

## The Baptism of the Lord

*God is so good that he never ceases to work in our hearts to draw us out of ourselves, out of vain and perishable things, so that we can receive his grace and give ourselves wholly to him.*" (Saint Jane de Chantal)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. The Baptism of Jesus marks his inauguration into his public life. Isaiah in the first reading gives the blueprint of ministry for Jesus. As Isaiah writes, "I will put my spirit upon him and he will bring forth justice to the nations. I have formed you.....to open the eyes of the blind, to bring prisoners from confinement and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."

We know from the life of Jesus as recorded in the Scriptures, he fulfilled the blueprint Isaiah had written. He reached out to the marginalized, cured those who were sick, touched those who were believed "untouchable," challenged his religious leaders to "do what they preached," and was constantly traveling doing good works. With all the good that he accomplished for others, he was crucified. In the words of today's gospel, he was that "beloved Son in whom the Father was well pleased."

In celebrating the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we also celebrate our own Baptism. Just as the Baptism of Christ inaugurated his public life, so also our own Baptism inaugurates us into a Christian life. Christ gave us an example in his life to allow us to see how those who were baptized into him can live His life. St. Jane tells us: "God never ceases to work in our hearts to draw us out of ourselves so we can receive his grace and give ourselves wholly to him." The reading from Acts tells us that "Jesus went about doing good and healing all those oppressed with the devil, for God was with him."

To live our lives as followers of Christ we need to "go out of ourselves;" we need to "go about doing good" and bringing Christ's healing presence and his peace to those whom the Lord sends our way. Like Christ, we need to visit the sick; we need to reach out to the marginalized in our communities and in our families. We need to speak with those toward whom we have had negative feelings or painful memories: anyone that we might consider "untouchable:" anybody at home, in the neighborhood or at work who we avoid, ignore or perhaps even despise.

We need to be people who put into identifiable action our profession of being a follower of Christ: this requires strength and courage. Just as the Father was one with the Son throughout his entire earthly life, so also we have access to the presence of Christ in our minds and hearts to give us the strength and courage we need to be his authentic followers.

Let us then come out of ourselves! Let us come venture out beyond our own little worlds to see what good we can do and how we - relying on the strength of the Lord within us - might be agents of the Lord's healing presence to all those around us.

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### Music for Sunday's Liturgy:

**Entrance:** # 454 River of Glory

**Sprinkling Rite:** #91 Water of Life

**Gloria:** # 47 Glory Be

**Psalm:** "The Lord will bless his people with peace."  
(chant)

**Gospel Acclamation:** # 10 Alleluia (Celtic Mass)

**Preparation:** # 706 Come to the Water

**Communion:** # 524 Behold the Lamb

**Song of Praise:** # 696 Abba Father

**Recessional:** # 683 All the Ends of the Earth- vs. **1 & 2**

All other sung Mass parts are from Mass of Creation

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **751A**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Isaiah 42:1 - 4, 6 - 7

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Acts of the Apostles 10:34 - 38

**Gospel Reading** ~Matthew 3:13 - 17

**Ruegue por:** **Please Remember:** in your prayers all



those on our **Parish Prayer List**, especially

Richard Bacik, Jean Belcher, Robbie Bendula,

Jim Benton, Jim & Linda Carolan, Stephen &

Phyllis Dyer, Carrie Easley, Joe Gallagher,

Keith Gardner, Delores Gilliken, Stephen Hissey, TQ Lewis, Grey McDowell, Donna Midgett, Elizabeth Moffit, Ella Newmiller, Mackey Peele, Pat Rice, Ann Styron, Mary Van Severen, Megan Vayette, Kelly Willis, also the caregivers, homebound, hospitalized & those in special needs.

Please let Fr. Bob know when a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or homebound. He would appreciate the opportunity to visit and offer his services. Also if you would like a Eucharistic Minister to visit you at home during an illness or when unable to attend Mass, please call Fr. Bob 252-995-6613 or Anita 252-995-7892.

**Visitors ~ our pews have envelopes in the pockets for your convenience , which you may take with you and mail back to us.**



**Please mark the box if the donation should be for Parish Needs or Debt Reduction.**

**Thank you for being with us.**



**Coffee Fellowship Sunday**

**Next Sunday is Coffee Sunday**

You are all invited to the social hall immediately following the 9:00 am Mass to share coffee, cake, and other goodies.

