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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

(Mark 1: 11)

Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo, Pastor
Deacon Loc Nguyen

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Masses

Saturday Vigil:

Sunday 9:00 am (English Outdoor)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM

First Friday:

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00PM- 7:30PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:

Wednesdays after morning mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: Mondays &
Fridays after morning mass

Confessions

Saturday 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment

Baptisms

Pre-Baptism classes for parents and godparents held every second Tuesday of the month. Contact the parish office.

* **Spanish Classes**, contact Hilda Avelar at 925-642-3058.

* **Vietnamese** baptisms, contact Fr. Peter Dung D. Ngo at the parish office.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

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• Religious Education

RCIA Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or membership in the Catholic Church.

• St. Vincent de Paul

Food pantry opens Mondays 9:30AM -11AM in the Parish hall

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 11

7:30 am Nguoi Thanh Tran

Tuesday, January 12

7:30 am Kim Mui Trac

Wednesday, January 13

7:30 am The Hung Tran

Thursday, January 14

7:30 am Jose T. Masangcay

Friday, January 15

7:30 am Joy Bautista

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am Nguyen Phat Hoang

Sunday, January 17

9:00 am Ebias-Vicente Families

Imelda Dadis



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GOSPEL READING Mk 1:7-11



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:
“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
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.”

PRAY FOR THE SICK

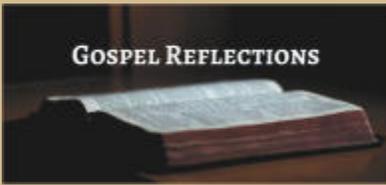
Connie Trias, Claire Luna-Fernandez, Mario & Emma Dolor, Bertha Baldauf, Jovita Domingo, Carol Wagner, Julian Martinez, Virginia Cabaddu, Nena Davi, Danny Muly, Michelle McLaughlin, Miguel Ortiz, Michael Regello, Adele Discipulo, Virgilio Constantino, Jeremy Gallegos Walker, Francisco Arias, Pacita Grabek, Rosalina Masangcay, Carmelo Cecilio victims of the Coronavirus, all those in the Parish who are sick and all those listed in the Book of Intention.

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.

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Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In most years, this feast is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. When Epiphany falls on either January 7 or 8, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday after Epiphany.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, Jesus' baptism was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to all who are present. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism shows that something new is beginning through the baptism and ministry of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God.

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He did not need the sacrament, as we do.

In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He did not need it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary—not for Him, but for us. Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

The Baptism of the Lord has historically been associated with the celebration of Epiphany. Even today, the Eastern Christian feast of Theophany, celebrated on January 6 as a counterpart to the Western feast of Epiphany, focuses primarily on the Baptism of the Lord as the revelation of God to man.

After the Nativity of Christ (Christmas) was separated from Epiphany, the Church in the West continued the process and dedicated a celebration to each of the major epiphanies (revelations) or theophanies (the revelation of God to man). There was the Birth of Christ at Christmas, which revealed Christ to Israel; the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, in the visit of the Wise Men at Epiphany; the Baptism of the Lord, which revealed the Trinity; and the miracle at the wedding at Cana, which revealed Christ's transformation of the world. (For more on the four theophanies, see the article on Christmas.)

Thus, the Baptism of the Lord began to be celebrated on the octave (eighth day) of Epiphany, with the miracle at Cana celebrated on the Sunday after that. In the current liturgical calendar, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and, a week later, on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana.

PARISH EVENTS

CONFESSIONS:

**Father Peter will be offering
Outdoor Confessions on
Saturdays from 4:00 pm at the
Divine Mercy Shrine.**

**All indoor masses/activities have been
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**We will still have our outdoor
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@ 9:00 am .The outdoor mass will
also be Livestream on our
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FOOD DRIVE

We will maintain a donation barrel for non-perishable foods in the church foyer; please be generous. Our groups of volunteers are here every Monday, and they always need groceries to help the needy in our community. The demand has been much greater!



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CATHOLICSCARE SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

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9 DAYS FOR LIFE

January 21, 2021 - January 29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Pray to protect human life! For more information : <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

- ◆ Has Covid got you down? Worried about getting sick? Join us for a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of your home.
- ◆ Are you looking for a way to create a great start in your relationship for the New Year?
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- ◆ Sign up today to attend the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb. 19-21, 2021. Please go to oaklandwwme.org to apply or call Ray & Roberta at 916-806-4601 for more information.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or call Ray & Roberta at 916-806-4601 for more information.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: OUR YEAR OF SERVICE



We invite parishes to participate in Walking with Moms in Need: Our Year of Service, where Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Details about this campaign and how to get involved are available through the link: <https://oakdiocese.org/momsinneed>.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I pray for the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly on earth and in eternity. Amen!

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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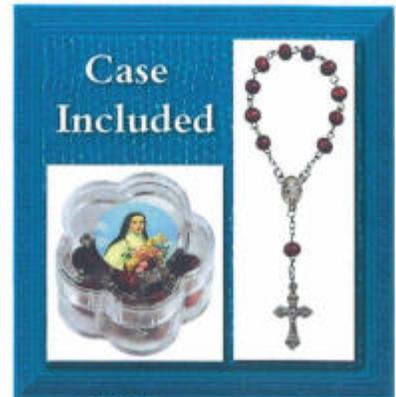
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Father in heaven, may we recognize your Son as God even in the lowliness of His human nature and adore Him as our mighty Lord even in the frailty of His childhood. May we follow Him with sincere hearts. Help us to welcome His kingdom among us with the eagerness of a child and to received the reward promised to the humble.



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