

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised Israel.

This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see [Genesis 22:2](#); [Exodus 4:22](#); [Psalm 2:7](#)).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God's Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see [2 Samuel 23:1–17](#); [Psalm 18:51](#); [132:10, 17](#)). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see [Isaiah 11:1–2](#); [Daniel 9:25](#)).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see [Luke 1:32–33](#)).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

### ***Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill:***

*In February we celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saint of Slavic peoples. In honor of these saints a Czech Mass will be celebrated on, **Sunday, February 16, at 5:00 pm**, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius*

*Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill invites you for a BBQ Pork meal with all the trimmings on Sunday, January 26. The meal will be served from 11 am - 1 pm in their Parish Activity Center. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. Adult to-go plates available in the drive-thru (11 am - 12:30 pm). All proceeds benefit the Holy Trinity Cemetery Fund.*

**MARRIED COUPLES:** *Worn out from the Holidays? Are you looking for a way to avoid the January blahs? How about a special weekend, just for the 2 of you? Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today! An upcoming weekend is scheduled for February 7-9 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. To apply online visit: [austinme.org](http://austinme.org) or contact Michael and Shani Cowart: 512-677-WWME (9963) or email [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com). Call early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al 512-844-0785.*

### ***St Lukes 2nd Annual Fashion Bingo***

*Sunday February 9, 2020 from 1-4 with doors opening @ 12noon. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door.*

*For tickets they can call: Laura Brenek: 254-718-2991 Sandy Brenek: 254-760-8393 St. Luke Office: 254-773:1561*

### **\*\*MASS TIME CHANGE\*\***

#### **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast**

*The Mass on Sunday January 19 will begin at 8:00 am due to the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive and pancake breakfast.*

### **PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH**

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
	Sat, 01- 11 - 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 01-12 – 9.00am	Sat, 1/18-6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 1/19 – 8.00am
<b>Weekend Mass Intentions</b>			The baptism of the Lord	The Baptism of the Lord
	+Father Reinhold Schmitt	Parishioners		Parishioners
<b>Altar Server</b>	Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Jane Hubik	Renaë Willberg	Mark Bartek	Jerry Loden
<b>Psalmist</b>		Kathy Thornton		Katie Wilde
<b>Cantor</b>		Margaret Arney		Katie Wilde
<b>Gift Bearer</b>		Barbara Welch, Janet Wilde		Dennis Wilde Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Marvin Meyer Ed Meyer	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Gary Frei Gary Ketterman
EMHC to sick	Doris Wright	David Alexander	Kerri Meier	Mark Bartek
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	Carl & Mary Jane Hubik	Chris & Peggy Hrabal	Carl & Mary Jane Hubik	Chris & Peggy Hrabal
<b>Money Counter</b>	Neal & Tammy Ryan; Charles & Cindy Moeller		Mike & Sylvia Heise Gary and Melissa Frei	
<b>Vocation Cross</b>	Janet Wilde		Scott Hoelscher	
<b>Church Cleaner</b>	12/28 & 1/4- Renaë Willberg, Meagan Willberg, Randy Willberg, Linda Willberg, Emily Hering, Dawn Willberg 1/11 & 1/18 Greneta Ordner, Tammie Frenzel, Cheryl Wilde, Debbie Ordner, Shayne Wilde, Courtney Wilde			
<b>Weekday Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Tue 1/14 8:00 am</b>	<b>Wed 1/15 7:20 am</b>	<b>Thu 1/16 8:00am</b>	<b>Fri 1/17 NO MASS</b>
	+Charles Ferguson	+Lauri Hoelscher	+Don Merryfield +Louise Lange	NO MASS

**The Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers:** Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker, Skylar (Savage) Wolfe & Amy Drake

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building	<b>01-05 OFFERINGS:</b>
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>	Regular 2,107
Sun 1-12 - HS Religious Education	

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Deacon Charlie Wright

Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Saturday – 6:00 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am  
Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am

RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 12, 2020**