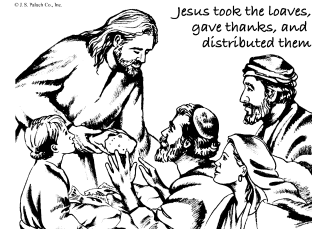




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Shreveport, Louisiana

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January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

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A message for the Baptism of the Lord

A couple of questions: 1) Why did Jesus, the sinless Son of God, receive the "baptism of repentance" meant for sinners? 2) Why did Jesus wait for thirty years to begin his public ministry? The strange answer for the first question given by the apocryphal book, *The Gospel according to the Hebrews*, is that Jesus received the baptism of John to please his mother and relatives. In this humble submission, we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism by John was the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love, He consented to His baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Many Fathers of the Church explain that Jesus received John's baptism to identify himself with his people, who, as a result of John's preaching, for the first time in Jewish history became aware of their sins and of their need for repentance. The Jews had the traditional belief that only the Gentiles who embraced Jewish religion needed the baptism of repentance, for, as God's chosen people, the Jewish race was holy. Jesus might have been waiting for this most opportune moment to begin his public ministry. The Fathers of the Church point out that the words which the Voice of the Heavenly Father speaks are similar to Psalm 2:17, revealing Jesus' identity ("*This is My beloved Son*") and to Isaiah 42:1 referring to the "suffering servant" ("*with whom I am well pleased*"), revealing Jesus' mission of saving mankind by His suffering and death.

The turning point: Jesus' baptism by John was a mystical experience that Jesus felt deep within his soul at the crucial turning point of his life. The opening of the Heavens with Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon Jesus, and the Voice declaring of Jesus, "This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased," are God's revelation to mankind of the Mystery that He is Triune. The presence of the Triune God at this baptism, reveals Jesus' true identity and mission. The Heavens' opening also indicates that this was a moment of God's powerful intervention in human history and in the life of His Son. His baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First, it was a moment of decision. It marked the end of Jesus' private life, which had prepared him for his public ministry. Second, it was a moment of identification with his people in their God-ward movement initiated by John the Baptist (quality of a good leader). Third, it was a moment of approval. Jesus might have been waiting for a signal of approval from his Heavenly Father, and during his baptism Jesus got this approval of himself as the Father's "beloved Son." Fourth, it was a moment of conviction. At this baptism, Jesus received certainties (assurances) from Heaven about his identity and the nature of his mission: a) He was the "Chosen One" and the "beloved Son of God"; b) his mission of saving mankind would be fulfilled, not by conquering the Romans, but by becoming the "suffering servant" of God, i.e., by the cross. Fifth, it was a moment of equipment. When He descended on Jesus in the form of a dove (symbol of gentleness), the Holy Spirit equipped Jesus with the power of preaching the "Good News" (that God is a loving Father, Who wants to save all human beings from their sins through His Son Jesus), in contrast to the "axe" and "fire" preaching of John the Baptist about an angry God's judgment on sinners. ~Fr. Joseph Ampatt

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday	Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Is62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-1 Jn 2:1-11

Mass Intentions

+ indicates Deceased
(SI) indicates Living

Saturday, January 12

4:00 PM +Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
+Joe, Nellie & Linda Roppolo
+Jennifer Thomas Sr. & Ann Laughlin

Sunday, January 13

8:15 AM +Steve Weeks
11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5:00 PM + Rose Marie Cox

Monday, January 14

7:30 AM +Pete Danna
9:30 AM, +Nick & Ina Pedro, The Oaks

Tuesday, January 15

7:30 AM, +Jewel Deloach Hotard
9:30 AM, +Joan Marie Conway, The Glen

Wednesday, January 16

7:30 AM (SI) Sandra Alexander
+Shri Soom Nath Koul

Thursday, January 17

7:30 AM +Andrew Rambin

Friday, January 18

7:30 AM +Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Week at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, January 13-20

† Sunday, January 13

Masses: 4 pm 8:15 AM ; 11 AM; 5 PM

The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 AM, G.I.F.T., 2nd Grade Parent Meeting
9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library
9:30 AM, Christian Initiation in the Burleigh Center
9:30 AM, Discerning God's Voice, Burleigh Center

