



Today’s Gospel is one we read every year, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. We just spent the last two weeks marveling at the fact that this Savior of ours was born as a baby in a crude stable for our sake, and now this! Stop and contemplate our Lord in all His perfection waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us!) in order to “lead by example.” His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! John himself noted that in comparison to Jesus, he was not even worthy to loosen His sandal straps. But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

In response, we should be filled to overflowing with gratitude to such a gracious God — an overflow that must express itself in our own giving back to God through our sharing of time, talents, and treasure. In fact, when we allow the words and actions of Jesus in the Gospel to enter deeply into our minds and hearts, we will be compelled to give ourselves to Him and others out of love for Him.

In addition to the gratitude that Jesus’ baptism should inspire, we can also study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of the servant-leadership He displays time and again throughout His public ministry. We see in our Lord a style of leadership characterized by humility and leading by example.

As a servant-leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn’t just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus we, too, must “walk the walk” and not just “talk the talk.” If we want those we lead at home, in ministry or at work to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

And just in case there was any doubt about the extraordinary actions of Jesus that day at the Jordan River, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who, immediately after the baptism, opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased.” Wow!

Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.



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YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 2, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,835.13
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 122.37
Facilities Improvement fund.....	\$ 501.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 170.00
Assumption Seminary.....	\$ 15.44
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 40.00

Second Collection - January 15 - 16:

No Second Collection Next Week



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THANK YOU MUSIC MINISTRY!!

This may be a little late but...

Thank you to our Music Ministry / Cantors for the fantastic job they did at our Christmas Liturgies! It was a hectic schedule this year but as usual... you did a fantastic job!

We appreciate your dedication and all that you do for us at *all* of our liturgical celebrations.

Once again... Thank you... and may God bless and keep you through out the coming year.

Fr Mike and your fellow parishioners.

Catholic Life Truck Raffle

Catholic Life is sponsoring a Truck Raffle again this year.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each... and Each ticket has a chance to win:

- a 2022 Ford F-150 Truck,
- a 2022 Ford Focus Sedan or
- a \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Card

This is a “**WIN-WIN**” situation!

With your raffle ticket you have a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes... and... 100% of the monies collected comes back to our school!

That’s the kind of fund raisers I love!!

Support our school... purchase a chance or two!

Who knows... you may be the B-I-G winner.

PTC members will be selling Raffle Tickets after all Masses this weekend... and next.

Thank you for supporting our school and...

God Bless-



MAY HE REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Alphons (Al) Weinheimer

who passed away during the past week.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to

Carol and the Weinheimer Family

May he Rest in Peace

2021 Archbishop’s Appeal for Ministries

Pledge Update - as of December 31, 2021

Parish Goal: 25% - Parishioner Participation

Nbr Donors: 104

Nbr Families: “Guestimate” ... approx. 450

Participation Level: **Approx 23%**

(or 14% using Archdiocese data of 750 families)

One-Time gifts: \$ 16,680.00

Total Pledged: \$ 12,235.00

Collected: \$ 10,874.30

Outstanding: \$ 1,360.70

CMC - Catholic Men’s Conference

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Sat, Feb 26th from 8 am- 4 pm

St. Matthew’s Athletic Ctr

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Have a powerful transformative experience in a spiritually-charged environment

Speakers Include: **Most Rev. Gary Janak, LPC-S** (Auxiliary Bishop of S.A.)

Mark Houck (The King’s Men), and

John Sablan (World Ablaze)

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Invite a Brother in Christ to attend with you.

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So often we take things for granted... even in our prayer life. Sometimes our prayers can get lost in a mechanical recitation of them. We recite... but we don't listen to what we are saying. A while back a lady approached me and said she was amazed! She had been reciting the Nicene Creed at Mass literally for years but had never really *listened* to what she was praying. Evidently this was the first time she had really paid attention... and, this lady is active and involved in the parish and at Mass! We pray the Creed every week... but do we really "*listen*" to what we pray? After talking with this lady... I wonder.

So... What exactly **IS** a Creed? A Creed is an affirmation of our beliefs. There have been a number of them written. One of the first Statements we had of the Church's beliefs is the Apostles Creed... It was composed not long after Christ's death and was called the "Apostles Creed" because it re-capped the Apostles teachings.

Unfortunately... people started 'muddying' things up... People began teaching Heresies... (things *against Church teaching*). One of these heresies taught that Jesus wasn't really God... that God the Father *Created* him so he was really no different than us... God just used him. On the other end of the spectrum... someone else was teaching that yes... Christ was God... but he wasn't really human! He kind-of did the whole suffering and crucifixion *thing* with a type of mass-hypnosis... so we would think we saw Jesus suffering and dying on the Cross.

God let us see what he wanted us to see! There were other false teachings and problems within the Church as well.

Finally... in the year 325, the Pope / Church called all its Bishops together at a place called Nicea... in the country now known as Turkey... to set some things straight. It, the Council of Nicea, created the Church's first official set of Dogmas. A Dogma is a formally-stated, '**OFFICIAL**' belief of the Church concerning Faith or Morals... A Dogma is something that cannot be questioned by us... the faithful.

