

January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord



He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

The other night I was looking out the window as the sun was setting and the layers of clouds allowed the sun to create an extraordinary sunset, painting some clouds with a golden hue, while others were orange and red, moving to purple and gray. It was a stunning moment. The baptism of Jesus is one of those brief moments of beauty, occurring in the first three Gospels (and alluded to in the fourth).

Luke’s account differs from the others in that the dramatic moment does not occur as Jesus is coming up out of the water but only after his baptism, while he is praying. Luke’s Gospel has been called the Gospel of prayer, and from its beginning the adult Jesus is presented as one who prays. At this moment of intimacy, “heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove” (Luke 3:21–22). While he was at prayer, the voice spoke to him: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (3:22). From here on we find that Jesus is under the influence of the

Holy Spirit, and this Spirit directs him first into the desert to be tested, then into his years of service.

With this solemn celebration of the baptism, we too are sent back into the days called “Ordinary Time,” reminded that God has spoken these same words to us at our baptism: You are my son, my daughter. I delight in you. I send you forth to serve as my Son, Jesus, went forth to serve, accompanied by the Holy Spirit.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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Living God’s Word - We pray as Jesus prayed that we might hear the voice of the Father, a voice that speaks of God’s love for us. We ask that we might allow that Spirit, God’s holy breath that came upon us at our own baptism, to move us out into the world in service to those most in need whom God has set before us.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of January to donate to the Women’s Pregnancy Crisis Center.

► **BABY DONATIONS to include:**

Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably
12 months and up,
Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de enero para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

► **DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Jan. 18 – Finance Committee Jan. 25 – Grupo Misionero



Saturday, January 11th

5:00PM-IHM – +Marina Hernandez;
Ruben Gutierrez; Gloria Castro, Delia
Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores,
Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana,

Tony y Patricia Gomez

Baptism of the Lord - Sunday, January 12th –

8:30AM– Por el Grupo Misionero que Dios los bendiga
y aumente su fe; y en acción de gracias por los
cumpleaños de Maria Gonzales, Marta Herrera y Claudia
Daniela Aguayo

11:00AM- For the People

Tuesday, January 14th 9:00AM – HF

+Ray T. Reyes

Wednesday, January 15th 6:00PM-IHM

+Donna Kaye Long

Thursday, January 16th 9:00AM-HF

+Gabino Martinez

Friday, January 17th 9:00AM-HF

For the health and well-being of Al and Virginia
Mendoza and their family

Saturday, January 18th

5:00PM-IHM – +Maria Morales y Carlos Guerrero,
Rodolfo Morales; +Alejandro Jaramillo

Sunday, January 19th –

8:30AM– +Uvalterio Carlos y difuntos de su familia;
+Socorro Ramon

11:00AM- For the People

CCD - Classes resume *this* Sunday, January 12th, 2025,
9:30-10:40am.

Wednesday Classes - 7:00-8:30pm

OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) - Classes are held on
Thursdays, at 6:00pm at Holy Family Hall, 507 Crane
Street.

WEDNESDAY - Confessions begin at 5:00pm
followed by Mass @6:00pm, & Adoration until 8:30pm
@IHM.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – meets at Holy Family
Hall, this Sunday, January 12th, from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

YOUTH GROUP meets this Sunday, January 12th, at
6:30pm at Holy Family Parish Hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025–You can get your
boxed envelopes from the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected officers of
the Guadalupana Society: **President** –*Sally Peña*;
V-President–*Lisa Soto*; **Secretary** – *Emilia Acevedo*; &
Treasurer – *Esther Palafox*. Our gratitude and
appreciation to the outgoing officers for their dedicated
service.

PROJECT RACHEL - Healing After Abortion

All of us are in need of God’s mercy, and Jesus stands
ever ready to forgive and to heal.

Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of San Angelo is
here to help offer the healing mercy of Jesus Christ to
women and men who have experienced an abortion.
Many times, our sin, especially the sin of abortion, may
leave us feeling great shame and guilt – but know that
you are loved, Jesus desires to forgive, and you have a
home in the Catholic Church.

Project Rachel offers confidential weekend retreats, one-
on-one counseling with Catholic counselors, and private
support groups for those desiring healing.

If you desire healing from abortion, know that we are
here and that you are not alone. Please call us at our
confidential helpline at (432) 236-9883 or email us at
projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org.

Jesus is here to offer all of us his love and mercy. Do not
be afraid.

PROYECTO RACHEL - Sanación después del aborto

Todos nosotros necesitamos la misericordia de Dios y
Jesús está siempre dispuesto a perdonar y sanar. El
Ministerio Proyecto Raquel de la Diócesis de San Angelo
está aquí para ayudar a ofrecer la misericordia sanadora
de Jesucristo a mujeres y hombres que han
experimentado un aborto. Muchas veces, nuestro pecado,
especialmente el pecado del aborto, puede hacernos sentir
una gran vergüenza y culpa – pero debes saber que eres
amado, Jesús desea perdonar y que tienes un hogar en la
Iglesia Católica.

