

Our Chance to Start Anew

Who has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism.

Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God’s love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God’s spirit. How are we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?
 —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?*
- ★ *Look within yourself. To what might God be calling you?*



[Jesus] came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove.
 MATTHEW 3:16

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Epiphany of the Lord– Year A

Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Weekday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Jan.05	Sancie Gostick Doris Caudron	Tony Whittle Andrew Cassidy	Ramirez Family	Doug Swallow Marie van-Kopp E. Theresa Swallow	TBP
Jan.12	Andrew Cassidy Marie Kopp-van E	Darm Crook Gerry Engen	Liz Buckley and Family	Bea Lepine Tony Whittle Doris Caudron	TBP
Jan.19	Dee dee Lepine Bea Lepine	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Swallow Family	Susan Bouchard Shirley Gutierrez Marie van-Kopp E.	TBP
Jan.26	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy Dee dee Lepine	TBP

The Announcements for the Baptism of our Lord January 12th 2020

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

----- Good News! Fr. Joe Delay will be with us for the month of January. He is the vicar general of the diocese but officially retired from active service. We are grateful to have him come.

----- Rosary resumes Tuesdays at 11:45 followed by [Mass at 12:10](#)

----- Next First Communion classes for January will be Wednesday, January 15. Classes are after school at 3:30.

----- Fr. Innocent Ukaegbu is taking his one month in January 2020. He is currently back home in Africa. Please pray for him and his family as he went home to bury his mother. We will see him again in February, 2020.

----- YOUTH CLUB 2020! For youth ages 7-12, from 6:30pm-8pm, every second Friday in the church basement. It is a faith based program with crafts, games, music and friendship. It's starting up this month and here are the dates, mark them in your calendar! For more information contact Brigitte @ 306-714-7530 or Diana @ 867-875-2855. [January 17,31](#); [February 14,28](#); [March 6,13](#); [April 3,24](#); [May 8,22](#).

-----Renewing of Wedding vows for Valentines on Sunday February 16th at the 10:30 mass. For couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries years ending with 5 or 0 this year. Please sign up on the sign up sheet or call Brigitte @306-714-7530

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

"I had no idea, when we made the decision, that it would affect me in the way it has. I thought it was all about her, and it wound up being all about all of us. Rachel's Vineyard helped me acknowledge my child, and now I carry him in my heart. Now I know I am forgiven, and I have a son." -Male Testimonial

Did you think you were making the best decision you could at the time? Now do you live days of regret and shame and wish you could turn back the clock? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Let them show you the way to release that burden.

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: Weekly Revenue	
\$2,483.45	collection- Dec.25
\$3,890.75	Collection-Dec.29
\$6,374.20	Revenue Total
\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
\$4,543.20	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Dear Padre,

What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

Blessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 13
Weekday
1 Sm 1:1–8
Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday

JANUARY 14
Weekday
1 Sm 1:9–20
Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 15
Weekday
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20
Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

JANUARY 16
Weekday
1 Sm 4:1–11
Mk 1:40–45

Friday

JANUARY 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a
Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

JANUARY 18
Weekday
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19;
10:1
Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

JANUARY 19
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5–6
1 Cor 1:1–3
Jn 1:29–34

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