

# Baptism of the Lord

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## The Parable Of Silly Putty

The Christian life has been likened to many things but Silly Putty? Remember the stretchy, rubbery compound that when flattened against your favorite comic strip and lifted, showed a copy of your favorite comic? You had to be careful though, or you would end up with the wrong picture. Are you seeing the spiritual parallel yet? Maybe this explanation will help.



It is a matter of with whom (or what) we spend our time. Spend time with bad company, and it will soon reflect in your life. The same is true with godly company. When we press ourselves closely to Jesus and His Church here on earth, we are bound to give off a more righteous impression. It is like being a piece of spiritual “Silly Putty”—well, like John the Baptist for example. He stayed so close to God, pressed so firmly up to the Kingdom, that people mistook him for the Messiah. The “Silly Putty” of John’s spirit truly reflected the face of Christ. It is a parable worth pondering this week. If the Kingdom of God is like “Silly Putty,” how closely am I pressed to Christ? If people peeled me off the page of faith today, who would they see?

## Thank You From Father Bernie

Our recent “Sunday Snack and Snap with Santa” event realized a profit of \$534. We wish to thank all who turned out to have pictures taken, those who helped, all who baked goodies and a special thanks to Gretchen, who took the pictures. Of course, our gratitude is extended to Santa Claus, who paid us a visit during his extremely busy time. Again, we say thank you to all of you.

Fr. Bernie

## 2015 Confirmation Pictures

2015 Confirmation pictures have arrived and may be picked up from the Church Office during regular office hours or during CCD class time.

## 2016 Church Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2016 can be picked up from the front of the Church. If you are a registered parishioner and have not used the envelope system or are not registered yet and would like to use the envelope system, contact the Church Office.



## Offertory Giving

In today’s reading from the Gospel of Luke, we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with “all the people.” Indeed, “Heaven was opened,” and the Father announced His special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed His call in our daily lives, share His Good News, become instruments of His transforming justice and peace, Heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces His special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God’s special favor in our lives?

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday Jan. 3</b>	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$9,018.50
Loose	846.25
Holy Day New Year’s	1,231.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,095.75</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$189,000.00
Cumulative Income	192,485.47
<b>Ahead</b>	<b>\$3,485.47</b>

## Clarion Herald Collection

Next weekend’s second collection will be the quarterly collection for the Clarion Herald.

## Office Closing

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, January 18**, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. The office will reopen at 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 19**.



## Altar Flowers Donated



The lovely flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **James Bailey, Jr.**, by his loving wife Sandy Bailey.

## Bible Background “Baptism”

“Baptism” means to immerse or wash in water and so is a natural sign for ritual purity or holiness. In Judaism, there were many ceremonial washings both in preparation for or as part of the celebration of a ritual. For Christians, Baptism replace circumcision as the ritual signifying covenant membership.



**Mass Intentions Requested**

**Monday, January 11**

*(1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20)*

No Mass Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 12**

*(1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28)*

8:00 a.m. June Calkins

**Wednesday, January 13**

*(1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)*

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, January 14**

*(1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)*

8:00 a.m. William Cox

**Friday, January 15**

*(1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12)*

8:00 a.m. Louis Mangano, Jr.

**Saturday, January 16**

*(1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17)*

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Clara Saucier, Robert Jenevein, Althea Deckwa, Bill Deckwa, Joseph D'Antoni, Scott & Amy Fandal, Michael & Barbara Gurtler Family

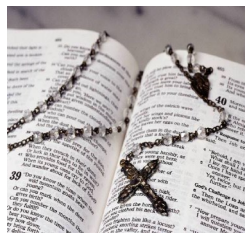
**Sunday, January 17**

*(Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11)*

7:00 a.m. Jim Richmond

8:30 a.m. Scott & Amy Fandal, Susan Mercier, John Lacourrage Sr., Clara Saucier, Paul Burkhardt, Deacon Richard Calkins, Frank Ripoll Sr., Ann Rooney, Marlene Ragusa, Henry Jorns, Joyce Dawson, Shirley Callais, Andrew & Catherine Lambert, Elizabeth Mae Barrois, Niki Cassidey

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



tact the Church Office for details.

**Pray For The Sick**



Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Esther Binder, Diana Bradshaw, Jo-Ann Brewin, May Caballero, Ashley Code, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Helen Fabre, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Mary & Elizabeth Kittel, Andrew & Catherine Lambert, Tom Madigan, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryle Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Kori Saucier, Mary Seeler, Cathy Smith

**WEEKLY EVENTS**



**K.C. Pancake Breakfast**—Sunday, January 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall at \$5 per plate. Proceeds are used to finance scholarships for our own Church Parish's high school seniors. Come join us!

