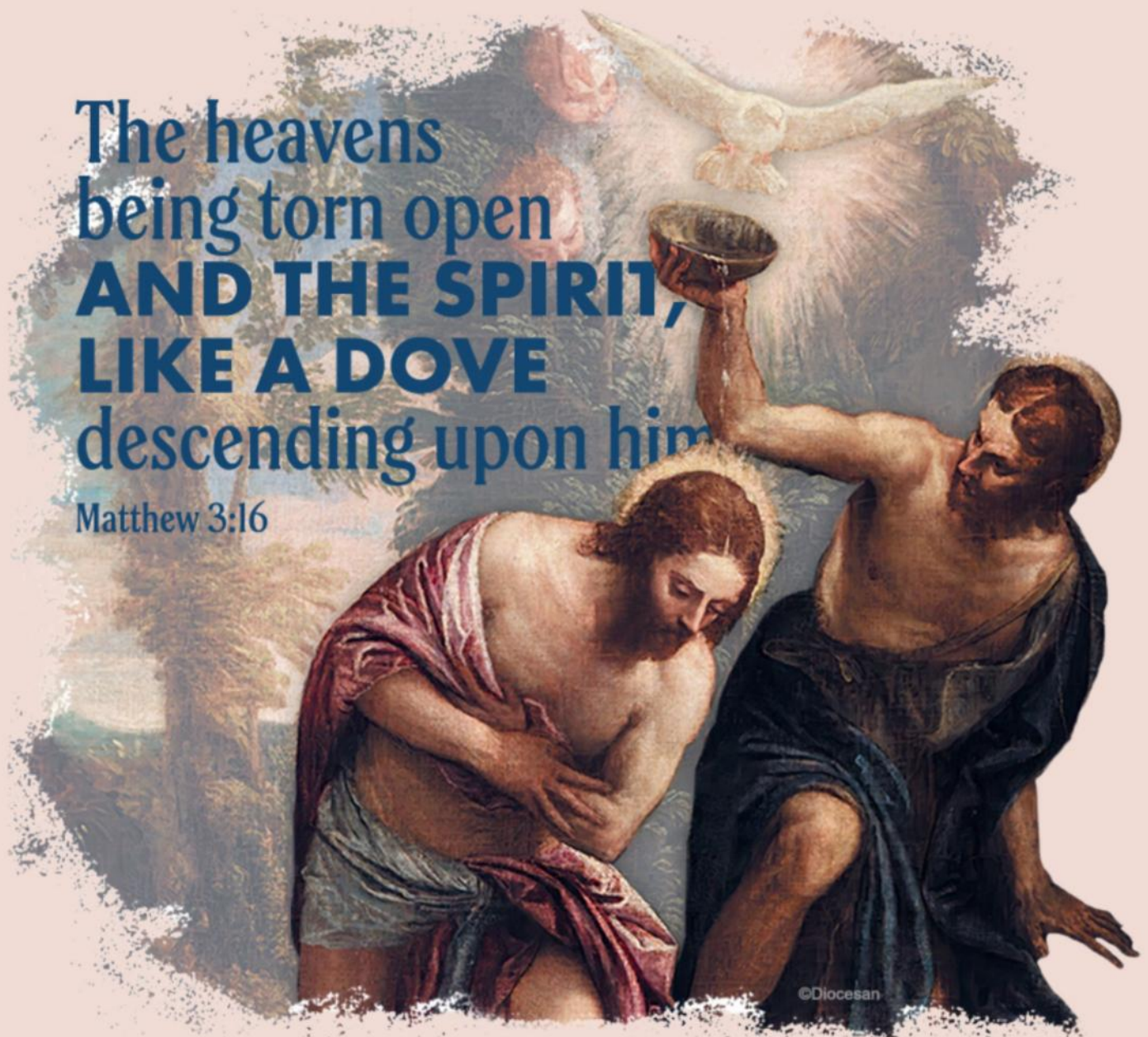


# *The Baptism* **OF THE LORD**

The heavens  
being torn open  
**AND THE SPIRIT,  
LIKE A DOVE**  
descending upon him

Matthew 3:16



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#### MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

*\*1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

#### CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION

TUES, THURS, SAT  
4:45PM- 5:15PM

SUNDAY

*\*Please see weekly schedule*

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Call the office at least six  
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preparation.

