

READINGS

January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

STEWARDSHIP

December 20th	\$1,625
St. Vincent De Paul.....	\$984
December 27th	\$1,872
Feast of the Holy Family.....	\$334
January 3rd.....	\$5,323

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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in

which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

*Adapted from
loyolapress.com/Sunday-connection.htm*

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For all the baptized, that we may confidently bring Christ's presence into every aspect of our lives to inspire hope, dispel discrimination, and lift up those in need ...

AVERAGE SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 10am, 228

WOW Women of Wisdom will meet Sunday January 17th after the 10am Mass. All women are welcomed!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When was the last time you were filled with expectation? Advent? Christmas? January 1? Birth of a Child? Marital engagement? Graduation? New school? New job? New city? How did that feel? Was it a mixed feeling of anxious anticipation with uncertainty of the unknown? United with Christ in baptism our expectation has transformed into mission. How will your mission reveal Christ in their life?

FR. CHARLIE BANKS will be available for Spiritual Direction this Tuesday, Jan. 12th. Sign up in the Lobby for 30 minute appointments

All WEEKLY ACTIVITIES will resume with the start of the spring semester. January 19, 2016. Have a great winter break!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 5:45-9pm and *Mornings* Mon-Fri 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel

NIGHT PRAYER hosted by the men of Lambda Omega Alpha, 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings after Adoration.

FREE LUNCH every Tuesday 11am-1pm in the Lobby

BOBCATS FOR LIFE Wednesdays 6:15pm in the Library

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

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2 KINGDOMS AT WAR retreat hosted by St. Paul's Outreach on January 22-26. Sign up on our website, www.txstatecatholic.org. Cost is \$55.

TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY Catholics from across the state will join to promote a Culture of Life on Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day Saturday, January 23rd. Events through the day include a prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood at 201 E. Ben White Blvd. starting at 7am. Buses will be available from downtown at 8am at 1600 N. Congress (Where the March for Life begins at 1pm), which will take you to St. Vincent de Paul and back downtown for the March and Rally for Life. At St. Vincent De Paul there will be a Rosary for Life at 9:15 a.m. and a Mass at 10 a.m. Lunch for \$5 will be available at the Parish Activity Center. The March for Life, will start at 1pm at 1600 N. Congress. The March will process to the Capitol for the Rally for Life, which begins at 2 p.m. Pre-purchase bus tickets and T-shirts at www.centraltexasprolife.org Information, contact Yvonne Saldaña at (512) 949-2486.

MATTHEW KELLY PRESENTS "LIVING EVERYDAY WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE" on Friday January 22, 2016 7pm at St. John Neumann in Austin. OL Wisdom parishioners can purchase \$20 discounted tickets on our website www.txstatecatholic.org

TEC RETREAT Jan. 16-18 at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. Open to Juniors in high school through young adults in their 20s. Three days of a series of meditations and discussions. Register at tecocfx.wordpress.com \$100/ scholarships available. Contact Alison Tate at (512) 949-2465.

EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM 2nd annual class of the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) Participants will receive valuable leadership formation and learn from Catholic leaders in the business, government and non-profit sectors and be empowered to exercise their faith in positions of leadership in their parishes and communities. Professionals between the ages of 21 and 40 are invited to participate. austindiocese.org/elp.

MATCHING GIFT COLLECTION Thank you to all those who participated in our Matching Gift collection last month. We exceeded our \$10,000 goal and raised a total of \$21,641! With this we can continue our mission of reaching every student on campus!