January 12, 2020 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

A voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” ~ Matthew 3:17

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January 12, 2020 ~ The Baptism of the Lord ~ Year A  
Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father (3). He is the light of the nations (1) and Lord of all creation (2). To him be all glory and praise (Ps).

This is My Beloved Son

This Sunday’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus’ baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today’s reading from Isaiah describes God’s chosen Messiah, upon whom God’s spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew’s Gospel Jesus’ baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

Treasures From Our Tradition

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent’s hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptism art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water’s surface, is not really in our tradition, and that “infusion,” the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ’s life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!

Sto. Niño Novena and Mass

Everyone is welcome to join the Novena for Sto. Niño everyday at 4:30 p.m. through Friday, January 17th. The Feast Day will be celebrated on Saturday, January 18th with Mass at 12:10 p.m. followed by fellowship in Bitanga Hall.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for January

Pope’s Intention (January): Promotion of World Peace. That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.
Today’s Readings

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).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).


Discernment Weekend Retreat

Is God calling you to a vocation as a priest? One way to find out if you have a true calling is by attending a free weekend discernment retreat at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park Feb. 21-23.

The retreat, hosted by the Archdiocese of San Francisco’s Office of Vocations is open to all single men 21 years or older and includes lodging and meals. Attendance does not imply further obligation.

Spokane, Washington, Bishop Thomas A. Daly will lead retreat conferences at the retreat this year.

The Office of Vocations also hosts shorter discernment gatherings each month at two local parishes. In San Mateo County, Fr. Tom Martin leads the meetings at St. Pius Parish at 1100 Woodside Road in Redwood City on the first Monday of each month from 6:15-8:30 p.m. In San Francisco, Fr. Cameron Faller leads meetings at Star of the Sea Parish, 4420 Geary Blvd., on the first Thursday of each month.

To register for the weekend discernment retreat, contact Fr. Cameron Faller at falter.cameron@sfarch.org, or (415) 614-5683.

For general information about vocations, visit sfpriest.org.

Pastor Al™

“Sorry, but even if you do own a car wash, it just wouldn’t be proper to hold a drive-through baptism.”
St. Hilary (c. 315-367)
January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, “the Latin Trumpet against the Arians,” heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ’s divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus’ challenge to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

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St. Hilary of Poitiers
4th-century bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church who defended the Church against the Arian heresy, which denied Christ’s divinity.

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BELIEVED SONS AND DAUGHTERS

In today’s Gospel (Matthew 3:13-17) we hear that Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. Matthew tells the story of what happened there. Today you can think about your own baptism. Ask a friend to help you answer these questions, then write your baptismal story or draw pictures with descriptions written under them. Everyone in your family can make a baptism booklet, even your parents. You can talk to your grandparents about their baptism, too. If several people make booklets or tell you their stories, you can bind them together into a family album.

- Where were you baptized?
- Do you still live in the same parish where you were baptized?
- What is the date of your baptism?
- Who baptized you, a priest or a deacon? Do you know his name?
- Were you named for a saint? A family member? A special friend?
- What did the baptismal font look like?
- Who are your godparents?
- Do you still have your baptismal candle, symbol of the light of Christ?

Remember to live always as a beloved son or daughter of God.

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Schedule of Sacraments

Eucharistic Celebrations
- Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
- Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
- Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday through Friday ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 7:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. ~ 5:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism (infants and children)
- Baptismal Prep Class ~ Every 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- Sacrament of Baptism ~ Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
Please call the parish office at least two months before the preferred date of Baptism. All Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office and Baptismal classes are required for all first time parents and godparents.

Sacrament of Marriage
- You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
- Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
- Saturdays ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Parish Meeting Schedule
- Adult Choir……………………………………. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
- Altar Servers……………………………………. 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- Charismatic Prayer Group…………………….. Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Forever Young Ministry……………………… Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Legion of Mary ~ Patrician Meeting……………….. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.
- Liturgical Lay Ministers……………………….. Last Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Fatima Devotees………………….. 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
- Parish Pastoral Council………………………. 1st Monday, 6:15 p.m.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion………………… 1st Friday, 6:00 p.m.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society…………………. 4th Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
- Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)………………….. Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

Devotions
- Sacred Heart ~ Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesdays after the 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses
- Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.
- Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

Unity
- Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see.

Welcome to St. Patrick!!
- Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors, especially the delegates from The Winter Fancy Food Show

The Winter Fancy Food Show

Mass Intentions for Jan 12 - 18

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Saints & Special Observances

Monday: optional memorial ~ St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Friday: Memorial ~ St. Anthony, Abbot
SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 49:3-5,6; Ps 40:2,4,7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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~ Henry Adams