**Legion of Mary**—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

**RCIA Tracks I & II**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

**Apologetics**—Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**Patriotic Rosary**—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Widows Group**—Friday, January 15, at 11:00 a.m. at Olive Garden, 168 Northshore Blvd., for lunch then to the Parish Hall at noon for fellowship. For information, contact Pat Langsford at 863-3445.



**St. Joseph's Altar Guild**

Baking for the St. Joseph's Altar celebrated on March 19 will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon beginning January 16. If you are interested in this ministry, call Shirley Lightell at 863-2603 or Deacon Gene Templet at 863-2545. Envelopes for donations are available at church entrances.

**Pope Francis' Mission Intention**

"That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity

**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of the **Deceased Members of the Widows Group.**



**Sanctuary Lamp**

The calendar for the dedication of the Sanctuary Lamp to the memory of a deceased person, family or group is open for 2016. For a donation of \$10, you can have someone memorialized for the week. Con-

## 2015 Income Tax Statements

Will you need a statement of 2015 contributions to the church for income tax purposes? If so, please call the Church Office at 863-7935, extension 3, and request yours. Since not everyone has a need for a statement, we do not automatically mail one. The exception would be those who issued a check in an amount \$250 or over, as we are mandated by the IRS to issue a statement. Those who call will have their names put on a list, and a statement prepared as soon as possible. Our bookkeeper hopes to have these ready for mailing or pick-up (*please state your choice*) near the end of January.



## Seelos' Birthday Healing Mass

**Sunday, January 10 1:00 p.m.**

National Seelos Shrine

St. Mary's Assumption Church  
919 Josephine Street, New Orleans

Celebrant—Fr. Gilbert Enderle, C.Ss.R.

For more information, call 504-525-2495 or visit the website [www.seelos.org](http://www.seelos.org)



## Parish Respect Life Meeting

A meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Church, 61030 Brier Lake Drive, Lacombe, for those interested in serving on the Parish Respect Life Committee. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to work in this Respect Life group. The purpose of the gathering is for the people to become familiar with each other and to share ideas. Please contact Debbie Shinskie at the Archdiocesan Office of Respect Life at 504-286-1119.

## St. Margaret Mary School Open House

St. Margaret Mary School will host an open house for parents of students entering pre-kindergarten and kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year. The open house will be Tuesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Evangelization Building. Registration for three and four-year old pre-kindergarten students, as well as kindergarten students will take place Thursday, January 14. St. Margaret Mary School is both state and nationally accredited, and was recognized by the United States Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. The school currently serves three-year-olds through students in seventh grade. For additional information, please call the school office at 985-643-4612.



## Our Lady Of Lourdes Open House



Our Lady of Lourdes School, Slidell, invites you to our Open House Sessions Wednesday, January 20, at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. with tours and opportunities to learn about our academic programs. Come meet our new principal, Mr. Michael Buras. Private tours may also be arranged. In the 2016-17 school year, grades offered will be Pre-K3, Pre-K4, kindergarten to 7th grade. Come see why our test scores are above the national average, and why our students give thousands of service hours. Religious class is offered daily and enrichment courses such as Spanish, computer, physical education, art and music are offered weekly. A new tuition assistance program may be available for you to help your child receive a Catholic education. Please call the school office for more information at 985-643-3230.

## Rosaryville Book Sharing

Join us at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center, Ponchartroula, in our Spring Spiritual Book Sharing on Tuesday, January 12, from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. with Ilia Delio's book Making All Things New: Catholicity, Cosmology and Consciousness, a beautiful pairing with Pope Francis' recent encyclical, Laudato Si.

As Delio demonstrates, catholicity is a conscious awareness of how everything—sun and stars, maple trees, muddy rivers and all organisms—forms one thing. It is a dynamic, spiritual quality that quite literally means "becoming whole." Catholicity is an inner principle which first burst forth in the life of Jesus, and has the power to reconnect all the dimensions of life; spirituality, religion, the new sciences, culture and society. Ilia Delio, OSF, Director of the Catholic Studies Program, has written Christ in Evolution, Care for Creation, The Emergent Christ, and The Unbearable Wholeness of Being, all Catholic Press Association Book Award winners.

For more information or to register, contact Stephanie Davis, OPA, at 225-294-5039 or email her at [sdavis@oppeace.org](mailto:sdavis@oppeace.org) The \$50 fee includes books and materials.

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