Since the Creed we recite at Mass was composed at the Council of Nicea, it's called the Nicene creed...

In addition to the church's original beliefs... as stated in the Apostles Creed...

- It attests to the fact that Jesus IS God... Begotten... Not made... Consubstantial (*same substance*) as the Father.
- It attests to Jesus dual nature... **He is Human and Divine!**
- It firmly establishes the concept of the Trinity
- It attests to the 4 Marks of the Church (*One, Holy, Catholic (or universal), and Apostolic*)
- The Council also addressed other false teachings and problems within the Church but, I'll let you research those.

The Nicene Creed recaps the basic tenets of our faith... the faith of our church... as has been for nearly 2,000 years... and will continue for all time. The next time you attend Mass... don't just *recite / read* the Creed...

Think about it! Pray it! Profess it!

'till next time... God Bless- DT.

Rosary Rally
FOR
America
PRAY TO END ABORTION

Saturday, January 22nd at Noon
At the Lady of Guadalupe grotto
outside the Rectory

Bring a Friend!

You are invited to a Pro-Life Rosary Rally on Saturday, January 22, as we pray for the overturning of the infamous Roe v Wade decision in America... Be a part of the 20,000+ groups participating in this rally nationwide!

Abortion is the most debated issue in our society right now... and it is necessary to wage a spiritual combat against those who would seek to destroy the most vulnerable among us.

The rosary is the weapon that will save our nation and destroy evil practices like abortion.

America Needs Fatima is asking faithful Catholics to join in this rosary rally in defense of the unborn.

We cannot end such an evil practice by staying at home.

We must go out and pray the rosary for life!

Please join us... Hope to see you there!



St. Thomas More English Prayer Group



Jan 13 6p 1Sam 4:3 - "Why has the Lord permitted us to be defeated today" - Church

Jan 27 6p 2Sam 7:29 - "By your blessing the house of your servant it shall be blessed forever" - Church

Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977



Grupo de Oración Familias compartiendo la palabra



El grupo de oración les desea una feliz navidad y un feliz Año Nuevo

Los esperamos el próximo Año Gracias bendiciones.

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.
Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756

This Week at Our Parish

*** **School Selling Catholic-Life Raffle Tickets** ***

*** **After All Weekend Masses** ***

Sunday, January 9, 2022
 8:30 am KC Breakfast - *Carolyn Hall*
 6:00 pm ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolyn Hall*

Monday, January 10, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*
 7:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Council Mtg - *Carolyn Hall*

Tuesday, January 11, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, January 12, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Guadalupano Rosary—*Church*
 7:00 pm Guadalupano Choir Practice - *Church*

Thursday, January 13, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 7:00 pm English Prayer Gp - *Church*
 RCIA - *Rectory Mtg. Room*
 CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Dining Room*

Friday, January 14, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 7:00 pm La Hora Santa - *Church*

*** **School Selling Catholic-Life Raffle Tickets** ***
 *** **After All Weekend Masses** ***

Saturday, January 15, 2022
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

Sunday, January 16, 2022
 9:00 am Guadalupano General Mtg - *Carolyn Hall*
 6:00 pm ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolyn Hall*

Lecturas de la Semana del 10 - 16 enero

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

Readings for the week of Jan 10 - 16

Monday: 1Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1,4-8; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40:2,5,7-10;
 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25;
 Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-7;
 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; 1Cor 12:4-11;
 Jn 2:1-1

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8, 2022
 8:00 am †Ann Bonge by Bill & Linda Volpenhein
 †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Ramon Mata, Sr
 †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family

Sunday, January 9, 2022
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 Mr & Mrs Willingham by Margie Murray
 †Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family
 †Medardo E Morales & Evangelina G. Morales
 By Morales & Briseno Families
 †Violet Flores by Flores / McQueen Families
 12:00 pm †Esequiel Castro

Monday, January 10, 2021
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen

Tuesday, January 11, 2021
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, January 12, 2021
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 †Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family
Daniel, Sabella, Ezra Acosta by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta

Thursday, January 13, 2021
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

Friday, January 14, 2021
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen

Saturday, January 15, 2022
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

Sunday, January 16, 2022
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
 †Brady M. Dupree, Jr by Margie Murray
 †Margarita Frances by the Guadalupanos
 †Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family
 †Salome H. Briseno & Crolina B. Briseno
 By Morales & Briseno Families
Daniel, Sabella & Ezra Acosta by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta
 12:00 pm †Phyllis and Tom Stensland



Sanctuary Light Intention:

**†Fr. Gilbert Pansza and
 †Richard Pansza, Jr**

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 15, 2021
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, DC John,
 (+ 1 Vol - if needed)
Lector - K.Ball

Sunday, January 16, 2022
 8:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, (+2 Vol)
Lector - P.Klar
 10:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, P+R.Mendoza
Lector - R.Becker
 12:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, D+F.Malacara
Lector - I.Hernandez / E.Marshall