





### BAPTISM OF THE LORD



#### FAITH AND FINANCES with Phil Lenahan

"You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased" (Lk. 3:22). Jesus was pleasing to the Father because he *did* his 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 in your daily life?

#### RECENT MARRIAGES

Saturday, December 19, 2009

Rafael Mercado, Jr. and Heather Leigh Fulmer  
Judah Charles Johnson and Miek Hilde Ceysens

May the Lord Bless the Mercados and Johnsons as they embark upon life as one joined together in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage!



#### BAPTISM CLASS

Monday, January 25, 2010 ~ 7:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church/The class will be held in the Chapel  
Please call the parish office (706) 798-1920 to register for the class.



#### HOSTS FOR THE ELIJAH CUP SCHEDULE

January 10	Ms Nancy London
January 17	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Bernard
January 24	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McKeown
January 31	Sr. Isabelle Lohan



#### RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA sessions are held each Monday in St. Nicholas Hall at 7:00 pm. We ask all parishioners to pray for those making this faith journey. Sessions are also open to parishioners who would like to be refreshed in their faith commitment to the Lord. The session schedule for January:

Monday, January 11	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Healing) 'Your Sins are Forgiven'	Fr. Ericksen
Monday, January 18	Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (Initiation) 'This Is My Body'	Fr. Healy
Monday, January 25	Moral Life/'They do not belong to the World' 'Commandments & Beatitudes'	Deacon Greg



#### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

##### "International Tasters Dinner"

It's that time of year – International Tasters Dinner is around the corner. The dinner will be held on **Sunday, February 7** at 12:30 pm in St. Michael Social Hall. If you are interested in "hosting" a table for your country, please call Flo Morris at (706) 798-1810 for additional information.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

##### In Memory Of...

Burdett Seigworth  
Sarah Seigworth  
Luvenia Lee  
Robert N. Hustead



Nicole Seigworth  
Marvin Broadnax  
J. P. Sikes

##### DONATION...

Enrica D. Plocinski

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

##### JANUARY 10

Selma M. F. Campbell  
Gonzalo Disciplina  
Jesus Garcia, Jr.  
Sharon Newton

##### JANUARY 11

Gary Fuller  
Carmen M. Martinez

##### JANUARY 12

Chong S. Chon  
William DeRemer  
Eugene Hatfield  
Carmen Hayner

Katelyn McPhee  
Ishmael Primus  
Eva Serrano

##### JANUARY 13

Carmen Colon  
Roert Dominey  
Charles Neal

Guillermo Romero  
Rosemary Shrewsbury  
Cristian Velazquez

##### JANUARY 14

Maria F. Badillo-Garcia  
Francisca Cervantes

Monique C. Seith  
Jacob Yaden

##### JANUARY 15

Elvia Arreola  
Danilo D. Fernando  
Maria Martinez-Gaeta  
Tran Nguyen

Cecilia Chamness  
Michael Lockwood  
Stephanie McPhee  
Aloisia Timblin

##### JANUARY 16



Jordan Allison  
Lillian Germann  
Monica Haskell  
Alison L. Shrum  
June "Becky" Visintainer  
Thomas Webb



#### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

St. Mary on the Hill  
January 15 ~ January 16  
Call (706) 733-6627 to register!

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Open House, Tuesday, February 2 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am or 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. For more information call the school at (706) 722-9964. *Catholics ask about G.R.A.C.E.*

## FAMILY CONNECTION

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

