



# CATHEDRAL-BASILICA of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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### **MASSES:**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Saturday Morning Mass  | 8:00 A.M.  |
| Saturday—Vigil Mass:   | 4:30 P.M.  |
| Sunday:                | 8:00 A.M.  |
|                        | 10:30 A.M. |
| Weekday:               | 10:30 A.M. |
| Holy Days, Vigil Mass: | 5:30 P.M.  |
| Feast:                 | 12:10 P.M. |
| Masses on Holidays:    | 9:00 A.M.  |

### **CONFESSIONS:**

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Daily:    | 11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M. |
| Saturday: | 3:30 – 4:15 P.M.      |
|           | Anytime on request.   |

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

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# Sunday, January 12, 2020

## Baptism of the Lord

### 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. 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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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7). Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Week beginning Sunday, January 12, 2020

|            |                          |                                   |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday   |                          |                                   |
| January 11 | 4:30 PM Vigil            | Ben, Joey & Danny Trigg           |
| Sunday     |                          |                                   |
| January 12 | 8:00 AM<br>10:30 AM      | Ron Smith<br>Parishioners         |
| Monday     |                          |                                   |
| January 13 | 12:10 PM                 | Shirley L. Cronin                 |
| Tuesday    |                          |                                   |
| January 14 | 12:10 PM                 | Cretaro Family                    |
| Wednesday  |                          |                                   |
| January 15 | 12:10PM                  | Dcn. John Cretaro                 |
| Thursday   |                          |                                   |
| January 16 | 12:10PM                  | McGill Family                     |
| Friday     |                          |                                   |
| January 17 | 12:10 PM                 | Sr. Katherine Brady Family        |
| Saturday   |                          |                                   |
| January 18 | 8:00 AM<br>4:30 PM Vigil | Parishioners<br>Maria Anna Cao Su |



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### Generations of Faith Campaign

Parish Campaign Goal \$ 245,000

Pledges Received as of January 3 \$ 248,197

Thanks to all  
supporting our seminarians,  
retired priests, youth ministry  
and Cathedral Parish  
by their pledge.  
God bless!

### Tithes and Donations

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Christmas Collections                       | \$ 8,603.80   |
| Collections December 29, 2019               | \$ 2,593.00   |
| Total Collections YTD thru Dec. 29, 2019    | \$ 216,178.29 |
| Budgeted Collections YTD thru Dec. 29, 2019 | \$ 226,720.00 |
| Collections January 5, 2020                 | \$ 5,076.35   |

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

# Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

## Upcoming Masses & Special Collections

This Weekend - St Vincent de Paul Collection

January 26 - Catholic Charities Sunday

## The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

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

## Cathedral Parish News

### Parish Supper Club

The Parish Supper Club will be held this Sunday, January 12 from 6-8 PM in the Portier House. All are welcome.

### Parish Brunch

The Cathedral Altar Society is sponsoring a Parish Brunch, next Sunday, January 19 after the 10:30 Mass at the Portier House. All are invited to attend and enjoy a delicious meal which will include breakfast casseroles and a grits bar. There is no cost for this event. Please come, support the parish community and meet other parishioners.

### News About 2020 Church Envelopes

Due to production problems, our envelope company has been unable to send our 2020 church envelopes to the Cathedral in time for us to use in January. In the meantime, generic envelopes can be picked up on both literature tables in the back of the Cathedral and used each Sunday. When using those envelopes, please put your full name and address and/or phone on the outside of the envelope. Thank you.

### Parish Members Who Are Ill

Please notify the parish office (251-434-1565) of any parish members who are in the hospital or will be homebound for an extended period of time. Thank you.

## Parish Meetings

**The Cathedral Altar Society** meets the **third Thursday of each month** at 6 PM in the Portier House.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6 PM at the Portier House. Call 251-447-3504 or email [cath.svdpmobile@gmail.com](mailto:cath.svdpmobile@gmail.com)

**RCIA Classes** are held each Tuesday at 6pm in the Cathedral Office at the Portier House.

**Choir practice** is held each Wednesday beginning at 7 PM in the choir room of the Portier House. New members welcome. Contact Mr. Clint Doolittle at 434-1573.

**The Prayer Network** request line is (251) 434-8291 and leave your prayer request. It will be forwarded to the Prayer Network.

## SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

## Archdiocesan News

### Catholic Charities Appeal:

The annual Catholic Charities Appeal is January 26. This year's theme is "We are to be MERCIFUL to those in need." You can pledge and give to Catholic Charities online by texting "CCA" to 91999. Please select Cathedral Parish, Mobile when doing so. Please be prepared to pledge in church beginning next Sunday and to be generous to this important work!



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