

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

## Austin, TX. January 10, 2010.



### *From the Pastor* **Baptism of the Lord**

We celebrate the solemnity of the baptism of the Lord, in the gospel account, the mystery of death and Resurrection, sin and redemption, sin and forgiveness is prefigured: Jesus descends into the depths of the Jordan. Being submerged in the river is a symbolic representation of a process of creation. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and the darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters" (Gn 1:1-2). From this beginning all things came to be, the whole universe was created.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, The Holy Trinity is present, and God himself wants to make us a new creation. By being baptized, the Lord invites us to open our lives and allow him to make us a new creation. May the Lord find you ready to receive his grace and love.

~ *Friar Francisco Munoz Villegas*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:



<i>Michael Bourgeois</i>	<i>Mary R Guerra</i>
<i>Edna and David Smith</i>	<i>Linda Martinez</i>
<i>Adele Camacho</i>	<i>Maria Martinez</i>
<i>Vicente Sandoval Sr.</i>	<i>Roland Vela</i>
<i>Catherine H Sanchez</i>	<i>Narciso Saucedo</i>
<i>James Crum</i>	<i>Louise Kuhn</i>
<i>Mary Hernandez</i>	<i>Julian Hernandez</i>
<i>Frank Hernande</i>	<i>Alice Chambers</i>
<i>Anna T Vasquez</i>	<i>Tara Penton</i>
<i>Gregorio Villalobos</i>	<i>Mary Vera</i>
<i>Julian Castro</i>	<i>Amanda Barrientez</i>
<i>David Rodriguez</i>	

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### SATURDAY JANUARY 9TH

6:00 PM

†*Juan Garcia*

#### SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH

7:45 AM

*Sociedad de Carmelitas*

9:45 AM

†*JMaria A Garza*

11:30 AM

†*Margaret & Gustavo Hernandez*

6:00 PM

†*Maximo & Sergio Aviles*

#### MONDAY 11TH

5:30 PM

†*Luis Franco Cervantes*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:



**Our military personnel who are serving our Country, especially those in Iraq or overseas:** *Sgt. Paul McLean*

*SFC Michael E. Serna , Master Sgt. Janie Jimenez , LTC Michael Goains ; SSgt. Paul Nanez; Staff Sgt; Melissa de la Torre, Jeff Cox*

### Parish Stewardship

#### LESSON FROM THE INFANT JESUS

*There is no shame in being poor.*

Jesus first came into this world as one who needed assistance. It was no accident that He was born without a place to lay His head. In coming to our world in this way Jesus shows us there is no shame in being poor.

A risk we take when we practice stewardship is that we may begin to think of ourselves as better or luckier than someone in need. Consciously or unconsciously we tend to look down upon those who need our generosity. When we look down upon the poor we look down upon the infant Jesus, Himself.

New Year's Eve:	\$ 222.02
New Year's Day:	\$ 645.00
Faith in Action:	\$1,184.41
Candles	\$ 119.00
Sunday Collection:	\$ 9,759.25

**Attention, Men of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church!!**  
**Announcing the next Men's ACTS Retreat**  
**Scheduled for March 18-21, 2010.**

ACTS was introduced in our parish in 2003. Since then, the lives of countless parishioners (men, women and youth) have been touched in a profound way by the ACTS retreat experience. ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. These themes serve as the basis for an awesome, weekend-long presentation of Gods love for us. In turn, retreatants return with a deeper love for God and each other, as well a desire to become more involved in the parish community. Space is limited, so please act quickly to register for this important weekend event. For more information, please contact: Mauro (Mo) Renteria, Director, ph. 775-8642, Joe Lopez, Co-Director, ph.785-1468 or Steve Ramirez, Co-Director, ph. 627-7284

### READINGS



*For the Week of January 10, 2010*

**Sunday:** *The Baptism of the Lord*  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29;  
Acts 10:34-38;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** *First Week in Ordinary Time*  
1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116;  
Mk 1:14-20

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

**Wednesday:** *Saint Hilary, bishop, doctor*  
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;  
Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44;  
Mk 1:40-45

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

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

# The Baptism of the Lord

## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

### **Salsa Aerobics class starting soon!!!**

It's a New Year and the health ministry team wants to help you succeed! We would love for you to join us as we get in shape. Please join us for Salsa Aerobics!! Classes start on January 19th and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday in the hall at 6:45pm for 10 weeks.

