

The Baptism of the Lord

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

January 13, 2019

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday January 12th 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Tyler Stevens, Jan and Glynn Strickland, Joe and Katie Saltaformaggio Bernie and Olie Brennan

Sunday January 13th 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Welfare of Tony Romano, Jan and Glynn Strickland, Greg Genco, Welfare of Gary and Eloise Duncan

10:30 AM

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Tuesday January 15th 8:00 AM

Welfare of Kevin and Deona Nielsen

Wednesday January 16th 8:00AM

Tyler Stevens

Thursday January 17th 8:00 AM

Welfare of Denise Langston

Friday January 18th 8:00AM

Welfare of Patty Bailey

Saturday January 19th 4:00 PM

Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Tyler Stevens, Welfare of Kevin and Deona Nielsen, Bernie and Olie Brennan

Sunday January 20th 8:30 AM

Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Welfare of Marvin and Marty Paige, Tommy Brown, Welfare of Ned Cerniglia, Welfare of Mary Melancon

10:30 AM

Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
In memory of:

**Joe & Eda
Romano**

Last Week's Collection January 5, 2019–January 6, 2019

Loose-Checks and Cash
1,809.00
Envelopes
3,631.00
Solemnity of Mary
\$1,736.00

Total:
\$7,176.00

Budgeted funds needed to
operate: \$6,299.00

**This Week's Budgeted Surplus
+ \$877.00**

Thank You for Your Generosity

Next Second Collection
January 19, 2019–January 20,
2019
Parish Maintenance Fund

How do I respond to someone who says Baptism can't be a saving sacrament because Paul says we're "justified by faith and not by works?"

One of the biggest differences between the Catholic faith and Evangelicalism is the treatment of sacraments. As Catholics, we believe Jesus promised to convey spiritual goods through promises attached to physical means – such as water, bread, and wine. However, your Evangelical or Baptist friend likely sees this as a violation of the doctrine of salvation by "faith alone". That is, if salvation involves you doing anything (other than believing in Christ and his Gospel), then you are trying to earn your salvation through "works". Therefore, whatever might be said about baptism in the New Testament,

cannot possibly mean it conveys salvation, or else it would be in violation of their interpretation of passages like Romans 3:28.

One interesting place to start in response are the writings of Martin Luther. He was the biggest figure to stand against the Catholic Church preaching a doctrine of "faith alone". And yet when it came to baptism, he said the following: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word. It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."

On a scriptural level, you can point out that when Paul says we're "justified by faith and not by works", he is saying we are not saved by adhering to the Mosaic Law. He did not envision Baptism being among the "works" which do not save. Instead, he directly contrasted the two in Titus 3:5, in which he said: "[God] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."

- Fr. Bru