



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 10, 2010
He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
 Jan. 11-17, 2010



- Monday**
8:00 am Encarnacion Hernandez† - Odelia Olszewski
- Tuesday**
 8:00 am Tommy Najvar† - Dan & Irene Kubala
- Wednesday**
 6:30 pm Albert Ayarzaogitia† - Oralia Gamez & E. Ayala
- Thursday**
 8:00 am Charles & Frances Mokry† - Ann Najvar
- Friday**
 8:00 am McDonald Babies† - Donor
- Saturday**
 6:00 pm Ita Rowsome† - Family
- Sunday**
 8:00 am Margie Hoelscher† - Roy & Jenell Richter
 9:30 am Antonio & Reyna Lopez† - Pedro & Ninfa Lopez
10:00 am Janice Koliba† - Vic & Marguerite Ann
12:00 pm People of the Parish
 6:00 pm James Saul, Sr.† - Roussel - Saul Families

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

New Yrs. Envelope Collection	\$3,089.75
New Yrs. Loose Collection.....	\$281.00
Envelope Collection 1/03/10	\$17,200.37
Loose Collection 1/03/10.....	\$840.43
Children's Collection.....	\$169.04
Other Fees.....	\$401.53
Total	\$21,982.12

Thank You!

ST. MARY MISSION

New Yrs. Envelope Collection	\$369.00
New Yrs. Loose Collection.....	\$16.00
Envelope Collection 1/03/10	\$642.00
Loose Collection.....	\$134.00
Total	\$1161.00

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and recall that great event at the Jordan river when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. This was the beginning of Jesus' public life and we are told in today's second reading from the Acts of the Apostles that: "He went about doing good...for God was with him." We too were baptized and sent forth to do good works in our lives and God will help us fulfill our vocation to do great things for Him, our Church, family and friends. Most important of all we must 'do good works' during our earthly lives in order to hear the voice of God saying to us; "You are my beloved son (daughter) in whom I am well pleased." Let us renew our Baptismal promises at today's Mass and promise God that we will live good and holy Catholic lives during the coming year of 2010. Please study and practice the rules below from Psychology Today on how to have a wonderful New Year.



Your friend,
Msgr. Morgan

HOW TO BE HAPPY, HOLY AND HEALTHY

ENJOY THE PRESENT. Take time to enjoy everyday small pleasures rather than delaying joy for some future time. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery but today is a gift and that is why we call it 'the present.'

CONTROL YOUR TIME. Research reveals that unhappy people tend to be unfocused in their thinking and planning. Those who are happy generally have plans, large and small, and work towards achieving their goals. Set short term and long term plans for your life.

EXHIBIT HAPPY BEHAVIOR. Thinking and acting in positive, optimistic ways leads to greater happiness. Stop condemning, complaining and criticizing and see the jar as half full and not half empty.

GET PHYSICAL. Physically fit people cope with stress better and are more self-confident than the physically unfit. Stop eating and drinking too much and start walking for 30 minutes each day if possible. Join a health club, play sports, work in the garden, ride your bicycle, use your thread mill and stop smoking.

GET ENOUGH REST. People who give themselves enough time for restorative rest and solitude are happier. Give yourself the blessing of rest and relaxation every day.

CULTIVATE CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS. Friendships are extremely therapeutic. Happy people have good friends they can turn to and confide in. To have friends you must be a friend.

EXERCISE YOUR FAITH. There is a powerful link between faith and happiness. The saints were the happiest people who ever lived. Pray daily, attend Church every week, read the Bible - it is the blueprint on how to be happy here and in heaven. Have a Happy and Holy New Year.

This Week at St. Peter Church

MONDAY: Mass 8 a.m.. Rosary 7:30 am.

TUESDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Bible Class resumes at 8:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: Feast of St. Hilary; Novena & Rosary 6:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Mass 8:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7-9 p.m. RCIA Meeting 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY: Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8 a.m.

SATURDAY: Confessions 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUTH

CHOIR PRACTICE for H.S. is every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the church.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT January 17, in the Youth Center 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Casino Night including, card games, snacks, door prizes and featuring music videos by DC talks. All High School Students welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR practice Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. All Children are invited.

SIGNING OF THE SENSES TODAY. We welcome all the boys and girls who are preparing for First Holy Communion to Mass today for the Rite of the Signing of the Senses.

NO CCD WEDNESDAY, January 13th because of the Nueces County Stock Show.

A Stewardship Thought from Faith and Finances. "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Jesus was pleasing to the Father because He did the Father's will. When it comes to money, the will of the Father is expressed in the Church's teaching on being a steward of Providence. Are you applying this teaching to your daily life?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT EVENTS. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter (to make good marriages better) is set for Feb. 12-14, '10. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17 and we start "Faith Comes By Hearing" (Listening to the New Testament on Disks) the same day. Our next "Catholics Returning Home" is set to begin in St. Patrick Youth Center on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:15 p.m. Start praying and spreading the word about our upcoming parish events and invite relatives and friends to participate in them.

Upcoming Events

BENEFIT BBQ SALE TODAY FOR SOPHIA PARKER.

Please support the Knights of Columbus's Chicken BBQ sale today for Tom & Diana Matula's granddaughter. The plates only cost \$7 each and you may purchase them at the BBQ Pit from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We thank all who worked and supported this worthy cause.

SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO TODAY IN ST. WILLIAM FAMILY CENTER FROM 2-4 P.M.

All over 55 are invited to participate in this once a month fun, food, fellowship and bingo session. We ask everyone to spread the word and provide transportation to relatives, friends and neighbors. Let us be kind to our Senior Citizens in 2010.

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS BEGIN 'LONGING FOR THE HOLY' SESSION TODAY.

Groups meet in host homes on different nights and if you wish to participate in the first four sessions, call us at 241-3249 or Paul Hickey at 241-8662. If you have signed up for a group and not received a call regarding your group meeting time and place, please call Paul at 241-8662.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING ON MONDAY, JAN 11 AT 7:30 P.M. IN K.C. HALL.

Grand Knight Israel Cavazos asks all officers and members to attend this first meeting of 2010 and offer time and talent to the many upcoming projects. Together we can accomplish great things for the parish and the people of God.

DIOCESAN MINISTRY DAY CONFERENCE THIS SATURDAY 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Over 90 of our Ministers will be present at the American Bank Center for the informative talks and if you wish to join them call us at 241-3249 so we can register you for the Conference.

GOOD ADVICE FROM OUR CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH MINISTRY.

As we begin a new year, don't forget to schedule important appointment with your physician, dentist, eye doctor and other specialists! "A stitch in time saves nine!"

ARE YOU READING YOUR COPY OF 'REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM' BY MATTHEW KELLY.

Many parishioners have told us that they are enjoying and benefitting from reading the 'wisdom' of this young Australian writer. Try to finish the book ASAP.

GET READY FOR EXCITING MINI-RETREAT AND CONCERT WITH LORRAINE HARTSOOK ON JAN. 30-31.

Lorraine is a Canadian award winner singer/song-writer/publish speaker and all adults are urged to attend her four hour retreat on Sat. Jan. 30 from 1 to 5 p.m. in our Church. The title of the Retreat is: "Lent is a Journey - Are we Ready to Go?" The Family Concert is set for Sun. Jan. 31st in our Church from 7:15 to 9 p.m. and both events are free

A VOCATION VIEW: Come on, continue your Baptism by baptizing others in the Holy Spirit and fire.
"You are my beloved child." says the Lord!