



# PRESENTATION *of the* **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

JANUARY 9TH, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## 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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**Monday-Friday**  
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### DAILY MASS

**MONDAY—SATURDAY**

8am

### WEEKEND MASSES

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

5:30pm

**SUNDAY**

8am, 10:30am, 4:30pm

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JANUARY 9TH, 2022

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## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1/2/22

N/A

*Thank you for your generous donations!*

### Please pray for the sick in our parish:

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Cynthia Santos     | Peg Mapes     |
| Grecielia Zuranich | Ed. St. Amour |
| Josie Garcia       | Lynn Hauf     |
| Cathy Rasmussen    | James Sawyer  |

### Please pray for the recently deceased in our parish:

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| James Ashen     | Carl DiCapo    |
| Joseph Vizcarra | Wally Dondero  |
| Jack Kocunik    | Jim Beresford  |
| Verd Nommensen  | Vienna Golsong |



*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

## DEACON LAWRENCE KLIMECKI



Why did Jesus insist on being baptized? John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. But Jesus was without sin so why was He so persistent about being baptized by John?

In the 1862 novel “Les Miserables,” by Victor Hugo, the protagonist, Jean Valjean is released from prison after serving 19 years for theft. Valjean arrives in the town of Digne one night looking for shelter. He is repeatedly turned away when his papers reveal him to be an ex-convict.

Finally Valjean appears at the residence of Bishop Myriel. Myriel takes him in, gives him supper and a bed for the one night. During their meal, Valjean takes note of the bishop's fine silver and resolves to steal it. Rising in the middle of the night he collects the silver tableware and runs off into the dark.

But Valjean is quickly arrested. When asked about the silver he claims that the bishop gave it to him as a gift. The police take the thief and the stolen silver back to the bishop for answers. Valjean trembles before the bishop as the police give their report. He knows that being convicted of theft again means that he will be sent to the galleys as a slave for the rest of his life. But then something miraculous happens.

The police inform the bishop that Valjean claims the silver to be a gift. There is a moment of silence and then the bishop responds “Yes, and I’m glad he’s returned, since I also gave him the silver candlesticks but he forgot to take them with him.”

The bishop then reminds Jean Valjean of the promise he made to use the silver to turn his life around and work for the good of others.

“Forget not, never forget that you have promised me to use this silver to become an honest man.... Jean Valjean, my brother: you belong no longer to evil, but to good. It is your soul that I am buying for you. I withdraw it from dark thoughts and from the spirit of perdition, and I give it to God!”

Valjean's life is never the same after that. A transformation is at work in him. The Bishop believed in him and that faith set the thief on a different path, a path of renewal.

By His participation in the baptism offered by John, Jesus gives us many gifts. He gives us the sacrament by which we become adopted Children of God and accepts His mission as God's suffering servant.

But perhaps most importantly, through baptism Jesus sets in motion God's saving plan to renew all things according to the Divine Will. To “make all things new,” means to restore all things to the way God meant for them to be, including our human nature.

When we are baptized, we no longer belong to evil, but to good. God purchases our soul and brings us from the darkness into the light, because He believes in the goodness of His creation.

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The Baptism of the Lord

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As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises.

If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact *Sidney at 916.482.8883.*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

- Saint Francis of Assisi



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTION

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Monday 1/10 - 8am      | Debbie Vaughn (L)<br>Lucille Gruenwald (D)                 |
| Tuesday 1/11 - 8am     | Alfreda Christian (D)<br>Elvia Espinoza Chavez Alvarez (D) |
| Wednesday 1/12 - 8am   | Max Whitaker (L)<br>Debbie Vaughn (L)                      |
| Thursday 1/13 - 8am    | Alexander Whitaker (L)<br>Debbie Vaughn (L)                |
| Friday 1/14 - 8am      | Santos Family (L & D)<br>Ralph Blomberg (D)                |
| Saturday 1/15 - 8am    | Tom & Melissa Witry (L)                                    |
| Saturday 1/15 - 5:30pm | Scott Wilson (L)   |
| Sunday 1/16 - 8am      | Rick Whitaker (L)  |
| Sunday 1/16 - 10:30am  | People of the Parish (L)                                   |
| Sunday 1/16 - 4:30pm   | Barbara Jeong (L)  |

## Adult Confirmation 2022

Presentation Parish is offering an Adult Confirmation class for adults age 18 or older who are already Baptized Catholics but missed confirmation.

