

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A VOICE CAME
FROM THE
HEAVENS,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU
I AM
WELL PLEASED."

Mark 1:11



**January
10
2021**

**THE
BAPTISM
OF
THE
LORD**

Pastoral Team

**Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Keefe
Pastor**

**Deacon Ray Brown
Deacon Steven Mancuso**

OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Sunday 11:15am to 12:15pm**

Sunday Masses

English: 8:15am - 10:00am
Spanish: 12:30PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM

Confessions Sundays

9:15am - 9:45am
11:45am - 12:15pm
or by appointment

BEING THE MESSENGER

When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.


BEING THE MESSAGE

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus, Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fountains are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

Today's Readings: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

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<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY ADORATION 10AM TO 12PM</p>	<p>ATTENTION PARENTS</p> <p>Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult to use the restroom The safety of your child is very important to us</p> 	 <p>RADIO MISION Catolica MT 16:9-15 radiomisioncatolica.com</p>
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FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction. In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith.

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Maria Llanos
Maria Garcia
Angel Espinoza

Rosary Ministry
Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364



Adult Faith Formation Classes

Meet every Sunday at 11:15 in Church conference room. For more information please contact our office or Mrs. Lukens

(229) 794-9140



St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



**Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament
First Saturday
7:00PM to 10:00PM**



Collections

December 24 & 25, 2020

Offertory \$2330
Building Fund \$395

December 27, 2020

Offertory \$2573
Building Fund \$21690

December 31, 2020

Offertory \$1263
Building Fund \$0

January 3, 2021

Offertory \$2799
Building Fund \$5252



Let us pray for the health of:

Ray O' Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Tony Christiano, Nestor Beroch, Andrew Morrison, Bonnie Cornwell, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Fran LaRock, Melisa Green, Michael Kunai, Erika Lloyd, Jacqueline Knight, Anna Marie Gould, Nina Waters, Phylli Fletcher, Nilda Peana, Beatriz Agudelo, Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Ruby Green, Lisa Salomon, Madalyn Touchton, Shawn Murphy, Debbie Hernandez, Angela Hood, José Hernández, Thomas Atnip, Jeronimo Vivero, Alvaro y Consuelo Borrero



For the Eternal rest of:

Dennis David, Mary Malehorn, Angi Christiano, Tom Turner, David Dennis, Lois Adkins, Frank Hunter, Guillermina Sanchez, Maria Gallegos, Kelle Jackson, Misty Lasseter, Stephanie Nelson, Kevin Ward, Juana Perez, Edgardo Arias, Eugene Faborito, Giovanni Foschi, Judy Plantier, Bill Raczkowski
All faithful Departed

Knights of Columbus

Round table meeting
Parish Hall
Second Sunday of the month
at 11:15AM