

St Joseph Catholic Church



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

A VOICE CAME
FROM HEAVEN,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED."

LUKE 3:22

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Welcome to Visitors & New Members

You are welcome to worship with us at any time.
If you are new to the Randolph County area, may
we invite you to register as a member of the parish.
Registration forms are available in parking lot
vestibule or by calling the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation *Sacramento de la Reconciliación*

Saturday/Sabado

1:00pm-3:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA
FIRST FRIDAY/ PRIMER VIERNES 9AM- 5AM

Mass Schedule/ Misas

Saturday/Sabado: 4:00 PM English

6:00 PM Spanish

Sunday/ Domingo 7:00 AM Español

9:00 AM English

12:00 PM Español

4:00 PM Español

Weekly Masses/ Monday and Friday 8:15 AM

Misas entre semana Wednesday 6:00 PM

Thursday 7:00 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Padre

When we celebrated the feast of Epiphany, we reflected on the messages the three wise men taught us. It is interesting to consider why we call them wise. Though they knew they were right to recognize the message from God of the New Born King their wisdom had equipped them with the humility to submit themselves to be led by a strange star. Correspondingly, many a time we think that we know better, especially most of the younger generation of our homes, but are we submissive to those who guide us and lead us to the Lord? The secular society is pushing the younger generation to be totally independent of the guidance of the parents and make their own choices regarding faith and life which is mostly against the Catholic tradition. It is the repetition of the temptation by devil in the Garden of Eden where the agenda of rebellion and defiance against the will of God was instilled into human minds. The beauty of Christian faith and Catholic Tradition is our constant preoccupation to discern the Will of God and the genuine readiness to always accept whatever we have to face on our faith journey, whether we like it or not. It is not the obstacles, the hardships, or even the victories on our way that determine our happiness. A prayerful perseverance is our working capital. Hardships in life on our effort to encounter the New Born King will not deter us from our journey to Him. "Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done" is our marching tune. This is what Jesus taught us to pray for. This is what Mary exemplified in her life. This is what the Apostles and numerous saints in the church modelled for us. This is the true Catholic mindset. During this New Year we must make sure to safeguard this Catholic Tradition every day. Then we will avoid the road to destruction of our faith and our salvation. Due to the exhaustive flooding messages of the social media, most of us, especially the younger generation, do not take prayerful time to be sensitive about this Catholic Tradition. The trip of the wise men was long and tedious. After entering the palace they recognized the foolishness of human perceptions. Due to their perseverance and prayerful discernment of God's will to avoid the evil powers of this world, they successfully continued their faith journey.

During this New Year, we must persevere on our faith journey to encounter the Lord regularly. We must always be mindful of God's Will in every situation of life. We must consciously avoid becoming advocates of the secular agenda of the world. We must prayerfully continue our life's journey as courageous disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and encourage our children to do so. God bless you all.