† Monday, January 14

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Mass at the Oaks
4:00 PM, Children's Choir Practice
6:30 PM, HS Youth Group in the Burleigh Center
6:30 PM, SVDP

† Tuesday, January 15

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Mass at the The Glen
8 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous in the Youth House

Wednesday, January 16

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
9:30 AM, Bible Study in the Library
1:00 PM, Yarn Angels in the Burleigh Center
6:30 PM, Choir Practice

† Thursday, January 17

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
6:00 PM, Book of Acts Bible Study
6:30 PM, Youree Fellowship Group

† Friday, January 18

7:30 AM, Mass in the Chapel
6:30 PM, High School Retreat

† Saturday, January 19

4:00 PM Mass

† Sunday, January 20

NO G.I.F.T.

KC Quarterly Communion

9:30 AM, Adult Faith Sharing in the Library
9:30 AM, Christian Initiation in the Burleigh Center
9:30 AM, Discerning God's Voice, Burleigh Center

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick, including Shirley Anderson, Ashley Assuline, Joe Bianca, Bernadette Bitting, Marklyn Boucher, Al Boudreau, Shelby Ann Brakefield, Linda Brown, Bill and Carmen Cocke, Mike Crevak, Emily Dean, Dale Dupuy, Emilie Epard, Gerald Govin, Butch Graham, Charlotte Emma Graham, Kim Green, Lily Green, Terresa Grigsby, Lynn Gautier, Martha Hannigan, Robert Hermes, Doug Hill, Imelda King, Joan Kislack, Lynn Lawrence, Joanne Levitte, Edward Loreson, Dwayne Malone, Bill Maroma, Carol Ann Marsala, Joseph Roy Maxey, Dustin Maxey, Helen & Nancy Meshell, Alvin Michiels, Joe Miciotto, Mallori Miciotto, Dottie Murray, Father Joseph Nasser, Louise Overly, Catherine Nelson & Family, Pattie Neurauter, Cole Pasquier, Dale Phillips, Nicholas Politz, Ron Rice, Randy Richter, Matt Savage, Tressie Sepeda, Ray Vallillo, Shelly Zippi Werner

Religious Education Upcoming Events

January

- 13 GIFT; 1st Communion Parent Meeting 9:30 AM; Burleigh Center
- 19-20 High School Retreat at Clara Springs
- 21 MLK Holiday
- 26 10 AM—Noon, First Reconciliation
- 27 GIFT; Confirmation Parent Meeting 9:30 AM in the Burleigh Center
- 27 5 PM, Service of Commitment, 8th graders

First Communion News – Mark your calendar

- 2nd grade parent meeting, January 13, 9:30 AM
- First Reconciliation, Saturday, January 26, 10 AM – Noon
- First Communion, Sunday, April 28, 2019, 5 PM Mass
- May Crowning, May 5, 10:45 AM, led by 2nd grade
- Last Day of GIFT, Parish Picnic, May 5, 2019

Confirmation News – Mark your calendar

- 8th grade parent meeting, January 27, 9:30 AM
- Service of Commitment, January 27, 5 PM Mass
- 8th grade Confirmation Retreat, February 2, 2019
- No 8th grade GIFT, February 3rd

ALL SEAS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Knights of Columbus are glad to announce that applications for the CYLA/Catholic Youth Leadership Award are available now online at <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/> and also at SEAS in the pocket in front of Claire Bissell's office. **Applications must be turned into the SEAS office by JAN 15, 2019 in order for them to be processed properly.** Please call Peter Hawboldt at 686-7722 if there are any related questions. There is a \$500 cash award to a winner in both the boy and girl division. Winners will go on to possible Area and State Awards.

What's Up in the Parish

☼ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Tuesdays at 8PM in the Youth House; for more information please contact Bob, (318) 393-1400.

☼ **Rosary Tuesdays**

As a product of studies involving Mary and the recognized need for communities at prayer, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton members meet **every Tuesday at 5:30 PM in the Chapel** for a Rosary Prayer Group. All are encouraged to come join us. Our World Needs Prayer. Let's do our part.