Please remember to bake your goodies, bring them with you to the Social Hall next Sunday.

## BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

### **Énfasis Sugerido**

*“Jesús continuo haciendo el bien y curando a aquellos que estaban siendo oprimidos por el demonio, porque Dios estaba con él.”*

### **Perspectiva Salesiana**

*“Dios es tan bueno que nunca deja de obrar en nuestros corazones para que nos alejemos de nosotros mismos, de las cosas vanas y perecederas en nuestras vidas, para que podamos recibir su gracia y entregarnos completamente a él” (Santa Juana de Chantal)*

Hoy estamos celebrando la fiesta del Bautismo de Jesús. El Bautismo de Jesús marca la inauguración de su vida pública. En la primera lectura Isaías especifica el proyecto del ministerio de Jesús. El escribe, *“Yo pondré mi espíritu en él y él llevará la justicia a todas las naciones. Yo te he formado... para que abras los ojos de los ciegos, para que saques a los prisioneros de sus confinamientos y de sus calabozos a aquellos que viven en la oscuridad.”*

Basándonos en lo que fue recopilado en las escrituras acerca de la vida de Jesús, sabemos que él cumplió con el proyecto sobre el cual Isaías escribió. El se acercó a quienes habían sido marginados, curó a aquellos que estaban enfermos, tocó las vidas de aquellos que se creían eran “intocables,” desafió a sus líderes religiosos a “aplicar lo que predicaban,” y estuvo viajando constantemente haciendo obras de caridad. Aun así, a pesar de todo el bien que el hizo a los demás, Jesús fue crucificado. Como dice el evangelio de hoy, el fue ese *“amado Hijo en quien el Padre se hallaba complacido.”*

Al celebrar la fiesta del Bautismo de Jesús, también estamos celebrando nuestro propio bautismo. Así como el bautismo de Cristo fue la inauguración de su vida pública, nuestro bautismo es la inauguración de nuestra vida como cristianos. Cristo nos dio un ejemplo en su vida el cual nos permite ver como es que aquellos que son bautizados en el pueden vivir Su vida. Santa Juana nos dice *“Dios nunca deja de obrar en nuestros corazones para que salgamos de nosotros mismos y así podamos recibir su gracia y entregarnos completamente a el.”* La lectura de los Actos nos dice que *“Jesús continuo haciendo el bien y curando a todos aquellos oprimidos por el demonio, por que Dios estaba con el.”*

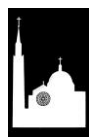
Para vivir nuestras vidas como seguidores de Cristo nosotros también deberíamos “salir de nosotros mismos” e ir “haciendo el bien” y llevando la presencia sanadora y la paz de Cristo a aquellos a quienes el Señor nos pone en el camino. Igual que Cristo, nosotros también deberíamos visitar a los enfermos y acercarnos a aquellos que han sido marginados en nuestras

comunidades y en nuestras familias. Nosotros deberíamos hablar con aquellos contra quienes tenemos sentimientos negativos o con quienes nos evocan memorias dolorosas: todos aquellos que consideremos “intocables,” todas esas personas en nuestras casas, en nuestros barrios o en el trabajo a quienes evadimos, a quienes ignoramos o incluso, a quienes detestamos.

Nosotros necesitamos ser personas que actuamos acorde con lo que profesamos; personas que actuamos como seguidores de Cristo, y esto requiere fuerza y coraje. De la misma forma en que el Padre estuvo siempre con el Hijo durante su vida, nosotros también tenemos la presencia de Cristo en nuestra mente y en nuestros corazones, y esta nos da la fuerza y el coraje que necesitamos para ser seguidores auténticos.

Salgamos entonces de nosotros mismos y de nuestros pequeños mundos para que así podamos ver todo el bien que podemos hacer y como, apoyados en la fuerza del Señor que vive dentro de nosotros, podemos ser agentes de la presencia sanadora de Cristo para todos aquellos que nos rodean.