Cuando celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía, reflexionamos sobre los mensajes que nos enseñaron los Reyes Magos. Es interesante considerar por qué los llamamos sabios. Aunque sabían que tenían razón al reconocer el mensaje de Dios del Rey Recién Nacido, su sabiduría los había equipado con la humildad para someterse a ser guiados por una estrella extraña. En consecuencia, muchas veces pensamos que sabemos más, especialmente la mayoría de la generación más joven de nuestros hogares, pero ¿somos sumisos a aquellos que nos guían y nos conducen al Señor? La sociedad secular está presionando a las generaciones más jóvenes para que sean totalmente independientes de la guía de los padres y tomen sus propias decisiones con respecto a la fe y la vida, lo que en su mayoría está en contra de la tradición católica. Es la repetición de la tentación del diablo en el Jardín del Edén, donde se inculcó en las mentes humanas la agenda de rebelión y desafío contra la voluntad de Dios. La belleza de la fe cristiana y la tradición católica es nuestra preocupación constante por discernir la Voluntad de Dios y la disposición genuina para aceptar siempre lo que sea que tengamos que enfrentar en nuestro camino de fe, nos guste o no. No son los obstáculos, las dificultades o incluso las victorias en nuestro camino lo que determina nuestra felicidad. La perseverancia en oración es nuestro capital de trabajo. Las dificultades en la vida en nuestro esfuerzo por encontrarnos con el Rey Recién Nacido no nos disuadirán de nuestro viaje hacia Él. "Santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu reino y hágase tu voluntad" es nuestra melodía de marcha. Esto es por lo que Jesús nos enseñó a orar. Esto es lo que María ejemplificó en su vida. Esto es lo que nos modelaron los Apóstoles y numerosos santos de la Iglesia. Esta es la verdadera mentalidad católica. Durante este Año Nuevo debemos asegurarnos de salvaguardar esta Tradición Católica todos los días. Entonces evitaremos el camino a la destrucción de nuestra fe y nuestra salvación. Debido a los exhaustivos mensajes de las redes sociales, la mayoría de nosotros, especialmente la generación más joven, no dedicamos tiempo a la oración para ser sensibles acerca de esta tradición católica. El viaje de los sabios fue largo y tedioso. Después de entrar al palacio, reconocieron la necedad de las percepciones humanas. Debido a su perseverancia y discernimiento en oración de la voluntad de Dios de evitar los poderes malignos de este mundo, continuaron con éxito su jornada de fe. Durante este Año Nuevo, debemos perseverar en nuestro viaje de fe para encontrarnos con el Señor con regularidad. Siempre debemos tener presente la Voluntad de Dios en cada situación de la vida. Debemos evitar conscientemente convertirnos en defensores de la agenda secular del mundo. Debemos continuar con oración la jornada de nuestra vida como valientes discípulos del Señor Jesucristo y alentar a nuestros hijos a que lo hagan. Dios los bendiga a todos.

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? It was also heard on the first Sunday of Advent in December of 2008. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time.

The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is expiated" (Isaiah 40:2). With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah 40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free to give ourselves in love as he did. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into our hearts and minds. Ask the Spirit to help look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22).



WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

New Years & Weekend of 1/2/2022

Offertory: \$6,471.00

MASS SCHEDULE: Week of 1/9/2022

- Mon 1/10 8:15am Ivan Lopez Benitez
by Alma Rosa Enciso
- Wed 1/12 6:00pm †David Garcia & Faustina Ceja
by Familia Garcia
- Thurs 1/13 7:00am St Joseph Honor and Intentions
by Albert Hodges
- Fri 1/14 8:15am Special intentions by Albert Hodges
- Sat 1/15 4:00pm †Mary Grubbe by Albert Hodges
6:00pm Accion de Gracias a la Virgen de
Guadalupe by Familia Perez Dominguez
- Sun 1/16 7:00am
9:00am †Gerard N. Burke by Burke Family
12:00pm †Juan Xinaxtle by Familia Xinaxtle
4:00pm



Rite of
Reconciliation

Saturday 1:00PM-3:00PM

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BIRTHDAY LIST

- 1/10 Evelyn Aviles, Stephen Graf, Laura Hernandez, Fabiola Jimenez, Alberto Soto
- 1/11 Alondra Alejo, Esmeralda Alejo Valdez, Paula Brun, Leticia Eusebio, Katia Gonzalez, Consuelo Gonzalez, Jeannette Graham, Fernando Hernandez, Michael Hornyak, Jorge Nunez, Jose Lorenzo, Alexandra Pasillas, Eduardo Reza
- 1/12 Maritza Dulac, Sharyn Gartner, Hayden Martinez, Mayte Ponce, Kvetoslava Schneider, Flora Smith
- 1/13 Gumercindo Avalos, Aaron Estrada, Alexis Tabor,
- 1/14 Macrina Araya, Abigail Brown, Maria Lourdes Cortes, Marling Heaton, Kiara Solis
- 1/15 Rebecca Belman, Rebecca Castillo, Jaslene Chavez
- 1/16 Blanca Santiago, Luis Alaniz, Yatzil Amaya, Maricela Benitez, Manuela Castro, Travis R Collins, Anthony Ramirez, Joanna Soto

Have a Very Blessed Birthday



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.

Psalms — 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).