☼ **Youree Fellowship Group**

We will meet **January 17th**, for dinner and a presentation by Deacon Mike Straub in the Burleigh Center **at 6:30 PM**. For more information please contact Ann Weeks, (318)797-3757.

☼ **"2019 Lenten Prep"**

Join fellow parishioners for a 6 week spiritual preparation for Lent. We will explore ways of fasting, prayer, meditation, etc. to be ready to begin a special Lent this year! Begins **Sunday January 20th at 9:30 in the Burleigh Center**. Contact Michelle Brown for more details.

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☼ **2019-2020 MDO Registration is about to**

begin! Our program is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am to 2pm. We follow Caddo Parish school holiday schedule and teacher in-service days. We are open August through May and accept children from newborns to 4 years old. Please come join the SEAS MDO family! **Contact Kristy Dye at seasmdoinfo@yahoo.com or call (318) 797-7087.**

☼ **SEAS Valentine's Dance 2019**

"Come Fly with Me" to "New York, New York" on **Saturday, Feb. 16th** at the SEAS Valentine's Day dance at the Burleigh Center. **Doors open at 6:30, music from 7:00 – 9:00.** Tickets available in the lobby at \$10 per couple (**cash only**) or \$15 at the door. Come and enjoy the music of Frank Sinatra, Harry Connick Jr. and others!!

Contact Theresa Gill for questions

LaCaze Lagniappe Gala: February 16th

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. for bar and silent auction. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

The Diocese of Shreveport and Cathedral of St. John Berchmans are hosting a **Memorial Gala in honor of Msgr. Carson LaCaze on Saturday, February 16th**, in the Cathedral school's Multi-Room. As part of the event, there will be both silent and live auctions of Msgr. LaCaze's collections, donated by his family. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Diocesan Retired Priests' Fund. Tickets are \$50 and include a buffet dinner of Msgr. LaCaze's favorite foods as well as a drink ticket. Table sponsorships are highly encouraged. Tickets are on sale now at the Catholic Center front desk and the Cathedral office and website. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday, February 1. Join us in celebrating the life of an amazing priest, and take home a memento of a legend. For more information, contact

Randy Tiller rtiller@dioshpt.org, or Carol Gates cgates@sjbcathedral.org.

Holy Days of Obligation 2019

*Tuesday, January 1 Octave of Christmas:
Mary Mother of God*

*Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday**

*Thursday, May 30 Ascension of the Lord***

*Friday, June 2 Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Thursday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

Friday, November 1 All Saints Day

*Monday, Dec. 9 Immaculate Conception****

**Days of special observance.*

***Traditional date. In many USA diocese, the Ascension is celebrated on the following Sunday.*

****Immaculate Conception is normally December 8. However, since that is the second Sunday in Advent 2019, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the next day, Monday, December 9, 2019 and the Day of Obligation is suspended.*

Second Collection

January 26 & 27

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Please be generous

Palm Branches

Please bring your palm branches from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Linda Roppolo

Poinsettia Memorials 2018

*Alice Cormier
Bit Cormier
Dewitt Day
Robert Elder Deceased Family Members
Augie & Rhea Dawn Endris & Deceased Family Members
Colonel Hunter & Pat Hackney
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ing
Charles Joyce
Kate Joyce
Andrej & Mary Ann Krivak
Kay Lee
Anthony Leggio Deceased Family Members
Mary Leggio Deceased Family Members
Lenore Caplis McGowen
Mary Margaret Maney
Timothy & Dan Maney
Wilbert Maxey
Betty Melton
Rex Melton
B. Miller
Sabrina Parish
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Rambin
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roberts
Mary Zippi
Pierre Zippi
Sam Zippi
Simplicio & Luisa Zippi
Poor Souls in Purgatory
Deceased Members of The St. Vincent de Paul Society*

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Look for us on Instagram as @seasshreveport.



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Join us for a night of food, fun and inspiration - Louisiana style!

FÊTE FOR LIFE

A MARY'S HOUSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, February 19 6 pm | Bossier Civic Center

Catering by Silver Star Smokehouse

Buy Tickets Now!

Call (318) 220-8009

