



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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REV. ANTONY GASPAR | PASTOR



Happy New Year

Year C: Reading 804

Good News!

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Before the Second Vatican Council, ministry was considered by many to be a Protestant word, and the religious leader who did it was called a *minister*. Catholics had priests and bishops who received and administered sacraments. Religious women did the Church's work in schools and hospitals. The council turned our understanding of Church membership inside out. We've come to realize that with baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world.

Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples.

Today we maintain that by baptism we are all children of God. Vatican II has enlightened us as to what this really means. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The Baptism OF THE LORD

[John said,]

"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen
the thongs of his sandals."

Luke 3:16

2021-2022



250TH JUBILEE YEAR

PARISH OFFICE:

OFFICE #: 562-424-8595

E-MAIL: CHURCH@STBARNABASLB.ORG

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-5:00pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am-2:00pm

CONFESSIONS HOURS:

Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm (inside the Church)

INFANT BAPTISMS: baptism@stbarnabaslb.org

WEDDINGS: Inquire at least 6 months in advance

ANointing OF THE SICK: Contact Office to arrange visit

PARISH MINISTRIES: Visit our website for contact listings

All other inquiries, please call or E-mail the Parish Office.

IN-PERSON MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday Saturday Vigil	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Church Church
Wednesday	8:00am	School Mass
SUNDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Parking Lot Church & Parking Lot Church
1st Friday of the month	8:45am-12:00pm 9:00am-10:00am	Eucharistic Adoration Confessions

LIVE-STREAM MASS/ONLINE ZOOM

Monday - Saturday Tuesday Wednesday	7:00 am 7:30 am 7:30 am	Facebook & YouTube St. Joseph Novena Perpetual Help Novena
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Facebook & YouTube
Thursday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Bible Study Sessions via online Zoom

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the Catholic Community of St. Barnabas Parish, are a people formed by Christ, called in Baptism and united in the Eucharist; we continue the mission of the Church in the world through Prayer, Apostolic Works, Evangelization, and Christian Stewardship."

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration Coordinators	Charito S/Faye R
Altar Servers (Youth)	Sylvia G
Baseball League (Youth)	Joe F
Boy Scouts Pack 32 / Cub Scouts	Laura L
Bulletin/Website/Social Media/Publications	Olivia B
CANA Marriage Renewal	Bernie M
Couples for Christ	Roy R/Faye R
Divine Mercy Apostolate	Itima E
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Samanth C/Helen C
Filipino-American Association	Gene L
Finance Council	Espi G
Girl Scouts Troop #4283	Jessica C
Holy Name Society	Bob F
Infant Baptism	Jay G
I.T. Resource Team	David A
Knights of Columbus #3449	Joe A
Lectors	Marina C
Legion of Mary	Barbara F
Liturgical Music Coordinator	Joseph P
Ministry of Consolation	Terri F
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	Armando P/Gigi L
Pastoral Council	Darrell S
Planning/Building Team	Sean F
Project Achieve	Michelle S
RCIA/Adult Sacraments	Andrea M/Susana M
Respect Life	Robert K
Rosary Ministry	Paula S/Mabel F
Sacristans	Sahlee B/Armando P
Safeguard the Children	Elizabeth C
Stewardship Committee	David Z
Ushers & Greeters	Darrell S
Wedding/Quinceanera Rehearsal Coordinator	Deb R
Worship Environment	Olivia A

FOR MINISTRY INQUIRIES, or to view our complete listing, please visit our website for contact information or call our Parish Office.

www.stbarnabaslb.org/ministries

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage you to register as a Parishioner. To be an "Active" member at our Parish, is to participate in the life of prayer and stewardship. Being a parishioner enables a person to be eligible to sponsor a child for Baptism, to receive financial aid for Catholic Education, to be Married in the Parish, book a Funeral/Memorial Mass and to prepare one's children for the Sacraments. All adults over the age of 21, living with their parents or on their own, are encouraged to register as well. Visit our website to register!