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# THIS WEEK @OLG

## MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 6:00 pm - Encounter School of Ministry

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 7:00pm- Holy Hour
- 7:00pm-Knights of Columbus Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 7:00 pm - RCIA - The Sacraments of Initiation Part I \* Be sure to set up your meeting with Fr. Jorge\*
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 6:00 pm - Parish Guild Membership Drive

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 6:00 pm - Women's ACTS Planning Meeting

Online Offertory and Parishioner Registration



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Holy Hour For Priests  
Monthly - Every Second Tuesday  
7 PM- 8 PM  
Rosary, Prayers and Benediction



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group Every third **Tuesday of the month.**

Please join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



#### 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) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.*

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104.*

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Thursday: St. Anthony

Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany);  
Blessed Virgin Mary

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

#### MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 13

7:00 AM Fr. Abe

Jerry A. SESCO (d) - Christine Pytel

Tuesday, January 14

4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe

Ronald LeVrier (d) - Pat LeVrier

Wednesday, January 15

7:00AM Fr. Abe

Nelson Paez (d) - Mendible Family

Thursday, January 16

4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe

Jacinto L. Garcia (d) - Mary Louise Garcia

Friday, January 17

7:00 AM Fr. Abe

Roman Gonzales III - Joann Gonzales

Saturday, January 18

4:30PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM Fr. Abe

Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Sunday, January 19

8:30 AM Fr. Abe

Dr. Deborah Mueller (d)

10:30 AM TBD

James r. White, Jr. (d) - Parish

12:00 PM Fr. Abe

Melinda Tucker (d) - Parish

The second collection for the weekend of  
January 26th  
Is for the Church in Latin America.



Join women  
from across the  
parish on a  
transformative  
journey designed  
to meet the deepest longings  
of the feminine heart.



A PROGRAM FOR ALL WOMEN BY  
PARADISUS DEI

The women's *SHE Shall Be Called Woman* program meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the St. Joseph Room (aka the lower level of the Madonna Room), starting on January 29th.

This is a special time for fellowship and self-exploration of what it means to be a Catholic woman in modern times. All women are welcome.

For more information, please contact  
Amanda Claiborne at 210-365-4952.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 JUNIORS AND SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL ARE  
 INVITED TO JOIN US DURING SPRING BREAK FOR  
 A NEW RETREAT CALLED

**Kairos**

KAIROS IS A 4 DAY RETREAT THAT ALLOWS  
 TEENS TO DIVE DEEPER INTO THEIR FAITH IN A  
 DIFFERENT AND MORE INTENTIONAL WAY

**MARCH 9-12, 2025**  
 AT CAMP CAPERS

**Save the date...**



**OUR LADY OF GRACE  
 PARISH GUILD  
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**January 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**133 E. Huisache Ave**  
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**January 21st from 10:00 -12:00 pm**  
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# ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

**BEGIN SOON!**

If you are an adult aged 18 or older, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are ready to take the next step in your Faith Journey, you are invited to attend these classes.

The eight class series will begin on  
**Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:30pm- 8:00pm**  
 in the OLG Guadalupe Room  
 223 East Summit San Antonio, Tx 78212

*You will be asked to provide your Baptism & 1st Communion certificates.*

Contact Deacon George Wunderlich at 240-707-0724  
 for more information about the program.

