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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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<b>Weekdays</b>	8:30 a.m. <b>Spanish</b> (Mon-Fri.)	12:10 p.m. <b>English</b> (Mon-Fri)
	7:45 a.m. <b>Vietnamese</b> (Thu & Sat)	

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)  
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open  
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### THIS IS MY BELOVED SON



This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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### 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).

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

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### WHY ARE YOU COMING TO ME?

We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist's voice as he says to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism! We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus' response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God's plan of love.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

#### Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord

#### Monday

First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary

#### Friday

St. Anthony

#### Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary;  
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**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Jan 12	Genevive Persaud David Le	Ruth Santana Andre Johnson
Jan 19	Elisia Dones Juan Dones	Pereta Rodriguez Melissa Rivera-Jovel
Jan 26	David Le Genevive Persaud	Felisha Fabian Andre Johnson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Jan 12	Yvonne Ebea Bethzabe Vera	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin
Jan 19	Elisia Dones Juan Dones	Ed Nolan Pereta Rodriguez
Jan 26	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
DECEMBER 29, 2019**

**Tithing:** \$6,988.02      Christmas: \$526.00  
**Children:** \$5.00      Retired Religious: \$162.00  
**Total:** \$6,993.02

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
JANUARY 13, 2020**

**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 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
JANUARY 13, 2020**

**Monday**  
**8:30am**  
**12:10pm** Monica Cam (D)  
**Tuesday**  
**8:30am** Giuse Hau (D)  
**12:10pm** John Keane (L)  
**Wednesday**  
**8:30am** Felix Antonio Hernandez (D); Esperanza Navel & Hilda Fandino (D)  
 Giuse Hau (D)  
**12:10pm**  
**Thursday**  
**7:45am** All Souls  
**8:30am** Keren Hernandez (D)  
**12:10pm** Ellen Keane (L)  
**Friday**  
**8:30am** Maria Olinda Ramirez (D); Grace Archibald (D)  
 Maria Cam (D)  
**12:10pm**  
**Saturday**  
**7:45am** Gioan Chat & Maria Nghi (D)  
**7:00pm** Maria Gonzalez (D); Lillie Jones-Birthday (L); Maria Mercedes & Francisco Mercedes (D)  
**Sunday**  
**8:00am** Virgen de Guadalupe  
**9:30am**  
**11:30am**  
**1:30pm** Phero Mi & Isave Day (D)

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**WHY IS IT?**



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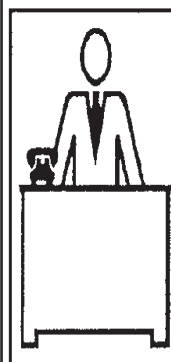
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