The Goal of the class is to burn calories, tone-up muscles, increase energy level and have fun!! This Motivational and fun aerobics class will help you burn calories (especially around your waist line) and get toned-up as you learn the basic steps for these two rhythms. You have to register and pay a one time \$60 fee to take the class!!!

To sign up please contact Claire at the parish office.

### **From the United States Bishops**

In honor of national migration week, this week, the United States Bishops are encouraging all of us as Catholics to contact our US representatives and senators and express our concern that the US immigration system is broken and in need of repair. They have asked us to help make 2010 the year that we have immigration reform legislation that keeps immigrant families together, adopts smart and humane enforcement policies, and ensures that immigrants without legal status can begin a path toward citizenship. They would like all of us to remind our government that we are one family Under God. If you are interested in expressing your concern as well you can do so by going to their website at [www.justiceforimmigrant.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrant.org)

### **A prayer for immigrant justice**

Blessed are You, Lord God,  
King of all creation.

Through Your goodness, we live in this land  
That You have so richly blessed.

Help us always to recognize our Blessings that come  
from You and remind us to share them with others, especially  
those who come to us today from other lands.

Help us to be generous, just, and welcoming, as You  
have been and are generous to us. Amen

### **Calling all seniors!!**

Starting this month we will be changing our once a month senior luncheon to a twice a month senior coffee hour and Bible study. We will get together twice a month on Thursdays at 11 to have coffee, chat and have a Bible study. Please join us Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock in room 1. Call Claire at the parish office for more information.

## **Clergy Appreciation Day**

Join us! The Knights of Columbus are hosting the annual clergy appreciation dinner on Thursday, Feb.18, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel ( 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd. next to the Highland mall).

Tickets are on sale for 20.00 per person. The social hour is from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Diocese of Austin Administrator, Msg. Michael Mulvey, is the event's Guest speaker. Everyone is welcome! To R.S.V.P. call Don Ream at 512-252-2857. The deadline to RSVP is Feb.8, 2010.

## OUR PARISH NEWS

### **D.L.G. HS YOUTH**

Calling all HS Youth! Are you ready to get away for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and praising our wonderful God? Come join HS youth from our parish and parishes in the Austin Diocese to Waco, TX , at this year's DCYC Convention! The dates are January 29-31. Contact Suzie Plyler at 472-4210 or Natalie Rodriguez in the parish office, for more information. The cost is \$90.00 per person this includes meals and lodging! Financial assistance is available.

## **\*Jamaica Wish List\***

### **Raffle Sponsors:**

We are looking for at least 5 Grand Prize Sponsor's. If you or your family sign up as a Grand Prize Sponsor of \$1,000.00 now, you could do your prize in payments starting in January 2010 and make ten \$100.00 monthly payments until October. You can sponsor your prize in your Family Name or in Memory of a Loved one. This also applies to all other raffle prizes. We just need your commitment.

### **Do you have time and talent?**

Here is an excellent opportunity to share your talents. This year we would like to make some games for our children's area that could be used again in future Jamaica's. We need another Spin Wheel, perhaps a Mini-Golf Course or maybe a ball toss. Your imagination & talent are all you need! We will provide the materials needed.

### **T-Shirts:**

Creative Artist this is for you! We are looking for someone to design our 2010 Jamaica T- Shirt, again your imagination & talent are all you need.

### **Game & Food Booths:**

If you would like to run a food booth or game this year, now is the time to commit, so that we can make sure we have a tasty & fun variety.

### **Vendors:**

If you have a product you would like to sell, we have a spot for you. There are only 2 spots available so reserve your space today. To answer the call and assist in the areas above, to join a Committee, to reserve a vendor spot, run a booth, to sponsor a Raffle Prize or for general information please call Salvador Hernandez @ 366-2959 or Lupe Hernandez @ 366-0439 for information.

### **Other items on our wish list are:**

- 1) New Fryers: we use these for our Lent Fish Fries. This is something that all the Parish organizations can use.
- 2) Bingo Board that lights up

**Join us for the next pastoral council meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2009 in the Parish Hall at 7pm**