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**Our Lady of the Holy Souls
Altar Society**

The Altar Society is back on the map for 2022!

Ladies,
be on the look-out for future announcements
in the bulletin, Holy Souls Website,
and/or Altar Society Facebook page.

If you are interested in becoming
an executive officer, leading a committee,
or would like to learn more about
the "Holy Souls Altar Society",
please contact Selina Ripa at
selinaloveslife@yahoo.com
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Second SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

January 16, 2022

[Jesus' mother said to the servers,
“Do whatever he tells you.”]

JOHN 2:5

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BROKEN SILENCE

“For Pete’s sake will you kids be quiet?” This question, no doubt, has passed the lips of numerous parents through the years. It’s tempting to speculate as to who, exactly, was instructing Isaiah to be quiet. Neighbors? Fellow prophets? Family? No matter. Isaiah says firmly that for the sake of Jerusalem and Zion he will not be silent. Conversely, in the familiar passage in today’s Gospel reading, Mary chides her son to break his silence, to save the wedding soon to run out of wine. Jesus responds with a prophetic action, one that signals the miraculous, bountiful joy flowing at the heavenly wedding feast. Prophetic words, prophetic deeds—both flow from a broken silence.

PROBLEM CHILDREN

The Corinthians seem to have been Paul’s problem children. His two letters to them are much longer than any of his other letters—two, three, or four times as long as some. It seems that if the early Christians at Corinth could misunderstand or do something wrong, they would. Fortunately for us, the two letters to the Corinthians, though they contain much didactic or instructional material, also provide some of Paul’s most well-crafted and grace-filled writing. This is certainly true today, with Paul’s litany of gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, even to this day. Paul seeks to calm the squabbling that seems to have been going on, as the Corinthians tried to claim one gift or another as more important. All gifts come from the same Spirit, Paul reminds them; and the various gifts are given for the benefit of the community. When jealousy arises in our midst today, we can still turn to Paul’s insights so we might stop being prideful, problem children.

WONDROUS CHILD

In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, “do whatever he tells you,” echoed her reply to Gabriel: “Let it be done to me as you say.” In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God’s reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 62:1–5
Psalm 96:1–2, 2–3, 7–8, 9–10
1 Corinthians 12:4–11
John 2:1–11

You Are My Beloved Child, With You I Am Well Pleased!

Fr. John's Homily from The Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2022

We find ourselves ending our Christmas Season and beginning a period of Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday. Christmas is celebrating the gift of God's Word becoming flesh. Jesus is the Presence of God with us. He is present to us in many ways, especially He is physically present to us in the Eucharist, on this Altar, in Communion. Epiphany is the Manifestation of God's Love to whole world. And as God's people we ask for wisdom to manifest, or show, God's love toward others; this is how we celebrate Epiphany. Now the Baptism of the Lord celebrates the manifestation of God's love in a very special way to all who have entered into the waters of Baptism. God's very presence, His love, now lives within.

This is the gift of Baptism. We have received this gift, most of us at infancy. Like you, I have always known I was baptized into the Faith. I claimed it as my own later in life. Even though this truth lived with me, it was not until an experience I had at 22 years of age that I knew from within my heart, I was a child of God. The Father, Son and Spirits lived within me. I was alone, but I was not lonely.

In this Pandemic which we find ourselves, both in our Nation and in our Culture, we all need to know this truth of our Baptism— God dwells within. We have God's Word, like in the prophet, Isaiah prophesied centuries before the birth of the Messiah who he would be and what he would do. He is the Servant of the Lord, the Chosen One who is pleasing to God. He will be given of God's Spirit to reconcile the world to God. He will be a light for the people, healing and freeing them from darkness and bondage. For the voice is crying out in the desert, make straight the paths for the Lord, the glory of the Lord is reveled for all people to see it. The Good Shepherd!!!

God, from the beginning of his ministry and throughout, affirmed Jesus as His Chosen One, His Beloved Son. Jesus would live in this knowledge of who He is, what He came into the world to do, throughout His life on earth. We see this on the Day of Jesus' baptism. The Father was heard saying: "*You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*" The Holy Spirit ascended upon Him as He came up from the waters. From that day on, Luke tells us, that Jesus was led by the Spirit: where He went, what He taught, who He healed, and who He set free was all Spirit led, according to His Father's will.

In Acts of the Apostles, we will hear it stated that He went about doing good, freeing all those oppressed by the evil one. The one who is to come, is God with us, fulfilling what Isaiah said: "*God would uphold his beloved servant.*"

The baptism of Jesus begins His public ministry. It is the public affirmation by the Father of Jesus' relationship

with the Father. *You are my Beloved Son, whom I am well pleased.* Jesus, by being baptized, was stating his public "yes" to the Father's call for him to be the Anointed Messiah.

As part of this affirmation the Father anoints Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit for mission. Jesus needed to know this from the depths of his being, not only is He God's only Son, but the Father was well pleased with His beloved. Knowing this from His depth of His heart, will help Jesus endure many difficulties and trials ahead. This truth would be what sustained Jesus throughout his ministry. No matter what he had to endure—rejection, condemnation, abandonment, a cruel death on the cross—Jesus knew that He was the beloved Son of the Father and that God was with him. This is what kept Jesus faithful; He knew who He was. Look at the Gospels and see how Satan would always attack Him, '*If you are the Son of God.*' Jesus knew the truth; He was beloved by His father.

