

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

A voice came down from the heavens, saying
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

-- Matthew 3:17



Week of January 12th – 16th

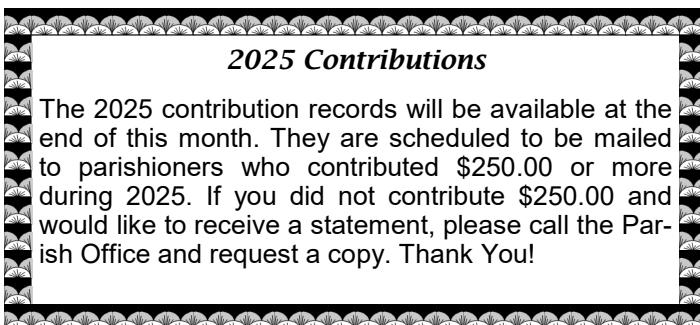
Monday: 8:00 Erin Sabrina Breckenridge+
Tuesday: 8:00 Eileen Mollen+
Wednesday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+
Thursday: 8:00 Charles McPhee+
Friday: 8:00 Justin Rogers+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Judy Hilgert, Linda Peng, Georgia Pontoniere, Maria Corrales, Dan McDonald, Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collections	
Plate December 28 th	\$10,808.00
Christmas	\$85,093.00

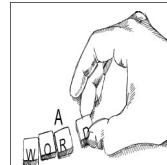
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• Remember to make **all checks** payable to Corpus Christi Church. And, indicate in the Memo line what the check is for. Thank you for your cooperation!
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The Water From Heaven!

As dry flour cannot be united into a lump of dough, or a loaf, but needs water, so we who are many cannot be made one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes from heaven.

-- Irenaeus



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As a Catholic Christian and an American I call upon you and all members of whatever faith to join with me in a plea to the God of Justice: deliver us from the horrible cesspool into which this country has been cast by the gang of criminal leaders now in power.

Like the prophets and psalmists in the Bible, like John the Baptist who condemned a wicked king, we must raise our voices in protest at the actions of the men who have made us into their own image and have made this country into companions of the likes of Russia, Israel and China, invading other countries without cause and with evil intent.

This is not a political statement, although policy and morality can not be disconnected; it is a cry like that of the apostle Paul, "Who will deliver me from the body of this death?" For surely, we are witnessing the death of democracy for the sale of a mess of pottage, Venezuelan oil. We risk the lives of many, military and civilian, so that the rich may become richer and the powerful trample still further on the innocent.

Cry out to the God of justice and truth: you alone will I adore. Lord, have mercy.

Fr. Basil



Today's Readings

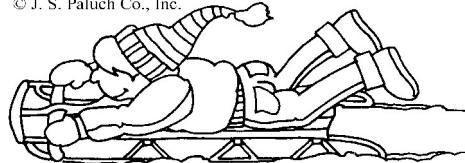
First Reading -- Isaiah speaks of the servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

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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63rd Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars today for Corpus Christi's 63rd Annual Crab Feed and Auction on Saturday, January 31st! The event brings the School and Parish together for food, friends and fundraising, including a seated, all you can eat crab dinner, plus a live and silent auction, drinks and dancing. Funds raised will support Corpus Christi School and our Parish. Get ready to "Paint the Town Red" at the red-themed event!

Called to Serve!

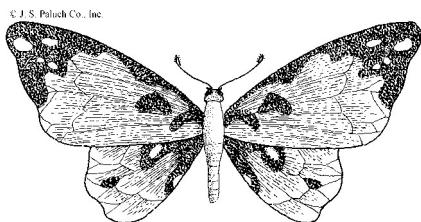
The status of God's beloved Son is not one he clings to. It is one he shares. All of us are called to be sons and daughters of God. In Jesus, we can all claim God's favor. The second reading makes this clear. Here we read of the baptism of Cornelius and his household. Peter's speech recalls the anointing of Jesus by the Holy Spirit and the great power that swept through Israel and onto the doorstep of the Gentile Cornelius.

As for his household, so for us. There is an end to our work on earth, to our baptismal vocation and the honorable work we do. But there is no end to the saving life given to us through baptism. There is no end to the life of the children of God; there is no end to God's compassion, which we know in Christ Jesus. There is no end to our status as chosen and beloved people of God. Because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we are forever among those on whom God's favor rests.

AN OLD ENGLISH PRAYER!

Give us, Lord,
a bit of sun
a bit of work and
a bit of fun.

Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter;
Give us health and our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for others' sake;
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale, and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.



Readings For The Week

January 12th -- 17th

Monday: First Reading 1 Samuel 1:1-8;
Psalm 116;
Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 1:9-20;
Responsorial Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7;
Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20;
Psalm 40;
Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: First Reading 1 Samuel 4:1-11;
Psalm 44;
Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Friday: First Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a;
Psalm 89;
Gospel Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: First Reading 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;
Psalm 21;
Gospel Mark 2:13-17

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist-high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptistery art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!

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