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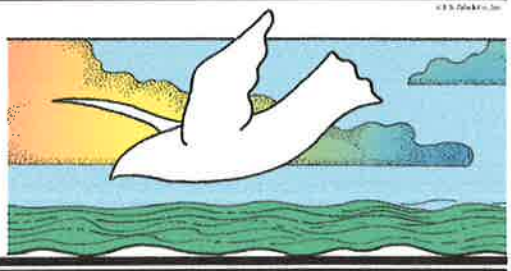
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Crystal Williams

The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2021
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
~Titus 3:5



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration
The 1st Friday of the month at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M., morning Mass is cancelled on this day.
Forty-five minutes before every weekday Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 8th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) & Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Valynn White (RIP) by Corine Jones; Barbara Guidry (RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of 1965; God Bless All Parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Austin Green, Jr. (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by The Green & Jones Family

January 9th 9:00AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart; Baptism of the Lord

January 11th 6:00PM

January 12th 8:00AM

January 13th 8:00AM

January 14th 8:00AM

January 15th 4:30PM Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia; God Bless All The Youth of Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Gussie Roy (15yrs. Death Anniversary) by Berlinda Roy Mouton; Normand Fontenot (Happy 56th Birthday-Living) by The Fontenot Family

Collections

December 31st
$1,260.00

January 1st & January 2nd
$3,878.37

Mail **$1,520.00**
Totals **$6,658.37**



Baptism of the Lord



Happy Birthday
Vivian W. Sneed

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.

Psalm —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).***



THANK YOU to all parishioners for your prayers, love and care. I am grateful for all your Christmas cards, good wishes and gifts. As we enter the new year may God bless and protect you and your loved ones.
~~Fr. Anthony Afangide

MASS INTENTIONS **~ We are short of Mass Intentions on weekdays. Parishioners are encouraged to book Masses for their personal intentions and for their beloved family members and relatives living and deceased.**

Reflection question:
What can I do this week to be we pleasing to God?

READINGS FOR 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

Meeting

-Sr. Usher will meet Sunday, January 9th after the 9:00am Mass at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

-Ladies Auxiliary Cartagena Court #32 will meet Sunday, January 9th at 11:00am at KPC Hall.

-Drexel Society will meet Tuesday, January 11th at 5:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

-KPC Council #32 will meet Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00pm at the KPC Hall.



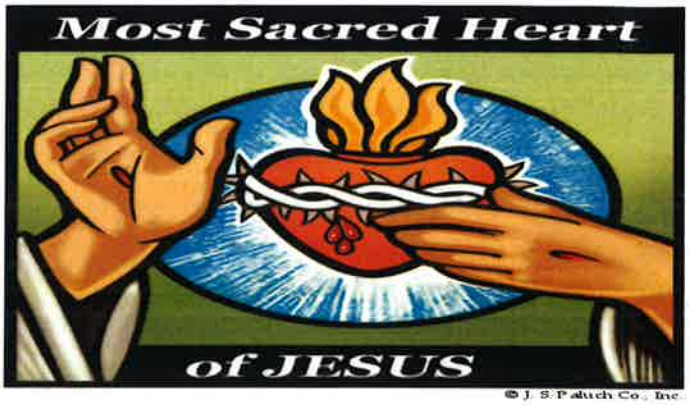
The Youth Choir will have rehearsal on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 1:00pm in the Church, and will sing on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 9:00am Mass. All youth are encouraged to attend.

The new Finance Council members installation will be on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 9:00am Mass.

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The new Evangelization Commission (Team Members) installation will be on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 4:30pm Mass.

Welcoming our community to join us in
Commemoration of the life of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
An evening of prayer and fellowship
Celebrant Bishop David L. Toups, S.Th.D.
January 15, 2022
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica
4:00 pm Mass
Reception Following • Heavy Hors D'oeuvres • Music by Carl Stewart & Company
"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"
~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

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.

The Baptism of the Lord
Fear Not

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).
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THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR SOCIAL SERVICE. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

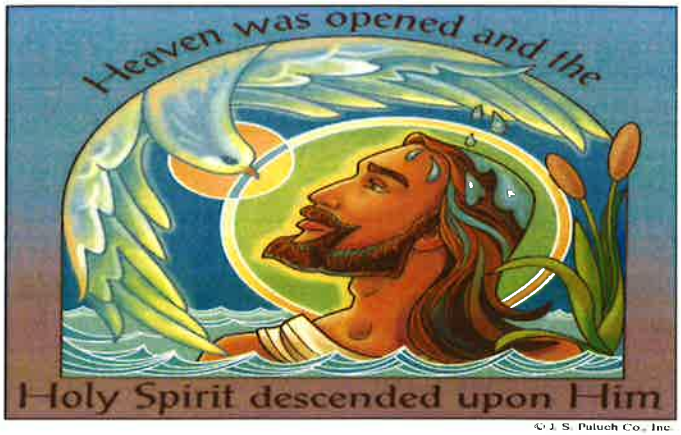


Father Anthony will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in January. Next weekend he will bless our youth.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ...

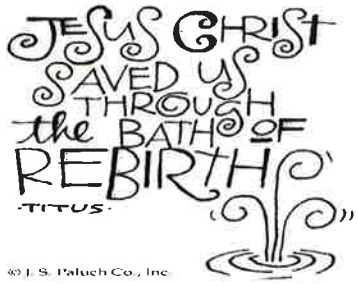
Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Kay Bridges, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Theresa Coleman, Emmett Comeaux, Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Vincent Fertitta, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Lillian Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Bernadette Lavine, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Mabry McZeal, Mary Lee McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Iris Plumber, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Lillie Stewart, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Rose Mary Williams, Gladys Wilson-Hollins, Jamon Wilson, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Andre' Winston, Jr., Hazetta Younger and Tosharie Younger. **Communicants:** Ethel Allen



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TURNING THE TIDE

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.



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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

January 15th & January 16th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM — **Margaret Taylor, Corine Jones**

SUN. 9:00AM — **Chloe Harris, Jayla Livings**

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