



*CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
of the  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

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ASSES:  
Saturday (Eve of Sunday): 4:30 P.M.  
Sunday: 8:00 A.M.

10:30 A.M.  
Weekday: 12:10 P.M.  
Holy Days, Eve of Feast: 5:30 P.M.  
Feast: 12:10 P.M.

CONFESSIONS:  
Daily: Ten minutes before Mass.  
Saturday: 3:30 – 4:15  
Anytime on request.

Cathedral Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

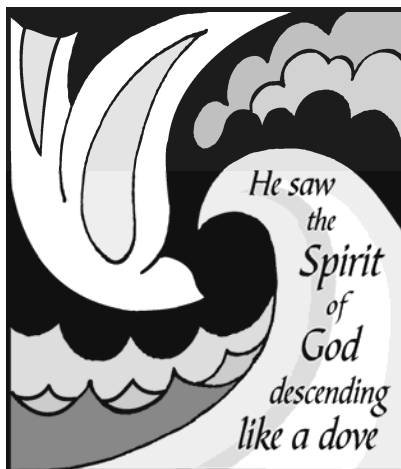
## The Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2011

A voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."  
— Matthew 3:17

### SCRIPTURE THEME:

#### **THIS IS MY BELOVED SON**

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.



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Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).  
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### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Who are the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus is the largest and most influential Catholic fraternal order in the world. Their membership exceeds 1.75 million. The Knights of Columbus were formed as a Catholic fraternal order in 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut. The fraternal order works ardently for our Church, our community, and for our youth. The Knights also support and help our priests and religious, assist our law enforcement personnel, and are at the forefront of the Pro-Life movement. In addition to their many good works, they are also a social organization. Are you interested in knowing more about the Knights and possibly becoming a member? There will be a short meeting on the formation of a new council here at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. The meeting will take place following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 23, 2011, at the Portier House. Please join us. For more information on the Knights of Columbus you can go to their website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

### TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations in the amount of \$10,243.09 and \$2,704.00 for Christmas weekend. Last weekend your tithes amounted to \$4,525.54 Thank you.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Week Beginning Sunday, January 9, 2011**

Sunday January 9	10:30 A.M.	Parishioners
Monday January 10	7:50 A.M.	Bert H. Scott, Jr.
Tuesday January 11	12:10 P.M.	Dec. Members of the McGill Family
Wednesday January 12	7:50 A.M.	Arch. Emeritus Oscar H. Lipscomb (L) Sr. Kathleen Brady
Thursday January 13	7:50 A.M. 1210 P.M.	Thomas E. Stanton Family John R. Cavanaugh

### CATHEDRAL PRAYER NETWORK:

If you have a special intention please call the Prayer Request Line at the Cathedral Rectory at 434-8291 and leave the name of the persons you wish to have prayed for and the reason. Your request will be relayed to the members of the network. Your request will remain confidential.



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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Having an emergency? Contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we may be able to help you. Call (251) 442-1122 and leave a message. **Please help us help other.** Contributions may be left in the Poor Box at the rear of the church or you can mail a check to The Cathedral Downtown Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 161, Mobile, AL 36601. **Join us!** Come to our meetings to learn more about the charitable works of this organization. Meetings are on the **First and Third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 pm in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

### **SPIRIT OF LOVE**

Holy Spirit,  
who came upon Christ Jesus  
when he was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,  
we pray to you:  
Baptize us in the fire of your love  
so that the Father may say to each of us:  
"You are my beloved Son,  
On whom my favor rests."

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSP, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 181

### **TRUE HAPPINESS**

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and in this way you will become truly happy. —Blessed Henry Suso