*Reverendo William J. Metzger, OSFS, es pastor de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo (Our Lady of Good Counsel) en Vienna, Virginia.*



### **EL OBISPO BURBIDGE ENCABEZA LA PEREGRINACIÓN DIOCESANA EL 1 & 2 DE ABRIL DEL 2011**

Por favor marque su calendario para este hermoso evento espiritual. La Diócesis de Raleigh honra a la Santísima Madre en su Santuario Nacional, la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D.C. Todas las personas de la diócesis están invitadas a acompañar al Obispo y Sacerdotes, Diáconos y Hermanas Religiosas en estos días de oraciones. Viajaremos el viernes 1 de abril, en uno de los muchos autobuses que partirán desde varias parroquias. Nos hospedaremos en el hotel, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, tendremos una cena maravillosa con el Obispo y juntos haremos la oración de la noche. Después del desayuno el sábado, nos iremos al Santuario Nacional donde honramos a María con nuestras oraciones, una presentación hermosa por el director de la Basílica, participaremos en los recorridos por la Basílica de sus capillas, mosaicos y de las obras de arte. Habrá confesiones, hora santa, rosario y almuerzo. Después que el Obispo Burbidge celebre la Misa para nosotros, los autobuses regresarán a las parroquias a las 5:00 pm. Los folletos están disponibles con los precios y con las inscripciones. Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa a un precio muy razonable. Inscríbase pronto. Para más información comuníquese con el promotor de su parroquia o visite la página Web de la Diócesis: [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)



## Christmas Flower Donations 2010

- ❖ In Thanksgiving of “All God’s Blessings”  
Given By: Lois Riter
- ❖ In memory of Marinus & Edith Riter  
Given By: daughter
- ❖ Anonymously  
Given By: parishioner
- ❖ In memory of Peter & Theresa McGlade  
Given By: Bernadette McGlade
- ❖ In thanksgiving of “one more year”  
Given By: Karen & Dave Kelmer
- ❖ In memory of Lucy Rerecich  
Given By: Cay Carcich
- ❖ Anonymously  
Given By: parishioner

### Our Stewardship

(Last Week)

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$534.00	\$000.00
Debt Reduction	\$425.00	
Parish Needs	\$194.00	
Attendance	97	



“Almighty God, we stand before You, asking for Your divine mercy and protection.

Embrace with Your invincible amour our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them the courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.” *Please, also remember those killed or wounded and their families, friends and acquaintances.*

### Food coupons for the Military



Any manufactures' coupons from the Sunday paper can be sent to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. This will help our military families overseas with living expenses. We would appreciate any help from our community family by cutting out coupons you don't use and place them in the basket in the vestibule. GaeAnn Gessner will take on the task of mailing them out weekly. If our visitors are interested in helping, the address is: N.M.C.R.S.

875 N. Randolph Street  
Suite 225  
Arlington, VA 22203.

*Thank you for your support.*

### Hatteras Island Food Pantry



Each year the community gathers in the traditional harvest time to collect items for our Island Food Pantry as we face winter slowdowns. The ongoing and seasonal needs of our Food Pantry continue to exceed the previous years.

A list of suggested items is available in the foyer. Please consider purchasing items that make full meals (e.g., peanut butter & jelly, pasta and sauce, etc).

If you are “shopping” at home, check expiration dates on donated items. Please keep in mind that standard sizes are easier to distribute than “family size” packages.

**Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall is a year-round drop off location for the Island Food Pantry.**

If you don't have time to shop, tax deductible monetary gifts are appreciated. Make checks payable to United Methodist Men and mail to Hatteras Island Food Pantry, PO Box 1591, Buxton, NC 27920.

### URGENT NEEDS:

- flour
- sugar
- cooking oil
- spaghetti sauce
- hot/cold cereal

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### We Take Request ~ Book of Prayer Intentions



Our church family can now make prayer requests by way of our Book of Prayer Intentions, which is provided specifically for that purpose. The dark blue book is in back of the nave near the baptismal font. Just write your intentions in it, and they will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful at our Sunday Masses. *“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God.” -Philippians 4:6*

### A Very Special Request

**Attendees please take your bulletin home with you or you may leave it in the vestibule when you leave after Mass. We greatly appreciated your cooperation with helping us keep the church clean.**

### LOOK on the back of the bulletin!

We are able to provide this bulletin each week, without cost to the parish because of the advertisers. Please patronize our advertisers. *To advertise your business and support the church please call Dee Printing at (800)292-9020*

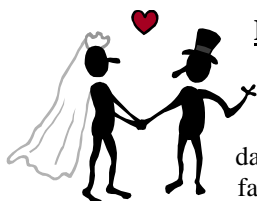
## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception April 2011**



