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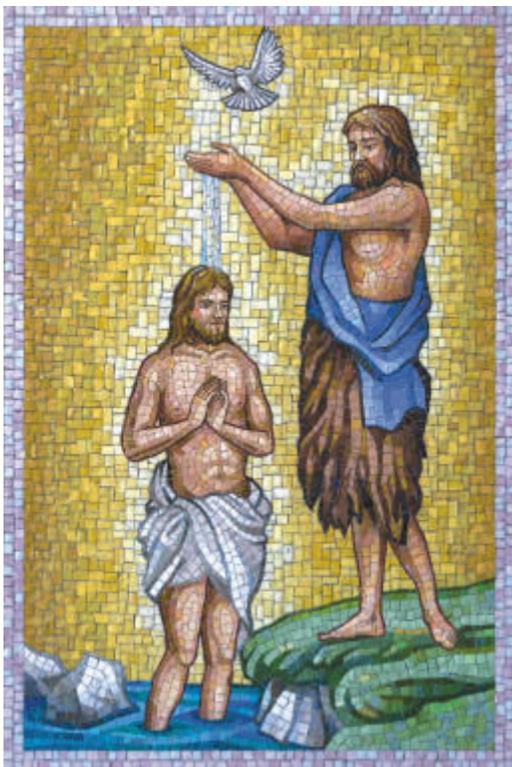
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The Baptism of the Lord



January 10, 2021



The Feast of the BAPTISM OF THE LORD

He bowed his head in humility as an example, not because he suffered imperfections

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St. John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother.

Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son, and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows

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the Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. 'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men' (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins:

"Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners."

— (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

Excerpted from the *Congregation for the Clergy*

Pastoral Corner by Fr. John

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have had the privilege of baptizing a dozen or more children. When some parishes postponed baptisms due to the pandemic, we here did not. We as a parish have been commissioned by Jesus himself to baptize in and out of season. Following all the safety precautions, children and adults were not deprived of this essential and first of all the Sacraments. As pastor, I just could not deprive a child and their family of this great gift — to become an adopted son or daughter of God.

All four Gospels record this luminous mystery of the Baptism of Jesus, but today, we read St. Mark's version of the event. St. Mark describes Jesus' baptism in this way: "It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

In my homily at a baptism, I often share with the family who are presenting their child for baptism that this very event happens when their child is baptized. As water is poured over the head of their child three times, the heavens are ripped open and the voice of the Father cries out: "My beloved son (or daughter)!" I remind the parents that they have the responsibility to help their child understand their new identity as a real son or daughter of God by love of God (who loves them the most) and neighbor.

Baptism is often a Sacrament that is taken for granted, possibly because it only happens once. Yet, the reception of the other Sacraments requires baptism. For example, the first garment that I wear underneath my priestly vestments is the *alb* (the white robe), which is a symbol of my baptism. When each of us was baptized, our lives were changed forever. There is no way to undo or erase one's baptism. Like Confirmation and Holy Orders, Baptism leaves an indelible (permanent) mark on our souls.

Every year, Pope Francis reminds us to remember the date of our baptism. Last year he taught, "In Baptism the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism. We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. Certainly, some of you do not know it.... Homework to do: when you return home ask: when was I baptized? And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year. Do it. This also does justice to the Lord who was so kind to us. □

Rincón pastoral por el P. Juan

A pesar de la pandemia COVID-19, he tenido el privilegio de bautizar a docenas o más niños. Cuando algunas parroquias pospusieron los bautismos debido a la pandemia, aquí no lo hicimos. Nosotros, como parroquia, hemos sido encargados por Jesús mismo para bautizar dentro y fuera de temporada. Siguiendo todas las precauciones de seguridad, los niños y adultos no fueron privados de este esencial y ante todo los Sacramentos. Como pastor, podría privar a un niño y a su familia de este gran don para que se convierta en un hijo o hija adoptivo de Dios.

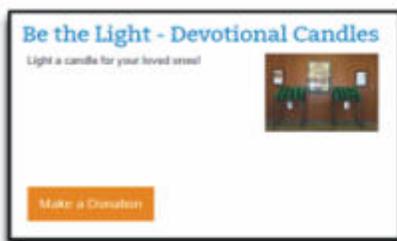
Los cuatro Evangelios registran este misterio luminoso del Bautismo de Jesús. Hoy, leemos la versión de San Marcos de este evento. San Marcos describe el bautismo de Jesús de esta manera: "Sucedió en aquellos días que Jesús vino de Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado en el Jordán por Juan. Al salir del agua vio los cielos desgarrados y el Espíritu, como una paloma, descendiendo sobre él. Y una voz vino de los cielos: 'Tú eres mi Hijo amado; con usted estoy muy contento.'" En mi homilía como bautismo, a menudo comparto con la familia que está presentando a su hijo para el bautismo que este mismo acontecimiento sucede con su hijo se bautiza. Mientras el agua se derrama sobre la cabeza de su hijo tres veces, los cielos se desgarran y la voz del Padre grita: "¡Mi amado hijo (o hija)!" Les recuerdo a los padres que tienen la responsabilidad de ayudar a su hijo a entender su nueva identidad como un verdadero hijo o hija de Dios por amor a Dios (que más los ama) y al prójimo.