Proyecto Rachel ofrece retiros confidenciales,
asesoramiento individual con consejeros católicos,
y grupos de apoyo privados para quienes desean
curación.

Si deseas curarte del aborto, debes saber que estamos
aquí y que no estás solo. Llámenos a nuestra línea de
ayuda confidencial al (432) 236-9883 o envíenos un
correo electrónico a projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org.
Jesús está aquí para ofrecernos a todos su amor y
misericordia. No tengas miedo.

January 4/5, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$3076.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1107.00
HOLY DAY (January 1).....	1151.57
CCD.....	499.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$5833.57

Thank you for your generosity!

KOLBE PRISON MINISTRIES OF SAN ANGELO



needs volunteers to help reach out to
those forgotten by society. Please take
a pamphlet from the church entrance
with the information about the
ministry and the different ways you
can help.

The purpose of the Creed is that the whole gathered people may respond to the Word of God that was proclaimed in the readings and explained in the homily. The word Creed comes from the Latin word “credo” which means “I give my heart.” Having received the Word from the Father in the readings and the explanation in the homily, the Church gives her heart back to God as a response. To say “I believe” at this point in the Mass is very serious. It is similar to the trust that we put in the pilot of an airplane when we get on board. Our life is in his hands!

I believe in one God. This sets us apart from other religions who believe in many different gods. I believe in Jesus Christ. The fact that God became a human being and lived among us. At this point in the Creed we say, “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” When we say this, we are supposed to bow our heads. We do this as a visible sign of our reverence for God, and a way of imitating Him. God lowered himself to become a human being, and so as we bow our heads, we lower ourselves before His greatness and strive to imitate what he did.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. We proclaim our believe in God as three persons, and we honor the Spirit who is the breath of God which animates us and gives us life. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. These are the four marks of the Church founded by Christ. Christ founded one Church. The Church that he founded is Holy, set apart from worldly ways for the service of God. The Church is catholic, that is, universal – open to all people all around the world. The Church is apostolic. We trace our origins from the apostles and what they taught. I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Our hope is in the resurrection. Christ has promised to raise us as well, and so we honor our bodies which our Lord will one day raise to new life.

We pray the Creed right before we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist almost like a couple would pray the wedding vows. We declare our belief and commitment to the Lord, and in response, we are given the opportunity to give ourselves to Him, and to receive the gift of Himself in the Eucharist. The Creed is also our declaration that we stand with Christ. The devil is trying to pull us away, but when we pray the Creed, we give our allegiance to the Lord and we declare that God is the foundation of our lives.

El Credo tiene como propósito que todo el pueblo reunido responda a la Palabra de Dios proclamada en las lecturas y explicada en la homilía. La palabra Credo proviene del latín “credo”, que significa “doy mi corazón”. Habiendo recibido la Palabra del Padre en las lecturas y la explicación en la homilía, la Iglesia devuelve su corazón a Dios como respuesta. Decir “Creo” en este punto de la Misa es algo muy serio. Es similar a la confianza que depositamos en el piloto de un avión cuando subimos a bordo. ¡Nuestra vida está en sus manos!

Creo en un solo Dios. Esto nos distingue de otras religiones que creen en muchos dioses diferentes. Creo en Jesucristo. El hecho de que Dios se hizo un ser humano y vivió entre nosotros. En este punto del Credo decimos, “y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre”. Cuando decimos esto, se supone que debemos inclinar la cabeza. Lo hacemos como un signo visible de nuestra reverencia hacia Dios, y una forma de imitarlo. Dios se rebajó para convertirse en un ser humano y, por lo tanto, cuando inclinamos la cabeza, nos rebajamos ante su grandeza y nos esforzamos por imitar lo que él hizo.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo. Proclamamos nuestra fe en Dios como tres personas, y honramos al Espíritu que es el aliento de Dios que nos anima y nos da vida. Creo en la Iglesia que es Una, Santa, Católica, y Apostólica. Estas son las cuatro características de la Iglesia fundada por Cristo. Cristo fundó una Iglesia. La Iglesia que fundó es Santa, apartada de las cosas mundanas para el servicio de Dios. La Iglesia es católica, es decir, universal - abierta a todas las personas en todo el mundo. La Iglesia es apostólica. Trazamos nuestros orígenes de los apóstoles y de lo que ellos enseñaron. Creo en la resurrección del cuerpo y la vida eterna. Nuestra esperanza está en la resurrección. Cristo ha prometido resucitarnos también a nosotros, y por eso honramos nuestros cuerpos que nuestro Señor un día resucitará a una nueva vida.

Rezamos el Credo justo antes de comenzar la Liturgia de la Eucaristía, casi como una pareja rezaría sus votos matrimoniales. Declaramos nuestra fe y compromiso con el Señor y, en respuesta, se nos da la oportunidad de entregarnos a Él, y recibir el don de Sí mismo en la Eucaristía. El Credo es también nuestra declaración de que estamos con Cristo. El diablo está tratando de alejarnos, pero cuando rezamos el Credo, le damos nuestra lealtad al Señor y declaramos que Dios es el fundamento de nuestras vidas.

