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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 10, 2021



MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM
9:45-10:15 AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY

Gospel Reflection

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings to an end the Christmas season. The Synoptic Gospels (Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke) present to us three images: the opening of the heavens, the dove, the voice from heaven as occurred at baptism of Jesus. All the evangelists give importance to His baptism because it marked the beginning of Jesus' public life.

Jesus, Son of God, submitted himself to John's baptism of repentance and forgiveness, as a sign of his humble surrender to the Father's will for human redemption. Jesus's baptism reveals God's solidarity with our wretched human condition.

St. John the Baptist belonged to the Old Testament people who for centuries were slaves, in exile and in the wilderness. They thought of being totally free beings but John the Baptist came to invite them back to wilderness so that they might repent over their sins and reenter the promised land to have good life with Christ when he comes. Many of them came to him from different parts of the promised land to the river Jordan to be baptized. John baptized those people who came to him by immersing in the water of Jordan. It did not give life but washed the body; something external. It is a symbolic act of cleansing from sin. It presupposes the decision not to sin again. But they needed another water: water that would enter the person. The water that submerges kills; but the water that is absorbed by human beings, plants, and animals gives life. In these two functions of water; two moments of our baptism are recalled. Death to the past is indicated by the immersion in the water, the gift of the Spirit is represented by the living water offered by Christ: "Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." (Jn 7:38).

"On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open". The Israelites had the feeling that the sky was closed for centuries and Yahweh had abandoned them by not sending any prophets. But in the baptism of Jesus, the heavens' opening indicates that the relationship between God and man were restored.

"And the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him". It was a moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing.

Finally, "a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Father's words, "*This is My beloved Son,*" from Psalm 2: 7, reveal Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "*with whom I am well pleased,*" from Isaiah 42:1 (referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. It also reminds us that God recognizes Jesus as His son at the very moment when he identifies himself with the sinners by receiving the baptism of repentance.

Today's Readings

First Reading (*Isaiah 55:1-10(21B)*)

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm (*Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6*)

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second Reading (*1 John 5:1-9*)

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?


This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Gospel (*Mark 1:7-11*)

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

“ Attention “
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Benediction
after all
Weekend Masses

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
Wed: 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: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9,
4pm - Living and Deceased Members of the Stegall Family
Sunday, January 10
8:00am - Parishioners
10:30am -Joan Rhode
Monday, January 11
8:00am - Charles Frazier †
Tuesday, January 12
8:00am -
Wednesday, January 13
8:00am -
Thursday, January 14
8:00am-
Friday, January 15

Financial News

Insurance	\$38,245.00
Diocesan Support	\$23,058.96
School Supplement	\$23,536.83
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$140,879.28
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$225,720.07
Amount needed each Week	\$4,340.77
Last Sunday Collection	\$3254.98
Shortfall	\$1085.79



The bishops of the Province of Mobile, together with our Presbyteral Councils, have declared the Church year beginning November 29, 2020, the First Sunday of Advent, and ending November 21, 2021, the Feast of Christ the Eucharist and the Parish in all our dioceses.

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Amir Darwis _____ US Army National Guard
 Drew Ladner _____ US Marine
 Darrell Little _____ US Army
 Devin Nelson _____ US Army
 Brandan Witt _____ USAF
 Evan Cameron _____ USAF
 Dillon Lacoste _____ US Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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