READING OF 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

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

LECTURAS DE HOY

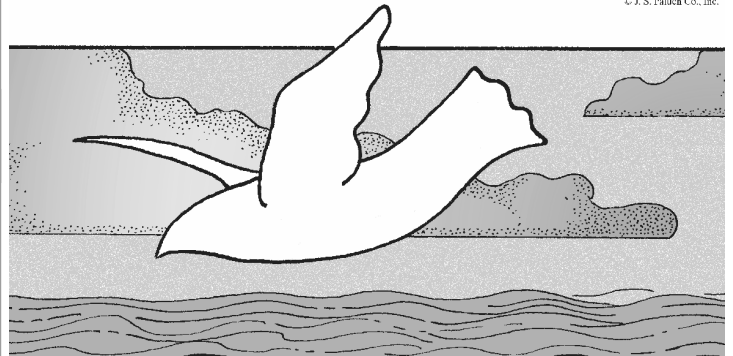
Primera lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) o Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11.

Salmo — El Señor bendice a su pueblo con la paz (Salmo 29 [28]) o Salmo 104 (103).

Segunda lectura — Dios ungió con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hch 10:34-38) o Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Evangelio — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Sal 116 (115):12-19; .
Mc 1:14-20
Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-10; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACION

Domingo: El Bautismo del Señor
Lunes: Primera Semana del Tiempo Ordinario
Jueves: San Hilario
Sábado: Santa María Virgen

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

El Bautismo del Señor

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
que proclamaste solemnemente a Jesucristo
como tu Hijo muy amado,
cuando, al ser bautizado en el Jordán,
descendió el Espíritu Santo sobre él,
concede a tus hijos de adopción,
renacidos del agua y del Espíritu Santo,
que se conserven siempre dignos de tu
complacencia.
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu
Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué puedo hacer esta semana para ser digno de la complacencia de Dios?

MUERTE Y RESURRECCIÓN BAUTISMAL

A medida que celebramos el Bautismo del Señor, también honramos nuestro propio bautismo como nuestra iniciación en la vida y comunidad cristiana. En el Evangelio, el bautismo de Jesús, con su inmersión y posterior salida del agua, indica su posterior entrega a Dios en su muerte, y su salida del sepulcro en su resurrección. Como seguidores de Jesús, esta forma de muerte y resurrección también es nuestro camino. A lo largo de la vida, y a menudo de manera limitada, aprendemos a renunciar a nuestros planes egoístas y limitados. Esta renuncia a menudo se siente como la muerte. El Sacramento del Bautismo ritualmente representa este camino para recordarnos la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, para que nosotros también podamos aceptar las muertes y resurrecciones de nuestras propias vidas. Cuando Jesús salió del agua, se encontró con su Padre y el Espíritu Santo. Como Jesús, podemos saber que somos los amados de Dios, fortalecidos por el Espíritu. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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?

John said, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

† Sacraments †

****Sacrament of Baptism**—Baptism is a highly sacred event and deserves careful and complete readiness. Please contact the church office (336-629-0221) to register for the Baptism Preparation Class, which is done on a regular basis. Parents must be registered and participating members of our parish community

****Sacrament of Marriage** - Couples should contact the Pastor (336-629-0221) at least 6 months prior to the wedding date for necessary preparation.

****Ministry of the Sick**— Please call the church office (336-629-0221) to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a family member. Federal Privacy Law prohibits the hospital from giving room numbers, so we must have prior knowledge of a patient's room number before we visit the hospital. The Sacrament of Anointing is done upon request prior to surgery or an illness.



****Prayers for our Military**—please call the office (336-629-0221) to notify us of their Military Status

Out of respect for the Liturgy in which we partake, please turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers as you enter the Sanctuary of Our Lord. If your Children are acting up, please take them to the cry room in order not to disrupt the liturgy for others.



Calling all young men ages 10-18. Are you looking to grow in your faith, learn to become a community leader, or help your community and church all while having fun with other Catholic young man? Well, the Columbian Squires are looking for new members. The Columbian Squires is part of the Knights of Columbus family. For more information please have a parent contact Grand Knight Jason Kroeger at 336-301-4418



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*The Knights are looking for new members to join their brotherhood. For more information please contact Grand Knight Jason Kroeger at 336-301-4418.