Just as Jesus' Baptism was important for Him as He began His ministry, so too our Baptism is important for us. Like Jesus, it was the moment in time that the Father said to us: "*You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased.*" It was the time that God made His dwelling within us. It was the time that God anointed us with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Just as this truth sustained Jesus, this truth can sustain us though our lifetime. Especially in times of difficulty and trials, we need to know that we are loved by God. *I am the beloved of the Father.* If Jesus, the Beloved of the Father, could endure his sufferings knowing this, can I not do likewise because I am the beloved too? No matter what we go through, what we are called to endure the truth never changes: We are beloved Children of God. If Satan would attack Jesus with this truth, will He not come after us in the same way. If you are a Child of God, don't listen - know the truth: You are God's child. There we will always, like Jesus, follow the Spirit's lead and direction in our lives. No matter what we endure, this truth will remain the same. *I am beloved of God, I am His child.*

We give thanks to God for the grace of Baptism. We give thanks to God that we are his beloved. On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we renew our "yes" to live as the beloved. We are called to follow the lead of the Spirit who is with us and in us.

FR. JOHN & DEACON JOHN'S HOMILIES

Fr. John and Deacon John's homilies are also published on our website. Go to www.holysouls.org - Parish News - Homilies.

COLLECTIONS/STEWARSHIP UPDATE

Mass attendance, January 1 & 2	544
Mass attendance, January 8 & 9	516

Weekend Collections –

January 1 & 2	\$ 22,295
January 8 & 9	\$ 57,807
Total January Collections	\$ 80,102
Total Jan. Budgeted Collections	\$ 130,000
Actual Collections (7/1/21 - 12/31/21)	\$ 768,527
Budgeted (7/1/21 - 12/31/21)	\$ 770,000
Amount in deficit of Budget	<u><u>\$ (1,473)</u></u>
Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,012

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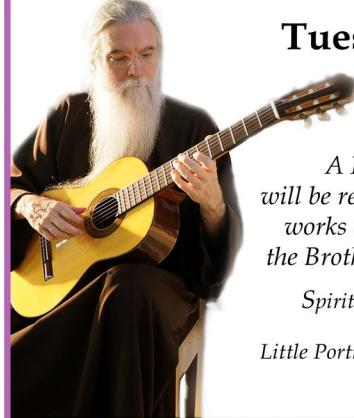
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Senior CYM Meeting

*(For youth in 9th to 12th Grades)
Wednesday, January 19th
6:00 p.m. - Benedict House*

Junior CYM Meeting

*(For youth in 7th & 8th Grades)
Thursday, January 27th
6:30 p.m. - Benedict House*

For more information, contact Andrew Baka, Youth Minister,
at 501-663-8632 or abaka@holysouls.org.

Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

*Look to the Lord in his strength;
seek to serve him constantly.*

Psalm 105:4

It seems to me that I will always be a seeker, that I will always be a bit restless. My questions evolve, and any security, certitude or contentment I gain is fleeting. Yet my longings remain constant—I desire to serve, to enjoy life, to be closer to Jesus. I am, like most every human, made up of many yearnings. In Mark's Gospel chapter 1:29-39, several people are seeking Jesus and his power—and Jesus is modeling for us what is required to serve well and gain a sense of fulfillment in the swings between restlessness and groundedness. The first step for Jesus—and for us—is prayer. Before we tend to the wounds of others, before we share good news, we must self-empty and return to God. Bowing before our Source, we then gain the strength we need to care for others. In prayer, we are able to stay focused on who we are meant to be: a servant of God.

An excerpt from *Living Faith*

The Gospel that this reflection is referring to is on the curing of Simon's mother-in-law, how Jesus continued to cure many others and how the people were seeking him so that he might cure them. *"The whole town was gathered at the door."* Mk 1:34. Jesus had to go off to a quiet place to pray before he could continue. *"Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."* Mk 1:37-38. Jesus, the Son of God, served others. He set the example for us. He served so that others might know and love God. We are all so blessed to know all of this. His example is a gift. We have the wherewithal to do many good things; to help others; to make life easier for others; to do the right thing; to be present to others; and to worship our God. Spend some quiet time in prayer. If Jesus did it, it is a good plan for us to as well. Prayer will enable us to get our bearings straight and serve our God. Encounter Jesus, Serve Others



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on Wednesdays*



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Holy Souls offers Adoration **on Wednesdays from 9am to 5:00pm.**

Responding to the Word This Week

Jesus' words transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.

How have Jesus' words changed my life from ordinary and expected to the extraordinary and unexpected?
Jesus, I am looking for . . .

*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to www.usccb.org/bible/readings/011622.cfm

Around the Diocese ...

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Fill your soul and prepare your heart for Lent with inspirational talks, praise & worship, and a small group experience! It will be on Saturday, February 5, from 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. at Christ the King Church, Little Rock. Register at WomenofHopeAR.org



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Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

January, 2022

Pope Francis' Intentions:



Let us pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



In order to keep our bulletin prayer list up-to-date for the sick, names will remain on the list for four weeks. Then their name will be written in the Book of Intercession where they will be remembered during every Mass. To continue for another four weeks, please call the church office.

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Registration for new members is completed in the church office or online by visiting our web page, www.holysouls.org. Please contact the church office or go online at www.holysouls.org if you have moved, changed your telephone number, or email address. When parishioners reach 18 years of age, they should register separately from their family.

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If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Susej Thompson at 501-663-8632 or sthompson@holysouls.org.

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Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30pm and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm or call the church office for an appointment.

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the church office a minimum of six months in advance.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



To read the daily reading online, go to www.usccb.org/nab/today.shtml

Monday, January 17

No Mass

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 19

5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, January 20

7:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 21

No Mass

Saturday, January 22

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass

ST. ANTHONY - 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Paul McManus by Nancy Bynum-Mack

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

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ST. FABIAN, ST. SEBASTIAN - 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

William Weaver by Holy Souls Parish

ST. AGNES - 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN -

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Ron Hoofman by Anita Creviston

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 ; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Paul McManus by Lori Hoyt

Intentions of Parishioners

Joe Kirchner by Barbara Grafe

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