



SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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Gospel Meditation

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

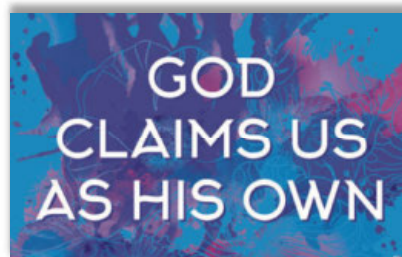
It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the

purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest?

Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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Regular Mass Times

Mon - Sat | 8:15 am
In Chapel

Rosary and Divine
Chaplet prior to
Daily Mass at
7:30 am

Saturday | 4:30 pm
In Church

Sunday
7:00 am
8:30 am
10:30 am

**Reconciliation
in Church**
Saturdays
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Adoration in Chapel
Tuesdays
9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Benediction 7:45 pm

Communion to the Homebound:

Please notify the office with the name and contact information of the individual requesting communion.

Infant Baptism: Parents need to register at the parish and attend a baptismal preparation class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please contact the office.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, January 10

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am
Child Faith Formation | ACS K-5 | 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 11

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am
Adoration | Chapel | 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
WINGS Women's Bible Study | Ministry Bldg. Center |
9:15 am
Benediction | Chapel | 7:45 pm
Vibrant Vinnies | Ministry Bldg. Center | 3:15 pm

Wednesday, January 12

Daily Mass | Church | 8:15 am | ACS K-8 students
in attendance
Choir Rehearsal | Church | 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 13

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am

Friday, January 14

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am

Saturday, January 15

Daily Mass | Chapel | 8:15 am
Men's Bible Study | Ministry Bldg. — Classroom 3 |
9:15 am
Confession/Reconciliation | Church | 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass | Church | 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 16

Mass | Church | 7:00 am | 8:30 am | 10:30 am
Live Stream Mass at 8:30 am
Child Sacrament Prep Classes | ACS K-5 |
9:00 - 10:30 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9

7:00 am • Parishioners
8:30 am ✕ George Hazzard by Linda Hazzard
10:30 am • Christina Shen by Amy Hammond

Monday, January 10

8:15 am • Maureen Kintzer by Mary Kowieski

Tuesday, January 11

8:15 am ✕ Ted Williams by Bette Staats

Wednesday, January 12

8:15 am ✕ Tobias McCloskey by Jerry McCloskey

Thursday, January 13

8:15 am ✕ Pam Goss by Mike Goss

Friday, January 14

8:15 am ✕ Al & Anne McCloskey
by Jerry McCloskey

Saturday, January 15

8:15 am ✕ Jean Borman by Knights of Columbus
4:30 pm ✕ Mercedes Michelotti by Dolores Galligan

Respecting Life Ministries

January Events



Adoration to End Abortion

Tuesday, January 11

4:00 - 8:00 pm | St. Gabriel Chapel

Arizona for Life March and Rally

Saturday, January 15



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way.

We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi

In The Know With *Father Joe*

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DEAR FATHER JOE,

How do I keep my New Year's resolution to be holy?

It seems that once again, we're approaching another new year and, more than anything, I want to use the new year to really grow spiritually. I always have great goals to do better, but never seem to hit them. Can you help me?

Ahhhh — the New Year and its resolutions! I think your experience is one that many share — including me! Based on my own past struggles and resolutions, I do have some advice that I hope will help you.

I think the first, and perhaps best, step in this situation is to realize that you, like everyone else, need help. One of the consequences of original sin is that we are flawed creatures who wrestle with doing what we know we need to do. The Apostle Paul captured a lot of the frustration of trying to do the right thing in this passage from Romans 7, which starts on verse 15: “I don’t understand myself; I do not do the good I intend to do, I do what I hate.”

Through the rest of Romans 7, St. Paul walks through the struggle of his desire to do the right thing and his inability to do it. He goes on to say that, when he’s not frustrated by his inability to do what is right, he’s frustrated by how prideful he gets when he does get it right! It’s the crazy trap we all wrestle with. So, what’s Paul’s answer? He ends up thanking God because all of these troubles force on him the truth that can save him: Jesus is the answer.

St. Paul found that his frustration with his sin compelled him to turn to Jesus, and this, I think, is a great part of what made him a saint. So we who, 2,000 years later, have the same problem as St. Paul can find hope in the same answer: Jesus! It’s not a failure on our part to need God’s help, it’s reality. And by living in that reality, we draw all the closer to holiness.

So, any goal that you and I have related to holiness simply must begin with our need for Jesus and his Holy Spirit to take our desires and make them possible. What’s the best way to connect with Jesus and his Holy Spirit?