FAKE TEXT MSG/SPAM E-MAILS

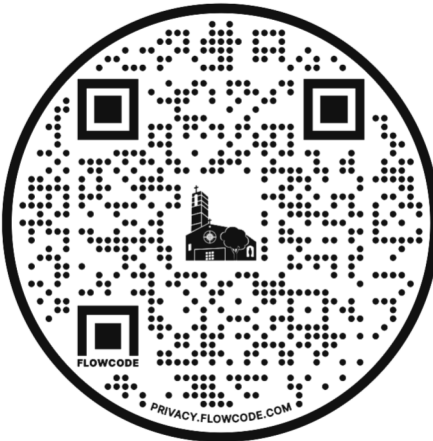
If you received a text message or E-Mail claiming it's from Fr. Antony, asking for money, gift cards or asking for your help, **THIS IS A HOAX!** PLEASE IGNORE THIS NEW E-MAIL FROM: blessingsparish@gmail.com (pretending to be from Fr. Antony) Do not reply to them and immediately delete it. Please ALERT the Parish Office if you receive any other fake messages, so we can flag it. Thanks for your cooperation.



Text the word "ENROLL" to 562-330-1646



membership.faithdirect.net/CA794



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

12/26/21:
01/02/22:

Not available at this time due to holiday

Faith-Direct
Bi-Weekly
Contribution:

\$ 7,702.71

Period: 12/1 – 12/15

Thanks for your prayerful giving. Your donation supports the operations of our Parish Community.



Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Eva Talastas & Family
January 8-22

Altar Flowers Sponsor:

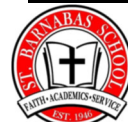
Requested by: Julieta Atienza

"Thanksgiving for The Atienza Family"
January 10-16

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor Altar flowers.



ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL



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PRE-SCHOOL / DAYCARE

Main: (562) 988-8481

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

Office: (562) 988-6855

1130 Marshall Place
Long Beach, CA 90807
(Office located upstairs of Parish Center)

Rel Ed Coordinator: **Juan Rodriguez Jr.**
562-341-7772 cell/text
religiouseducation@stbarnabaslb.org

Confirmation Coordinator:
Emmanuel Magallanes
213-948-7762 cell/text
confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1/9: Baptism of the Lord
 1/16: Diaconate Virtual Information Day
 1/17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (school/office closed)
 1/22: OneLifeLA Walk for Life!
 1/30-2/4: Catholic School's Week!
 2/6-2/13: Ministry Awareness Week
 2/19: Compelled By Love -A Jubilee Retreat

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Jan 8	All Souls in Purgatory 40th Day: +Ireneo Nery Jr.
Sun, Jan 9	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:00 a.m.	St. Barnabas Ministries
8:00 a.m.	Repose: +Cesar Ramos Jr.
9:00 a.m.	St. Barnabas Parishioners
11:00am	Special Intentions: Camilo Velasco Repose: +Bonifacio and Hermenia Avancena 1-Yr Death Anniv: +Dominador Dabu
Mon, Jan 10	Birthday: Fred Madriaga Repose: +Angel Medina
Tue, Jan 11	Birthday: Citas Pascua; Kayla Long Death Anniv: +Marcelina Figueiredo
Wed, Jan 12	OLPH Devotees 1-Yr Death Anniv: + Arnulfo Pacis
Thu, Jan 13	Birthday: Alvera Paraiso Special Intentions: Pepito Angeles, Thelma Angeles, Christine Marie Angeles
Fri, Jan 14	40th Day: +Lourdes Montuya 1-Yr Death Anniv: +Maria Rios; +Amelia Lim
Sat, Jan 15 7:00 a.m.	Birthday: Aurora P. Sarmiento; Arianna Soriano



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Book your Mass Intentions via Website, E-mail or by phone. (+ indicates deceased)
 Send requests at least 2 weeks in advance, to be listed in the Bulletin. Some names may not reflect above, due to early print deadlines or requests were made after printer deadline.