### **BISHOP BURBIDGE TO LEAD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE APRIL 1&2, 2011**

Please mark your calendars for this beautiful, spiritual event. The Diocese of Raleigh will honor the Blessed Mother at her National Shrine, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. All people of the diocese are invited to join the Bishop and their Priests, Deacons and Sisters in these days of prayer. We journey on Friday, April 1, by one of the many buses leaving from various parishes. We will stay at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, have a wonderful dinner with the Bishop and have night prayer together. After breakfast on Saturday, we go to the National Shrine where we honor Mary with our prayers, have a beautiful presentation by the Director of the Basilica, participate in tours of the basilica with its chapels, mosaics and artwork. There will be confessions, a holy hour, rosary and lunch. After Bishop Burbidge celebrates Mass for us, the buses will leave for our parishes on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm. Brochures are available with cost and registration. This is a wonderful opportunity at very reasonable expense. Sign up early. For more information contact your parish promoter or visit the Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org).

**Project Rachel Support Group** Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post -abortive woman, (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late January. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com). For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/> (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



### **How much time will you spend with your spouse today?**

Some studies say that the average couple spends only 20 minutes a day together. Do you need to increase face time? On your wedding day you promised to love each other for better or for worse. What is a "for better" that your spouse has made in your life? Share it before you go to bed tonight. For more tips and resources to strengthen your marriage, visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

**A Study Day on Immigration** will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, in Raleigh on Thursday, February 24, 2011. The day is part of the Diocesan plan for immigration education that Bishop Burbidge has approved for the Diocese. Pastoral Administrators, parish leadership, staff, deacons, school and faith formation leaders are invited to participate. The session will address Catholic teaching as it relates to immigration as well provide practical ways to involve parishioners in justice for immigrants.

**Young Adult Mission Trip to Honduras** We are still seeking a medical physician. Young adults 21-39 with no previous mission experience are especially encouraged to apply. Limited financial assistance is available for first-time young adult mission team members. The date of the trip is March 12-19, 2011. For more information, contact Trip Coordinator, Harriet Johnson ([harriet@nc.rr.com](mailto:harriet@nc.rr.com)) or Robert Jones ([Rob.Jones@raldioc.org](mailto:Rob.Jones@raldioc.org)) with the Office of Evangelization - 919-821-9740). Visit the diocesan website to download an application or learn more about the trip:

[www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/youngadult/missiontrip/](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/youngadult/missiontrip/)



**Bishop Burbidge on Twitter** – Bishop Burbidge is now posting regular reflections, news and updates on Twitter. You are invited to follow him @[bishopburbidge](https://twitter.com/bishopburbidge). Non- Twitter subscribers may receive the Bishop's tweets by cell phone text message (SMS) by texting **follow BishopBurbidge to 40404**. While the service is free, accessing it through SMS may incur phone service provider fees. Please check with your provider.



**Fan the Diocese of Raleigh**  
The Diocese is now on Facebook! Through this new form of communication, the Diocesan Facebook page is intended to share stories, photos and videos from across Eastern North Carolina. Also, the Diocesan website, [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org), now allows you to share news stories to your personal Facebook and Twitter pages and to easily email and print news stories.

### **Get Ignited! 9<sup>th</sup> Annual *IGNITED BY TRUTH***



Registration is now open for the 9th Annual ***IGNITED BY TRUTH*** Catholic Conference February 25-26, 2011 at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. FREE Friday workshop "Discover the Catholic Church" 6-9:30pm. Full program Saturday 8:30am-6:30pm featuring Matthew Kelly, Dr. Brant Pitre, Live Praise & Worship Music, and more! Bishop Michael F. Burbidge closing Mass celebrant and homilist. Early registration discounts available through Feb 6: Adults \$25 (for groups of 5 or more), Individuals \$35, Students \$20. Lunch is included! For complete details and to register online, visit [www.IgnitedByTruth.com](http://www.IgnitedByTruth.com). Questions: (919) 789-11BT.

**The January/February issue of the *NC Catholics* magazine** will be arriving in your mailboxes shortly. You can check it out in advance online at [www.nccatholics.org](http://www.nccatholics.org). The new issue features a cover story of Father Thomas Price, the first native-born North Carolina priest and co-founder of Maryknoll Religious Order. A cause for canonization of Father Price is currently underway. The issue also contains stories on three Religious women celebrating jubilee anniversaries, the upcoming Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine and the annual Diocesan financial report.