That would be prayer. It would seem, then, that we have arrived at our first goal: We will be men and women of prayer in 2022. **There is no goal we can set or thing we can do that will accomplish more for the kingdom of God in our lives and the world around us than prayer.**

I recognize that prayer can be tough. For me, I’m a bit of a “mover.” I like to move around and have a tough time standing or sitting still. My first real efforts at prayer often ended in a frustration that I couldn’t just sit there for long

periods of time; when I did, my mind went everywhere but toward God. I struggled with this for a long time. One day, I talked to my folks about it. My mom gave me a great prayer. She told me that, as soon as I got up, I should begin praying “Lord, let your Holy Spirit pray within me.” Then, when I sat down to pray, say it again as I started. I got into that habit and now, years later, not only can I sit still and at peace, but I really need to! God is amazing. That simple prayer can help guide you toward a really healthy and whole prayer life. Also, if 300 more people pray that prayer, I think my mom gets a toaster oven or something. All kidding aside, one of the blessings of this prayer is the recognition built within it that prayer is not just about our effort or will power, but about God getting it done in us and for us.

Once we’ve decided that any progress in holiness needs to start on and center around prayer, we should set one or two realistic, concrete and measurable goals toward our prayer life in 2022.

An active and healthy prayer life is one that is both personal and communal.

Personal prayer is time with just you and God. This is when you present yourself and some dedicated time to the Lord and let him take it where you need. Make sure your goals here are realistic — what amount of time will challenge you, but not present such a huge jump that you are going to fail? Set your goal around that idea.

In terms of communal prayer, I’m assuming you go to Mass every Sunday. If not, then that’s something you’ll really need to do right away. I have written about this in the past, and probably will write about it again, but suffice it to say that we need the community and the community needs us.

What you’ve asked here is a beautiful thing and I hope you can see that there is no reality we can conceive of where God would not be pleased with your desire to make 2022 a year of growth in holiness. With that in mind, you can be sure that God with you and in you will guide you toward the life you were made for: sainthood in Jesus.

Enjoy another day in God’s presence!



JON LEONETTI

is Back!

January 24 – 25 – 26

JON LEONETTI, a nationally known Catholic speaker, will be back at St. Gabriel Catholic Parish to convey a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Jon will be at St. Gabriel for 3 nights to talk about the pervading ideology in our society that something other than God will fulfill us. We may even have been influenced ourselves. We encourage you to bring your family and invite your Catholic and non-Catholic friends to this mission that will strengthen our resolve to walk in greater intimacy with God.

SURGE OF THE HEART 2.0!

A Follow-Up Parish Mission By Jon Leonetti

There is a pervading ideology in our society that something other than God will fulfill us. We may even have been influenced ourselves. It is time to strengthen our resolve to walk in greater *intimacy* with God.

Evening 1: INCREASING OUR DESIRE FOR GOD

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. (Rev. 3:20)

We know God chose us. Not out of need, but want. This is love. This is God. But how do we increase *our* desire to know him better? We ask him. And in the end, it is Jesus who shows us the true depth of God's own character, His very face, and the great power He has given us to share in God's own life.

Evening 2: TRUSTFUL SURRENDER

“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” (1 John 5:14-15)

It's a noisy world. And in this noisy world many have lost confidence in God. But that's not God's fault. Throughout Scripture our LORD gives us the surest way to confidence in him— *trustful surrender*. But what does that look like? Jesus taught it. Our Lady embodied it. The saints lived it. **And we can, too.**

Evening 3: THE CATHOLIC AND THE EUCHARIST

“...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:20)

There aren't many guarantees in this world, but this is one we can know for sure—*God is near*. We know this because he told us. He has given us himself in the Eucharist *so that the world might have life* — a life offered to you and me. From the beginning the Church has labored to share this message for all to hear. After this evening, we will too.

Adult Faith Formation Series | Wednesday, January 19 | 6:30 pm | **Parish Hall**

Michael and Rachel Villanueva will be our guest speakers for “Theology of the Body.” Both attended Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio and earned their Master's degrees from the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington DC. Michael is the Diocesan Coordinator of the John Paul II Resource Center for Theology of the Body and Culture. Rachel is a stay-at-home mother with their three children and is a part-time bookkeeper. Both are regular marriage prep presenters for the Diocese of Phoenix.



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January Happenings

- 17 No School: MLK, Jr. Day
- 28 Noon Dismissal/Staff Day
- 30 Begin Catholic Schools Week
 - 10:30 ACS Mass at St. Gabriel
 - 11:30 Open House

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