

January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord

Reflections for the Week

*He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

— *Titus 3:5*

Today's Readings [Click Here](#)

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).

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

**Please pray for our parishioners
& extended family:**

Rest in Peace:

Judy Laxen, Mildred Biesty, Josephine Small,
Martha Araj Ayoub & Mary Dunn

For Healing For:

Edith Bucoy, Elizabeth Wilson, Pat Hoffman,
Annette Gabrielli, Maureen Francis,
Joe Humphreys, Mike Marty,
Ethel Friedrichs, Patrick Lee, Teresa Hyatt,
Estela Becerra & Shirley Dela Cuz.

...and a special reminder to pray for those we know
now living in care facilities.

Mass Intentions
January 4-10, 2019 (Fri thru Thur)

Fri.	12:10pm
Sat. Elizabeth Wilson (Healing)	4:15pm
Sun. All Children of the World	9:30am
Sun. Pat Hoffman (Comfort & Healing)	11:30am
Mon. Marian Godley (RIP)	12:10pm
Tues. Pellanda & Bosso Family	12:10pm
Weds.	12:10pm
Thurs. George Yavorski (Blessings!)	12:10pm

Give the gift of a Mass Intention.
Birthday, RIP, Blessings, Marriage, Get Well
(Contact the Office)

Saints and 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

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.





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Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions:

Bible Study: Fridays, 6:30 to 8:00 PM,
340 Irving Street Entrance.

Religious Education classes will resume Sun. 1/6/19 : there's still time for all kids to join in!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM,
Collins Hall Part 4 of four-part series on
"THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN OUR TIME"

We are looking to start a Confirmation preparation class - a year and a half program with Kathleen Ohm starting in January. If you know students (7th-10th grades) who are interested in beginning this journey, please contact us!

The Saint John of God Prayer

Dear God, through the intercession of St. John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means to inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of God's Love. Amen.- Rev. Fr. Thomas L. Seagrave

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 12-13, 2019 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Usual weekend Mass schedule

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!

5th prize (\$250) – Pat Hoffman
4th prize (\$250) – Mary Schweigl
3rd prize (\$500) – Bob Vazquez
2nd prize (\$500) – Josefina Retamal
1st prize (1,000) – Michael Fox

SELF-DISCIPLINE

The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.—Daniel Webster