

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Baptism IS THE BASIS FOR THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN LIFE, the door to the other sacraments. Recipients are freed from sin and born anew as children of God, becoming members of the Church and sharers in its mission.

KEY WORDS AND ACTIONS:

"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," while pouring of water on the head, or via immersion.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

"Go ... make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit." - MATTHEW 28:19-20

Also: Mt 3:11-17; Mk 1:4-5; 16:16; Lk 3:16; Acts 2:38-41; 1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:27; Eph 4:5

THE GRACES GIVEN:

- * *Forgiveness of original sin, all personal sins, and all punishment for sin.*
- * *New life — "a new creation" (2 Cor 5:17) — as an adopted child of God, a co-heir with Christ, a temple of the Holy Spirit.*
- * *The theological virtues to believe, hope, and love God.*
- * *Power to follow the Spirit's prompting, grow in goodness, and develop in the spiritual life.*
- * *Membership in the Body of Christ, the Church.*
- * *Anointed to share in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission.*

TO BAPTIZE
means "to plunge"
or "immerse."



THE CATECHISM:
CCC, 1213-1284

MINISTER OF THE SACRAMENT: Priest or deacon. In dire necessity, any person can baptize using the key words and actions above. (See CCC, 1284.)

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 12, 2025

Saturday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, January 12

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Joan Scheidler +

Monday, January 13

No public Mass

Tuesday, January 14

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Oscar Heyne +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, January 15

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Leo Gillig Family

Thursday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members
of the Military

Friday, January 17

8:30 a.m. Rita Blair +

Saturday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Karen Roberts +

Sunday, January 19

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 13 - First Week in Ordinary Time - St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Heb 1:1-6 / Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9 / Mk 1:14-20

Tues., Jan. 14 - Heb 2:5-12 / Ps 8:2a, 5-9 / Mk 1:21-28

Wed., Jan. 15 - Heb 2:14-18 / Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 / Mk 1:29-39

Thurs., Jan. 16 - Heb 3:7-14 / Ps 95:6-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Fri., Jan. 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot - Heb 4:1-5, 11 / Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 / Mk 2:1-12

Sat., Jan. 18 - Heb 4:12-16 / Ps 19:8-10, 15 / Mk 2:13-17

Sun., Jan. 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 62:1-5 / Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

This weekend (January 11th/12th), the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. This feast serves as the official end of our **Christmas season** and leads us this coming Monday into **Ordinary Time**. Traditionally, this feast day marked the Octave Day of the Epiphany as it focused on the second of three mysteries of the Epiphany (**1. The Magi; 2. The Baptism of the Lord; 3. The Wedding Feast of Cana**).

Jesus, being now thirty years old, comes to the Jordan, a river already known for the prophetic miracles wrought in its waters. The Jewish people, called by the preaching of St. John the Baptist, came seeking a baptism which could indeed excite a sorrow for sin, but could not effect its forgiveness. The Lord, in turn, approaches the river not to receive sanctification, but to sanctify the waters themselves to serve as a source of supernatural life.

Through His baptism in the Jordan, Jesus makes the Sacrament of Baptism the gateway to discipleship. Through our own baptism, we are drawn into the life of Christ and the family of God. Passing through the saving waters of the Sacrament of Baptism, we are claimed as beloved children of God, marked by the Holy Spirit, and united with Christ. Truly, it is in this moment that our life in Christ begins.

The Sacrament of Baptism not only serves as a beginning, so it also serves as a calling. United to the Body of Christ, we begin our mission in Christ as we share in His threefold role as priest, prophet, and king. Through our Baptism, we are called to offer our lives as sacrifice (*priest*), spread God's message to all nations (*prophet*), and to serve others and establish God's kingdom of peace, love and truth (*king*).

