

## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR B**

**Readings: Is. 55: 1-11, 1 John 5:1-9, Mark 1:7-11**

### **REFLECTION: We are baptized with Christ**

Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of ordinary time, year B. It is also the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Sunday is like a bridge between two great cities. Officially, it marks the end of Christmas season as well as the beginning of the ordinary time of the year.

Through this feast, the Church reminds us that Jesus was baptized with water and the Holy Spirit in order to bring healing and salvation to all nations. Today's celebration affords us the opportunity to reflect both on the efficacy of Christ's baptism as well as on ours.

In today's first reading from Isaiah, God extends a universal invitation to all of us. It is a special invitation to come to Christ the living water. Christ is the living water in whose name we were baptized. Through his own baptism, He has sanctified our own water of baptism.

Today's invitation is special because, it is open to all nations, especially, to those who are truly thirsty. It is for those who are truly open to the salvation that God offers through his son Jesus Christ. Hence, it is a call to accept God's offer of salvation by believing in Jesus Christ, the living water.

In our second reading, John calls our attention to the importance of believing in Jesus Christ. Most importantly, he highlighted three elements that bear witness to the sonship of Christ: water, blood and spirit. Every day, we are tainted both inwardly and outwardly by sin. In light of this, the water of baptism which Christ brings continues to be efficacious in our lives.

Christ continues to regenerate us through the water of baptism, through his precious blood and through the power of the Holy Spirit. This water and blood include all that is necessary for our salvation.

God loves you and so do I.

**Rev. Marcel Okonkwo**

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### **Baptism Of the Lord >> January 10<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers**

**Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 AM & 1:00-3:00 PM (Closed Friday)**

**Office Closures: TBA**

#### **St. Francis de Paula Masses:**

**Weekdays: 7:30 am Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. [1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month Anointing]**

**Holy Days: 7:30 am Mass and 6:00 pm Mass**

**Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30 pm [1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of the Month Mass 8:00 am]**

**Sunday: 7:30 am,**

**Sunday: 11:00 am**

**CONFESSIONS: Fri. 4:30 - 5:30 pm**

**PRE-BAPTISM: - For Appt. Call- Liz and Steve Chavez 575-585-6340**

**BAPTISM CELEBRATION: --LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am**

**MARRIAGE: -There is a (6) month preparation period.**

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK: -> The first and third Fridays of each month.**

If you have information to be posted in bulletin, put it in writing and turn it in by Wed morning.

Or email: [StFrancisdePaula@gmail.com](mailto:StFrancisdePaula@gmail.com)

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**John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:**

**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

**(JN. 1:229)**

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Sat. Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	† -----
Sun. Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 am	† -----
Sun. Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	† -----
Mon. Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	___ am	† <b>No Daily Mass</b>
Tues. Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 am	† -----
Wed. Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 am	† -----
Thur. Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 am	† <b>Ramon Pino ( Anniversary)</b>
Fri. Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 am	† -----
Sat. Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	† -----



Let us pray for our troops in military services:  
**Paulita Rocha**  
**US- Army**

**Let us Pray for the Sick**

Jenni(BB)	Alexander	Frank	Guerrero
Bobby	Baroz	Henry	Herrera
Robert	Capuchin	Armado	Lopez
Bobby	Baroz	Jesus	Lopez
Brenda	Barreras	Martha	Luna
Helen	Guerra	Ray	Manley
Carlos	Hangarter	Clara	Marrujo
Anthony	Mendez	Leah	Matinzo
Natalia	Walters	Ramona	Monje
Judy	Aguirre	Ysidro S	Monje
	Andozola	Cuca	Montoya
Rosa Maria	Camarena	Luna Bella	Nevarez
Jeff	Aragon	Monica	Nik
Soncera	Briever	Joe	Padilla
Hope	Carrion	Jack	Palladino
Danny	Cordova	Maria Elena	Perez Lope
Raleigha	Cordova	Antonio	Romero
Rosemary	Cordova	Celina	Romero
Christina	Chavez	Rosie	Romero
Manny	Diaz	Rose	Salazar
Chano	Flores	Josephine	Salcido
Ramona	Flores	Margeret B	Sanchez
Gloria	Gonzales	Rachelle	Simons
Dolores	Sainz	Landon	Wright

**Parishioners may pick up Envelopes:**

Envelopes will be available at entrance of the church. If you do not see your envelopes please call the office. If you would like to use the offering envelopes and do not have a number assigned to you, please contact the parish office.

**Welcome Fr. Paulus Kao**

Please welcome Fr. Kao. He will be celebrating masses with us while Fr. Marcel is gone. Thank you Father Kao for your dedication and service.

**St. Francis De Paula Parish is in need of Ushers:**

Please consider serving your parish by serving as an usher. If you would like to learn more please Call Deacon Mariano @ 442-0430 to schedule a training session or Call the church office @585-2793

**Ushers For the month of January 2020**

*Saturday 5:30 >> Abraham Pino*  
*Sunday 7:30 >> Alfonso Voorbach*  
*Sunday 11:00>> Gilbert Gaston*

**Sacristans for the Month of January 2020**

*Saturday 5:30 Rosario Aragon*  
*Sunday 7:30 Louise & Manny*  
*Sunday 11:00 Chris & Stacy*



**The Baptism of the Lord**

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

**Readers**

**Saturday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Mass**  
**Reader 1 Liz Chavez**  
**Reader 2 Steve Chavez**

**Sunday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30 Mass**  
**Reader 1 Louis Dominguez**  
**Reader 2 Irma Melendrez**

**Sunday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Mass**  
**Reader 1 Ken Servais**  
**Reader 2**

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Mass**  
 Myles Gaston

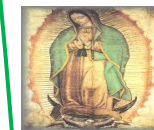
**Sunday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30 Mass**  
 Angel Kowatch & Archie Coney

**Sunday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Mass**  
 Demetrius Armijo-Vigil

**The Food Pantry**

is in need of donations for distribution to the individuals in need of our services, we are in most need of canned meats, and canned fruit. All and any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone that has donated and continues to donate to our Food Pantry.

**THRIFT SHOP**  
 in need of Volunteers  
**Tuesday 9am – 2pm Only 5 Hours \*\*Now Opened on**



**A Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic**

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, We, your children of every nation, Turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, And obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. — Amen