COLUMBIETTES:

The St. Joseph Columbiettes – Auxiliary 10891 would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the parish to join our organization. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the church office. A current Columbiette will return your call.



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**THE
HOLY SPIRIT
AND FIRE**

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Please take a moment to pray for our parishioners needs, illness, persona problems and our young men serving our country:

Christopher Gardner, Lillian Hazelwood, Colleen Greene, Flora Smith, Gary Hutchins, Jose Espiallet, Monica Smith, Patrick Guarion, Raphael Gurriel, Josefina Arellano, Laurie Wills, JR Newsome, Mary Matthews, Sara Dunmeyer's daughter, Donald Hills, Robert Barker, Mary Poremba, Sharon Derosi, Chester Devarney, Ernest Devarney, Albert Trapani, Luis Saavedra, Don Troup, Phyllis Morrison, Harry Chriscoe



Military: Adolfo Angel Vasquez, Matthew Bryant, Angela Salinas Ruiz, Manuel Salinas Ruiz

Seminarians & Religious: Jose Palma, Kevin Martinez, & Jessica Palma

The Baptism of the Lord is observed as a distinct feast in the Roman rite, although it was originally one of three Gospel events marked by the feast of the Epiphany. Long after the visit of the Magi had in the West overshadowed the other elements commemorated in the Epiphany, Pope Pius XII instituted in 1955 a separate liturgical commemoration of the Baptism.

The Tridentine Calendar had no feast of the Baptism of the Lord for almost four centuries. Then the feast was instituted, under the denomination "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord", for celebration on 13 January as a major double, using for the Office and the Mass those previously said on the Octave of the Epiphany, which Pius XII abolished; but if the Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord occurred on Sunday, the Office and Mass were to be those of the Feast of the Holy Family without any commemoration.^[1]



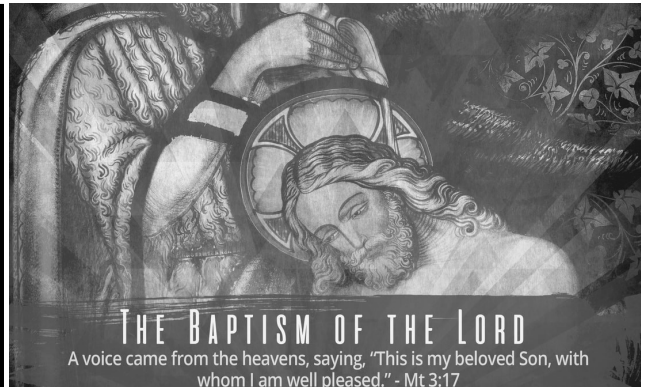
In his revision of the calendar five years later, Pope John XXIII kept on 13 January the "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ", with the rank of a second-class feast.

A mere 14 years after the institution of the feast, Pope Paul VI set its date as the first Sunday after January 6 (as early as January 7 or as late as January 13) or, if in a particular country the Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday January 7 or Sunday January 8, on Monday January 8 or Monday January 9.^[2]

Pope John Paul II initiated a custom whereby on this feast the Pope baptizes babies in the Sistine Chapel.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of Feb 11-13, 2022 call 434-793-0242 or email: etrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.org.



RECYCLING

The Youth Group is collecting aluminum cans, tin cans, and other metal items for recycling to support the Youth Group activities. Please leave your items by the shed in the corner of the parking lot. Thank you in advance for separating the cans into separate bags for aluminum and steel. Steel items like old fry pans, basketball hoops, poles, tools, shovels, tire rims etc. can be turned in for cash. Please donate. Thank you.



RECICLANDO

El Grupo de Jovenes es recogiendo latas de aluminio, latas de comida o cualquier otro metal para apoyar las actividades del Grupo Juvenil. Por favor deposite los articulos que usted tenga a la esquina de la casita. Gracias a los que ponen en bolsa separadas el aluminio y el acero. Articulos de acero como sartenes viejos, herramientas, palas etc.. Se convierten en efectivo. Porfavor Done. Muchas Gracias.



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