TEACHING MASS—THURSDAY, JAN. 16TH AT 6:30 PM

Join us on **Thursday, Jan. 16th at 6:30 PM in the Church** for a **“Teaching Mass.”** Though not an actual Mass, this event is a walk-through of the liturgy itself that highlights and explores the rich meaning behind the various elements, both prayers and items, of the Mass. This special event offers us an opportunity to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Mass. All are welcome—come with questions and an open heart!

If you know of anyone outside of our parish who may be interested in learning about the Catholic Mass, please invite them to join us as well. In the words of Scott Hahn: *“The liturgy is where heaven and earth meet, and we encounter the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”* There is no more beautiful experience to introduce someone to the Faith than Mass itself!

MINISTRY TO RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES AND HOSPITALS

As a reminder, our parish has a ministerial outreach to those at our local retirement communities and/or at Bluffton Regional Hospital. This ministry includes personal visits, Anointing of the Sick, and Communion calls at all facilities several times a month or as frequently as needed. We also celebrate Mass throughout the month at two of our retirement communities (*River Terrace and Christian Care*).

If you have a loved one living at or moving into any of our local retirement communities who like to be visited (*River Terrace, Christian Care, Ossian Health, or Markle Health*), please do not hesitate to reach out to the Parish Office. This helps to ensure that our parish family remains united and that our loved ones who may no longer be able to join us at Mass continue to have frequent access to the Sacraments.

Similarly, if a family member is going to be in the hospital for surgery or recovery, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office to arrange for Anointing of the Sick prior to any major surgery. Or, if a family member will be in the hospital for an extended period, to arrange for weekly Communion calls so that they might continue to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Due to HIPPA laws, our Parish Office is unable to receive any information from hospitals or care facilities directly; Instead, we must be directly informed of any such needs by family members.

~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



Join our Winter Book Study on **Monday, January 13th at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Conference Room. We will explore short stories & poems from various Catholic authors. See the sign up sheet in the Narthex!



G.I.R.L.'s Night Out

St. Joseph's G.I.R.L.'s Night Out will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Conference Room. Jacque Johnson will be giving a talk entitled "Deepening our Relationship with God through Prayer."

This will be in place of our monthly book study. We will be finalizing plans for Mardi Gras as well.

All women of the Parish are Welcome!



4th Annual Fundraiser Saturday March 1st

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Jan. 11** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 12** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 12** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Jan 13** - Great Catholic Thinkers Book Study - 6:30 p.m. in the parish conference room.
- **Tues., Jan. 14** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 14** - GIRL's Night Out Women's meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. All women of the Parish are welcome!
- **Wed., Jan. 15** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 15** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 16** - Teaching Mass - A walk-through the Catholic Mass - 6:30 p.m. in Church. All are Welcome!
- **Fri., Jan. 17** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Jan. 18** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 19** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 19** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Jan. 21** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 22** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Jan. 22** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 23** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 23** - Catholicism Explained - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Jan. 24** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Jan. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Jan. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Jan. 26** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Weekend of January 18th & 19th



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Adult Choir



5:00 John Vanderkolk and John Schlumbohm
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Ellie Coyne



5:00 Dan Geimer
7:30 Jill Morrissey
10:00 Jeff Miller, Tammi Helm, Volunteer



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 Phillip/Angela/James Mayer
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Luke Miller, Sam Smith

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of January 4th & 5th

Adult Envelopes- \$5,231.00
Loose- \$345.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,874.97
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- \$992.00
General Bequest- \$140.00
Votive Candles- \$251.71

Total- \$8,834.68

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$3,718.28 ahead of our budget for the month of January 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$810.00

Online Giving for December - \$4,638.00. We ended the month \$15,501.00 ahead of our budget.

Online Giving St. Vincent de Paul Fund for December - \$295.00

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - December 2024

Housing- \$1,185.00

Utilities- \$213.00

Charitable Donation- \$180.00

Total Charitable Donations for December - \$1,578.00



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THINK!
 T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?
 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
 - St. John Paul II



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