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Jonathan Clementir
 Robert Ellis
 Fortunato Durban
 Lavonne Kruis
 Raymond Castro
 Cely Ledesma
 Colleen Lilian Ogg



John Junk
 Art Quinto
 Fe Dela Cruz
 Lourdes Montuya
 Helen Feser
 Belva A. Trudeau

TODAY'S READINGS: YR C / 804

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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

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

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

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

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR HEALING

Elizabeth N. Gabrillo, Florencio "Junn" P. Gabrillo Jr., Lorna E. Declines, Merlo P. Estrada, Nelia N. Estrada, Sue Ann E. Tumakay, Mario & Mely Visperas, Natividad S. Fernandez, Rogy Soriano, Luningning Hobbs, Richard Geronimo, Cesar Giron, Robert Carambelas, Hector Gustilo, Rose de los Reyes, Alvino Jauregui, Gerry Johnston, Tina Quinn, Bridget Vanderwerff, Carmela Chiurazzi, Violet Fimalino, Maria Sanchez, Erwin Castillo, Earl Leiran, Cecilia Van Vooren, Chito Aguinaldo, Steve Ferrer, Scott Polson, Josephine Hong, Chean & Harper Hong, Joseph Delos Reyes, Samuel Chavez, Ildefonso Reyes, William & Gloria Dorsey, Carl Valentini, Mercy Damacion, Ching Dalog, Eddie Reyes, Nena Paraiso, Johnny Rimas, Antonio Montuya, Alexander Sabunas, MaryAnn Salas, Terri Furlow, Victor Perez Jr., Julian Ashley Johnson, Nancy Mendoza

We begin a new, updated list every 4-6 months. If you would like to be added or RE-ADDED to our prayer list, please email church@stbarnabaslb.org with the name to be included. Thank you.

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

L.A. County Health Dept. protocols will be in effect, so please continue to wear your masks and social distancing. Thanks for your cooperation!

WE NEED USHERS!!!

Would you like to help usher during the Mass that you attend? If you would like to join our Ushers Ministry, please contact **Ministry Leader: Darrell at 562-243-1378 or e-mail directly to: dstew40@gmail.com** We are refraining from passing the baskets around, rather we will be using a bag with an extended pole for safety.

LOOKING FOR SINGERS & MUSICIANS

Would you like to use your talent by blessing us with your beautiful voice as a Cantor, or do you play Piano or Guitar??? **We are in great need of Singers and Musicians** to join our Music Ministry. Please contact the Parish Office: 562-424-8595 or E-Mail: church@stbarnabaslb.org

MISSALETTES FOR SALE!



New missalettes are for sale for the upcoming year! This special edition covers all 3 cycles and is hardbound, therefore, it does not need to be changed out every year. Cost is: **\$25/each**. Stop by the Parish Office to purchase, or after the Sunday Masses outside in the parking lot!

NEW PARISH OFFICE SECRETARY!



We would like to officially welcome our new full-time Secretary, DONA TRENKLE to our Parish Office Team! We are so blessed to have her help take care of our Parishioners needs! Thanks for your patience, as she learns to navigate the Parish Office! You will be able to reach her Monday thru Friday!

CONGRATULATIONS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

William & Elaine Chua 01/04 (40yrs)



Email us Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date to: church@stbarnabaslb.org

NEED PART-TIME CAREGIVER

PARISHIONER IN NEED

Long time Parishioner is seeking a caregiver two evenings a week: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9pm to 6am. Please contact Sam at 562-521-4040 if you are interested or know someone who may be interested. Thanks for your help and consideration.



PASTOR'S LETTER: JAN. 1, 2022

My Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year 2022!

We begin the new year with the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This is no liturgical accident, but the Church has placed this feast on this very first day of the year to help us reflect on the role of Mary in God's plan for our salvation and seek her intercession for our faith life. The Church believes that she who beheld the face of the Savior invites us to hear the words of her Son Jesus, "Behold I make all things new!" (Rev. 21:5). Jesus alone can fulfill the desires, hopes, and dreams we have for this new year. And Mary is ever ready to help us obtaining those graces from her Son Jesus.