El bautismo es a menudo un sacramento que se da por sentado, posiblemente porque sólo ocurre una vez. Sin embargo,

la recepción de los otros Sacramentos requiere el bautismo. Por ejemplo, la primera prenda que llevo debajo de mis vestiduras sacerdotales es el alb (la túnica blanca), que es un símbolo de mi bautismo. Cuando cada uno de nosotros se bautizó, nuestra vida cambió para siempre. No hay manera de deshacer o borrar el bautismo. Al igual que la Confirmación y las Órdenes Sagradas, el Bautismo deja una marca indeleble (permanente) en nuestras almas.

Cada año, el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que recordamos la fecha de nuestro bautismo. El año pasado enseñó: "En el Bautismo, el Espíritu Santo bajó para permanecer dentro de nosotros. Por eso es importante saber la fecha de nuestro Bautismo. Conocemos nuestra fecha de nacimiento, pero no siempre sabemos la fecha de nuestro Bautismo. Ciertamente, algunos de ustedes no lo saben.... Tareas que hacer: cuando regreses a casa pregunte: ¿cuándo me bauticé? Y celebra la fecha de tu Bautismo en tu corazón, cada año. Hazlo. Esto también hace justicia al Señor que fue tan amable con nosotros. □

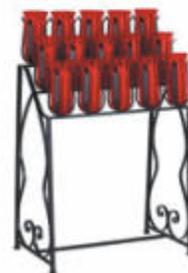
"Be The Light" Devotional Candles Online



As an alternative to filling out envelopes in church, we have setup the website for you to conveniently participate in being "Be The Light" by having a devotional candle lit in the church for one of the following four prayer intentions:

- For yourself - for personal intentions / gratitude for blessings received.
- For others - for their intentions for all we have promised to pray for.
- For world events - pandemic, racial injustice, and other worldly issues.
- For Holy Souls in Purgatory/loved ones who have passed from this life.

Go to our website, click on Support the Parish - Give Online - Make a Donation

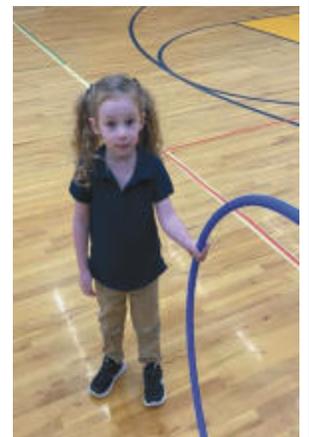


Catholic Schools Week

St. John the Baptist Catholic School has been thriving both in person and digitally this year for all students **preschool - 8th grade!** We would love to show you the school and add your children to our classes! With small class sizes we are able to accomodate daily in person learning, and the latest technology allows us to still provide digital learning for those that wish to remain home. Financial aid is available to all those that need it to provide a Catholic education for their children.

Catholic schools week begins on January 31st - February 5th and during this week we will be scheduling private tours for those interested in joining our amazing school! Registration for the upcoming 2021-22 school year begins on **March 1st for returning families** and **March 15th for new families**. Some limited availability to transfer for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Please contact Lucero Silva (school office manager) at **503-654-0200** or email to set up a tour with any questions you might have to lsilva@sjbcatholicsschool.org. Come be a part of all the wonderful things going on at SJB!



What's Happening?

- ◆ **Sun. Jan 10:**
 - 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Adoration Church
 - 5:00 p.m. – Boys Scouts / Girls Troop - Cafeteria
- ◆ **Wed. Jan 13:**
 - 6:00 p.m - St Vincent de Paul, Jordan Room
 - 6:00 p.m - Divine Mercy, Spanish
- ◆ **Thur. Jan 14:**
 - 6:30 p.m. – Legion of Mary, Jordan Room
- ◆ **Fri. Jan 15:**
 - 9:00 a.m. – **School Mass – 7th Grade**
- ◆ **Sun. Jan 17:**
 - 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Adoration Church
 - 5:00 p.m. – Boys Scouts / Girls Troop - Cafeteria
- ◆ **Wed. Jan 20:**
 - 6:00 p.m — Divine Mercy, Spanish
- ◆ **Thur. Jan 21:**
 - 6:30 p.m. – Legion of Mary, Jordan Room
- ◆ **Fri. Jan 22:**
 - 9:00 a.m. – **School Mass – 6th Grade**
- ◆ **Sun. Jan 24:**
 - 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Adoration Church
 - 5:00 p.m. – Boys Scouts / Girls Troop - Cafeteria
- ◆ **Wed. Jan 27:**
 - 6:00 p.m — St Vincent de Paul, Jordan Room
 - 6:00 p.m — Divine Mercy, Spanish
- ◆ **Wed. Jan 30:**
 - **Fr. John's Birthday!!!**