Our classes will begin in January



If you are interested, please contact Sidney Curry for a registration form and more information.

[Sid@presentationparish.org](mailto:Sid@presentationparish.org)  
916-482-8883



## Adult Faith Formation

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, our Jesus Christ our LORD.

**Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas.**

*For information about RCIA, contact Sidney at 916.482.8883*



Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from him.

Yet God the Father's love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation.

If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life contact Sid at 916.482.8883 or [sid@presentationparish.org](mailto:sid@presentationparish.org)

## Pick A Saint!

We have a tradition here of picking a patron saint from one of the baskets in the vestibule for the new year.

### [What's the point of picking a saint?](#)

Actually, the saint chooses you, not the other way around. Over the course of the year, one is supposed to not only learn about the saint's spirituality and try to incorporate what one can into one's own spiritual practices, but also to entrust one's intentions to his or her prayerful intercession. In doing so, one learns to trust in prayer, and grow in heavenly friendship. This is also a wonderful way to learn more about different saints!

**2022** Saint Calendars



*In the Vestibule*

## LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB!

All girls (ages 4-10) are invited to join!

We will meet monthly for fun, crafts and virtue talks in the Immaculata.

We are also inviting girls ages 11-14 to join their own club- **Little Women**.

In addition to assisting the Little Flowers girls club they will have activities and virtue talks of their own.

Come and learn all about the groups and register for Little Flowers or Little Women after Mass on **January 9th!**

### Questions?

Contact Meghan Bardin  
916-519-6802  
[megbardin@gmail.com](mailto:megbardin@gmail.com)



## Natural Family Planning

Married and Engaged Couples, have you learned about how God is calling you to better understand your fertility through Natural Family Planning?

If not, come join the upcoming class on

**January 30th & February 13th**

3:30pm - 5:30pm Cost is **\$135**

Sign up at [ccli.org](http://ccli.org)

### Questions?

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## Benny's Corner



Meowhh – ow-ow-ow!

Joy to the World must be the best Christmas carol 'cuz it makes my whiskers twitch with 'xcitement and my body tingles. And Pawpa Pastor puts all his joy into the song and saves a little for me. He swoops me up into his arms and squeezes me in his Aah-ha-ha-Pawpa-Hug – all while singing one of our favorite songs. Mruh . . . He says Christmastide is over after Epiphany except on the traditional calendar it lasts through the Feast of the Presentation on February 2nd. Mrowhh! But this year Christmas season is shorter with holy days back to back on the weekend. But my pawpa says we hold Christmas joy in our hearts like a shining star all year through.

"Ben," Pawpa calls. "Do you know what special day it is today?"

I shake my head 'mro.' I want to be the best Cat-holic student I can be but it's not always easy.

"It's the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord."

All at once I remember. As God, Jesus was sinless and didn't need baptism. "Mih-is-mree," I offer.

"Yes, Benny. Jesus followed Jewish customs. Then, he began his public ministry. Similarly, the sacrament of Baptism begins each Christian's life with sanctifying grace as a new relationship begins."

"Mur."

"Bird? Yes. Jesus emerged from the waters and the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. From the heavens, God's voice proclaimed Jesus as His Son in whom He was well-pleased."

"Mru meer," I suggest.

"New year?" he asks, crinkling the little fur strips over his eyes.

"Mreh," I nod. "Mih-is-mree."

"Aah-ha-ha! Benkovski!" Before I can blink twice, I'm snuggled in his arms. "Excellent connection. A new year and a renewed ministry for us."

Cat mint! I puff out my cheeks. Right again. My green eyes look at my pawpa's blue ones. Guess we'll always have Christmas colors to remind us of the green Christmas wreath and glistening bluish-white light, the star, over the manger. "Mry my," I yawn, ready for a nap.

Pawpa smiles, his cheeks rosy with joy. "Christ's light," he repeats. "To share with others."

Joy to the world lives in his heart. And mine. 'Cuz we love Jesus.

Pawz up with all the joy in my heart,  
Benny



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Baptism of the Lord • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN  
MESSIAH  
BAPTIZING

WATER  
POWERFUL  
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT  
FIRE  
JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N  
H O L Y S P I R I T O  
E H A I T O S U F A M  
J N E G Y W A T E R E  
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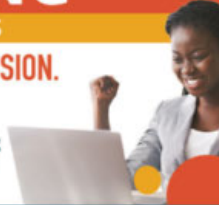
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