As we begin the year, we tend to look back the events which played a major part in our lives and look forward to a year filled with hopes and promises. A right disposition to God would certainly carry us safely through this year. Mother Mary sets the tone for us with her Fiat, "let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Mary was the first disciple, the prototype, the symbol of the whole Church. We who are members of the Church, are invited to emulate her Yes to God's will in our lives. An openness to God's will could spare us from disappointments and discouragements when our dreams may not come true the way we wanted.

Like Mary, let us open our hearts for Jesus and be filled with His abundant grace. May we seek the fullness of His grace by entering into a personal relationship with Him. St. Paul affirms it: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Billy Graham's prayer may be worth noting. He prays: O Lord God! We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us, but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to place our hands into Yours, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives. In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort. In the midst of life's temptations and our stubborn self-will, help us to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight. And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are lonely and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

On behalf of our parish staff, pastoral and finance council, I wish you a blessed New Year 2022!

With New Year Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Antony J. Gaspar (Pastor)



JUBILEE YEAR—250 YEARS

Compelled By Love: A Jubilee Retreat

Come Renew your discipleship of Jesus and hear his summons to join him in his mission!

Saturday, February 19, 2022: St. Mary of the Assumption, Whittier (San Pedro Pastoral Region)

Here is the link to register

or they can go through forwardinmission.com

<http://store.la-archdiocese.org/jubilee-regional-retreats-2>



MINISTRY AWARENESS WEEK

SAVE THESE DATES! FEBRUARY 6TH-13TH

We will be highlighting our various Ministries within our Parish, who are active and help bring out the spirit in our Church! Opportunity to evangelize, recruit members and to distribute information about your Ministry! We will conclude with a Ministry Fair! **MORE DETAILS TO COME...**

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY LEADERS:

Contact our Forward In Mission Committee Leader for information on how your Ministry Group can participate in this upcoming event!!!

E-Mail Brian Sapsky: brian.sapsky@yahoo.com



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MISSIONARY PRACTICES 2X2

RAISING UP A NEW GENERATION OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

When Jesus first sends his disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God in word and deed, he sends them two by two (Mark 6:7). To raise up a new generation of missionary disciples, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles encourages three simple missionary practices 2x2: Gospel reflection, prayer, and acts of charity.

Engaging in these missionary practices will form our hearts for mission and increase confidence in proclaiming the Gospel.

GOSPEL REFLECTION 2X2

Missionaries Share the Word of God

As missionary disciples we are called to share the Word of God with others. Reflecting together on the life and words of Jesus in the Gospels awakens faith and helps us share Him with others. You can use this process to connect your story with the story of Jesus:

- **Pray** a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
- **Read** the passage slowly. As you listen, ask in silence, "Lord, what are you saying to me in this passage?"
- **Listen** for a word or phrase that calls your attention or touches your heart.
- **Share** a brief story or experience of how the word or phrase connects to your life at this moment.
- **Ask** in silence, "Lord, what are you asking me to do?" Share what Jesus is inviting you to do.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT FORWARDINMISSION.COM

L.A. ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

DIACONATE VIRTUAL INFO DAY

Sunday: January 16th from 2pm-4pm

Hosted by: Diaconate Formation Office

To Register, contact Deacon Melecio Zamora at:
dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org



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PARISH FAMILY NAME

SCHOOL FAMILY # PARISH FAMILY #

Welcome and thank you for registering at St. Barnabas Parish. Please fill out the following information so that we may include you and your family in our directory. To be an **"Active"** member at our Parish, is to participate in the life of prayer and stewardship. Being a parishioner enables a person to be eligible to sponsor a child for Baptism (w/proof of Sacraments), to receive financial aid for Catholic Education, to be Married in the Parish, book a Funeral/Memorial Mass and to prepare one's children for the Sacraments. All adults over the age of 21, living with their parents or on their own, are encouraged to register in the Parish to be considered members. The use of the offertory envelopes may also help you to qualify for tax incentives. Please print and fill out this form completely and mail it back to the Church, drop it in the collection baskets, or return it to the Parish Office. If you have any changes, please fill out and indicate your change of information.