Pro-Life Defending the Unborn

Place:

Planned Parenthood in Milwaukee:
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City

Time:

Each Wednesday - 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Several of us are going to this event after our 8:30 a.m. Mass each Wednesday. If you are not able to attend and pray with us at this time, please contact John Johnson and he will schedule an additional time for you.

"If my people humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land." 2 Chron 7:14

For more information please contact:

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Thank you for all your continued support with the bottles and cans that are placed in the blue recycling bags in the back of the church. We ended 2020 strong. We are starting a New Year 2021, so bring in those full blue bags. If you need any blue bags you can always come into the office we have a supply ready to hand out.



The Baptism of Jesus

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

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“Christ is baptized and the whole world is made holy,” sings today's liturgy; “He wipes out the debt of our sins; we will all be purified by water and the Holy Spirit.” (*Lauds antiphon*)

There is a strict relationship between the Baptism of Christ and our baptism. At the Jordan the heavens opened to indicate that the Savior has opened the way of salvation and we can travel it thanks to our own new birth of *water and Spirit*, accomplished in Baptism.

In it we are inserted into the Mystical Body of Christ, that is, the Church, we die and rise with him, we are clothed with him, as the Apostle Paul often emphasized. The commitment that springs from baptism is therefore “to listen” to Jesus: to believe in him and gently follow him, doing his will.

In this way everyone can tend to holiness, a goal that... constitutes the vocation of all the baptized. --Pope Benedict XVI

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the prayers, blessings, well wishes, cards, gifts and lots of wonderful food that were given to me this Christmas Season.

Fr. John Marshall

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU



Kathy Saylor ♥ Tam an Tran
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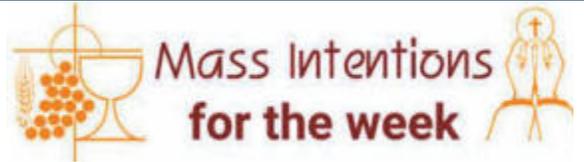
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SANCTUARY CANDLE OFFERINGS

January 10th – January 16th

For members who have made their Communion and Confirmation

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Sat. / Sab. Jan 9: 8:30 a.m. – YLI Members
 4:00 p.m. – † Roger Ball – Lee Nolet

Sun. / Dom. Jan 10: 7:30 a.m. – Caitlin Scales – Michele & Dennis Murphy
 9:30 a.m. – † Lou Gabrish – Pat & Patty Gabrish
 12:00 noon - † Jose Martinez – Mary Merrick

Mon. / Lun. Jan 11: 8:30 a.m. - **No Mass**

Tues. / Mar. Jan 12: 8:30 a.m. – † John White – Vern & Yvonne Braun
 7:00 p.m. – † Bill Phelan – Dick & Mary Deane Smith

Wed. / Mie. Jan 13: 8:30 a.m. – Government Leaders – The Brauns

Thur. / Jueves Jan 14: 8:30 a.m. – † Brint Hill – Jean Hill
 7:00 p.m. – † Malvina Nolet – Lee Nolet

Fri. / Vie. Jan 15: 8:30 a.m. – † Eyvonne Braun – Vern & Yvonne Braun

Sat. / Sab. Jan 16: 8:30 a.m. – Sr. Juana Gutierrez, SSMO – Ray Talarsky
 4:00 p.m. – † Malvina Nolet – Lee Nolet

Sun. / Dom. Jan 17: 7:30 a.m. – † James Cameron – Jean Hill Rutter
 9:30 a.m. – † Daniel Francis Campbell IV – Janis Hootman
 12:00 noon - † Malvina Nolet – Lee Nolet

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Tue-Sat: 8:30 a.m. English
 Tues. & Thurs.
 7:00 p.m. En español
 Sat: 4:00 p.m. Vigil
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. En español

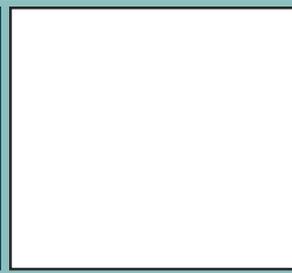
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Sabado - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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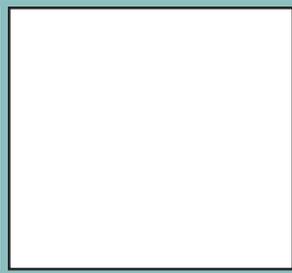
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