Lord, wash away  
**MY SINS**

## The Baptism of the Lord Fear Not

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? We also hear it on the first Sunday of Advent every few years. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time. The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is expiated" (Isaiah 40:2). The mountains and hills will be leveled, symbolic of making an easy way to the Lord. In other words, the Lord is approachable. With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah 40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free from sin and able to reject evil desires. We are free to give ourselves in love as he did. And he does this, not because we did anything to deserve it, but from his own love and mercy for us. Think about that. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into our hearts and minds. Read them again at home, and remind yourself that you have been forgiven, that you can live as a person "eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). Ask the Spirit to help you see what things are keeping you from being like Jesus and to give you the strength to say no to them. And look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22).

Tom Schmidt



## THEOLOGY ON TAP

"Where Faith Meets Fellowship"

### Event Details

**Date:** Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of the month)

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Wild Barley Kitchen and Brewery  
(8403 Broadway)



*All OLG men are invited to join together for an evening of fellowship and spiritual conversation as we explore our Catholic faith over a good brew!*

For more info contact:  
Roger Williams  
[rogerwtx@gmail.com](mailto:rogerwtx@gmail.com)  
210-724-8828





# Blessed is she who *Believed.*

*Luke 1:45*

**WOMEN'S  
ACTS RETREAT  
FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025**



**A** DORATION and daily prayer;  
**C** OMMUNITY as a member of the Body of Christ;  
**T** HEOLOGY through the study of Holy Scriptures  
and the teachings of the Catholic Church; and  
**S** ERVICE with emphasis on the virtue of service to  
our Lord, to our Church, and to one another.

## Weekend Details:

An ACTS Women's retreat is a four-day retreat beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday after the 12 pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace.

This retreat is designed to strengthen your Catholic faith and community by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This weekend retreat gives you the chance to spend time with God, focus on your faith, and cultivate friendships. The retreat is staffed and run with love by your fellow parishioner women.

Please prayerfully consider deepening your faith by attending this retreat.

The ACTS Team is proud to provide a retreat designed to give women an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord and our community.

It is open to all women 21 and over.

**SPACE AVAILABLE~REGISTER NOW**

### **Cost:**

The cost is \$225, which includes a \$75 registration deposit fee. The balance is due upon arrival Thursday evening at OLG before departure. This will cover all meals, lodging, t-shirt, and transportation between the retreat center and OLG.

**DO NOT LET THE COST OF THE RETREAT KEEP YOU FROM PARTICIPATING!**

If the fee makes attending prohibitive, please contact the ACTS Director to discuss available financial assistance.

**For more information call:  
Alma Garza at 210-744-4983**





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### REGISTRATION FORM

## February 20-23, 2025

#### RETREAT ATTENDEE INFO

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

OVER 21 YEARS OLD? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ EVER ATTENDED AN ACTS RETREAT? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Parishioner of this Parish? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_  
If "NO", what parish or church do you attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

If someone invited you, who: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if any specific needs:  Dietary  Medical  Physical  Financial Assistance

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size: XS \_\_\_\_\_ SM \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON THE ACTS RETREAT

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>To guarantee your reservation, please remit payment for the retreat deposit fee amount of <b>\$75</b> to <u>Our Lady of Grace</u>. Remainder payment of <b>\$150</b> due by Feb 17, 2025. Please note that priority is given to parishioners of <u>Our Lady of Grace</u>. <b>DROP OFF OR EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE (<a href="mailto:office@olgsa.org">office@olgsa.org</a>)</b> <b>OR USE THE QR CODE TO PAY:</b></p>	<p><b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b> Scholarship amount requested: _____  Approved by: _____  Signature _____</p>
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If you have questions about the ACTS Retreat or Registration please contact, Alma Garza, at 210-744-4983.

I understand that ACTS Missions will collect all retreatants information for quality purposes and testimonials. I also understand that ACTS Missions may contact me after this ACTS Retreat to get feedback on my experience and see if I would like to participate and support future ACTS Retreats. I understand that ACTS Missions will NOT release my personal information to outside agencies. Initial here to **OPT-OUT** of ACTS Missions follow up initiatives: \_\_\_\_\_

Retreatant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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