Date of

Registration: _____ New Registration: ☐ Change of Information: ☐ How long in Parish? _____ yrsWe want **FREE** envelopes mailed to my home: ☐ Yes!Signing up for Online Faith Direct: ☐ Yes!

FAMILY LAST NAME:						PHONE NUMBER:	
MAILING ADDRESS:						CITY	
STATE						ZIP CODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:							
1) Husband/or Head of Household: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	First Name: (add last name if diff. from above)		Marital Status	Religion	Date of Birth	Profession	
Baptized:	Holy Communion:	Confirmed:	Civil Marriage:		Married in Church:		
2) Spouse/or Head of Household: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	First Name: (add last name if diff. from above)		Marital Status	Religion	Date of Birth	Profession	
Baptized:	Holy Communion:	Confirmed:	Civil Marriage:		Married in Church:		
3) Child/or Other Adult: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	First Name: (add last name if diff. from above)		Marital Status	Religion	Date of Birth	Profession	
Baptized:	Holy Communion:	Confirmed:	Civil Marriage:		Married in Church:		
4) Child/or Other Adult: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	First Name: (add last name if diff. from above)		Marital Status	Religion	Date of Birth	Profession	
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NOTES: _____

===== [Staff Use Only] =====
 Added to PDS: _____ Added to ENV: _____ Staff Initial: _____ SBS Family: _____ Cancel ENV: _____
 Mailed welcome letter & copy of bulletin (new only): _____ Added to 'new parishioners list' in bulletin: _____

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

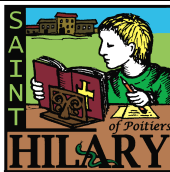
BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time
 Thursday: St. Hilary
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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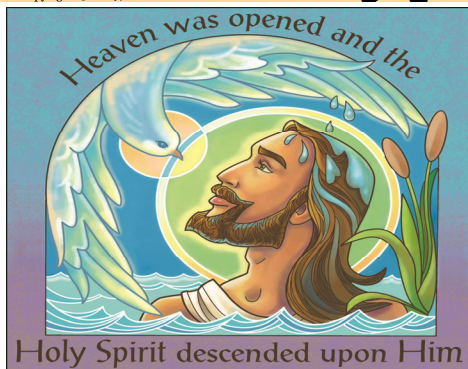
He who gives you
the day will give you
also the things
necessary for the day.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

4th-century theologian and bishop of Nyssa who contributed to the Nicene Creed. Along with Basil of Caesarea and Gregory of Nazianzus, he is one of the Cappadocian Fathers.

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January 10



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Dear Padre

January 9, 2022

Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Almighty ever-living God,
 who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan
 and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
 solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
 grant that your children by adoption,
 reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
 may always be well pleasing to you.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

REL. ED: CHILDREN'S LITURGY

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM is now offering **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** on **SUNDAYS** in the Parish Hall. Children in 1st - 5th grade are welcome to attend. Every Sunday at the 9 am indoor Mass, the children will be invited to come to the front after the collect, they will go to the Parish Hall to reflect on the word of God and will return to the Mass at the Prayers of the Faithful. We are following Covid-19 protocols. Any questions, call our Rel. Ed Coordinator, Juan at: 562-341-7772.

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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**DID YOU KNOW? January 8-9 || Check Your Child's Backpack**

As you and your children prepare for their return to school after Christmas break, make sure they are not carrying too much around in their backpacks. Backpacks that are too heavy can cause problems like neck or back pain, or poor posture. The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends that a child's backpack weigh no more than 5-10% of the child's body weight. Help your children by ensuring that they wear their backpacks correctly, with both straps over the shoulders, and that they are only carrying what they need. If you have concerns about the load your child is carrying, reach out to a teacher or school staff to discuss what should and should not be coming home every day.

For more information, visit: nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/backpack-safety-for-kids.



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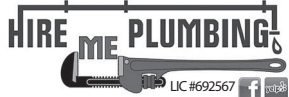
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