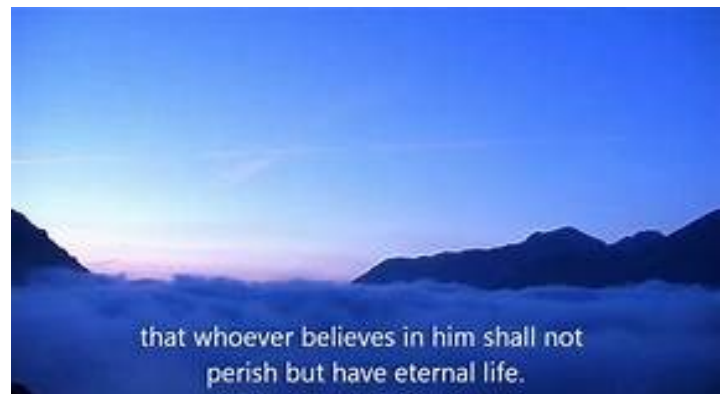
Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is the first Sunday of Ordinary Time. However, there is very little ordinary about Ordinary Time.

"Ordinary" comes from the Latin word Ordinalis which refers to numbers in a series, and stems from the Latin word Ordo from which we get the English word order. For the next 24 days the Sundays will be counted as 2nd Sunday, and 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. In just a brief period of time, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday which begins 40 days of Lent. The season of Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the Holy Thursday. And beginning with Easter 7 Sundays after Easter. And then again until the season of Easter concludes, we will be back in the numbered Sundays of Ordinary Time. The whole Liturgical Calendar helps us experience how Christ walks among us. I encourage you to enter into the life of Christ. Meditate how Christ has walked into your life.

Father Richard Wise



## Ministry Meetings & Events

**Sundays: *Prison Ministry* 6:30-8:30 pm**

***Ladies Guild* Tuesday Jan. 15th 7:00 pm**

***Parish Council* Wed. Jan. 16th 7:00 pm**

***Finance Council* Tuesday Feb. 12th 7:00 pm**

### Knights of Columbus

**Sun., January 13 Pancake Breakfast** after 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

**Charity: Crisis Pregnancy Support**

**Thurs., January 17, 4th Degree Meeting @** St. Clement's, Calhoun, GA 7:00 pm.

**Wed., January 23, Officer's Meeting @** 6:45 pm

All who are interested in joining the **Knights of Columbus** please contact **Grand Knight, Bob Watson at 423-290-5112.**

### Saint Vincent de Paul

Any questions about becoming a member please call **Donna Shipley** at 423-718-6951 and leave a message.

**Our Helpline # is: 678-892-6163**

### Linen Guild

**JAN 13 Irene**

**20 Betsy**

**27 Regina**

**FEB 3 Shana**

**10 Celeste**

**17 Jane**

## Weekly Offerings

**January 6 Offertory Received \$4095**

**Weekly Offertory Goal \$4000**

**Capital Campaign \$593**

### Mass Intentions:

**Sat. 1/12 @ 5:30 pm**

**Sun. 1/13 @ 9:00 am**

**Mon. 1/14 @ 9:00 am**

### Please Pray For:

**B. J. Hotte+**

**Bryan Baldwin &  
Julie Decker**

**@11:00 am People of the Parish**

**Special Intention for Healing**

It is our tradition to offer Intentions for the sick, or our deceased members. Please stop by the Parish Office to schedule a Mass Intention.

### Seniors

St. Gerard's Senior Ministry will be going to El Matador Mexican Restaurant, 2233 Lafayette Rd, Ft. Oglethorpe, **this Wednesday, January 16, 12:00 noon.** We will then go to the PLC and play dominoes. Please **RSVP by January 14th to Gloria Kelley 423-304-6057.**

### Ladies Guild

Love is in the air! **Saturday February 16th** there will be **Dinner & Dancing at our PLC.** Reservations are required. Tickets are on Sale now! Couples \$50 and Singles \$25. Please sign up today! There is an insert in the bulletin.



## Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

**Please keep in your personal prayers** the following members of our parish who are in need of healing: Asher Barhite, Jude Bendzel, Linda & Virginia Black, Faye Blevins, Carol Bonito, Martha Bourne, Betty Cabeen, Candace Carne, Anita Davis, Lisa & Rusty DePrima, Cynthia Devine, Glenda Duncan, Barbara & John Facey, Janice Fortune, Henry Gaudet, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Anne Janecji, Pamela Kantor, Richard Klingler, Mark & Myrtle Martin, Sara Mason, Georgina Matich, Linda Meeks, Bill Medford, Jane Mercier, Jane Osterling, Lillian Pierce, John Pitner, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Louise Stinnett, Dolores Sutton, James Watson, Jeremiah Word.

We need **Volunteers for monthly Church cleaning** for the new year. We now have a service to clean the bathrooms weekly and the rest of the Church twice a month. We need someone to vacuum the Church, mop if necessary the hardwood floors and take care of the trash from the sacristy area., every other week that the cleaning service would not be doing it. The cleaning service will be cleaning the entire church on January 7th. The Signup Sheet is in the vestibule. Please consider helping to keep our Church clean. **Thank you to all that have helped this past year!**

**We always need Rosary Pray Leaders. Please make sure you keep signing up!**

## Women In Prayer

**If you have any prayer requests**, please contact **Irene Staub** at 706-375-4934 (Home), 423-902-6630(Cell), or [istaub1014@aol.com](mailto:istaub1014@aol.com) or **Linda Swope** at 706-861-9762 (Home) or [rlswope374@comcast.net](mailto:rlswope374@comcast.net).

We have **prayer shawls** available for anyone who needs one. **Please contact Irene or Linda.**

**Fr. Wise will resume the course of "The Role of Mary in the Sacred Scripture" on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7pm in the Office/Rectory**

Please **congratulate our new Eucharist Ministers!** They will be installed this Sunday:

**Stephen Baldwin**

**Thuc Cao**

**Darryl Dzedzic**

Thank you for your service to our church.

The **January Word Among Us Mass and Daily Meditations** are in the vestibule. Please take one for **\$1.00**. The **Sunday St. Joseph Missals** are there also. Take one and leave **\$3.00**.

## New Parish Directory

The new directory should be ready sometime in February. We are in the process of selecting pictures and updating the roster. If anyone has any changes that need to be made, such as address, email or phone, now is the time to notify the parish office. Thanks!