



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

"Yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego".

- Lc 3, 16

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## MASS INTENTIONS/ INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

- January / enero 8**  
 5:00pm ABVM.....Alberto Chavez†  
 7:00pm St. John's.....Armando Amador†
- January / enero 9**  
 8:30am St. John's.....  
 10:30am ABVM.....Dorothy Pennartz†  
 (Requested by: Ethel Pennartz)  
 Chris Baker  
 1:00pm ABVM.....  
 5:00pm St. Mary's.....
- January / enero 10**  
 8:30am St. John's.....Megan & Omar Silva  
 & Family  
 6:30pm ABVM.....
- January / enero 12**  
 7:30pm St. Mary's.....Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 7:30pm ABVM.....No Mass  
 7:30pm St. John's.....No Mass
- January / enero 13**  
 8:30am ABVM.....Gene Anderle (birthday)  
 Mary Webb  
 6:30pm St. John's.....
- January / enero 14**  
 8:30am St. John's.....Zachary Flusche  
 6:30pm ABVM.....

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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.

## EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

Con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor se da por terminado el tiempo de Navidad. El Bautismo de Jesús es como una nueva epifanía, es decir, una nueva manifestación de Dios por medio de Jesús ahora en el Jordán. “El Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él y se manifestó exteriormente en forma de paloma, y del cielo vino una voz: Tú eres mi Hijo, hoy te he dado la vida” (Lucas 3,22). La revelación del Padre se manifiesta proclamando a Jesús como su Hijo.

El Papa Francisco en una de sus catequesis lo muestra en tres puntos muy importantes para todos los que hemos sido bautizados en Cristo Jesús: “Jesús quiso recibir el bautismo predicado y administrado por Juan el Bautista en el Jordán. ¡Cuánta humildad tiene Jesús! Y al hacerlo, manifestó lo que hemos celebrado en Navidad: sumergirse en el río de la humanidad”. Jesús, va con todo a lo que refiere la cuestión humana, menos en el pecado. “El Evangelio subraya que Jesús, apenas salió del agua vio rasgarse los cielos y el Espíritu que bajaba hacia él como una paloma. El Espíritu Santo desciende en plenitud sobre Jesús para darle la fortaleza de cumplir su misión”. Por medio de nuestra vocación es que tenemos nuestra misión en la vida. ¿Cómo la estamos cumpliendo? “La fiesta del bautismo de Jesús invita a cada cristiano a recordar su bautismo”. ¿Sabes, o recuerdas la fecha de tu bautismo? Hay que preguntar sobre ese día y de cómo se celebró la fiesta de hacernos hijos e hijas de Dios. (Papa Francisco 1/7/2018).



El Bautismo del Señor

January 9, 2022 / 9 de enero del 2022

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