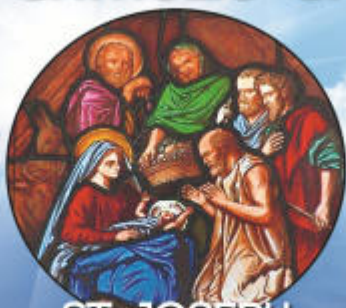


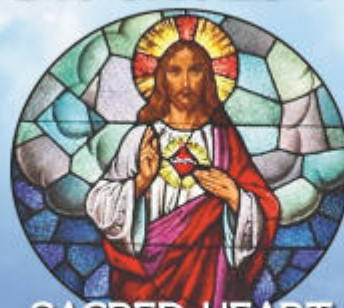
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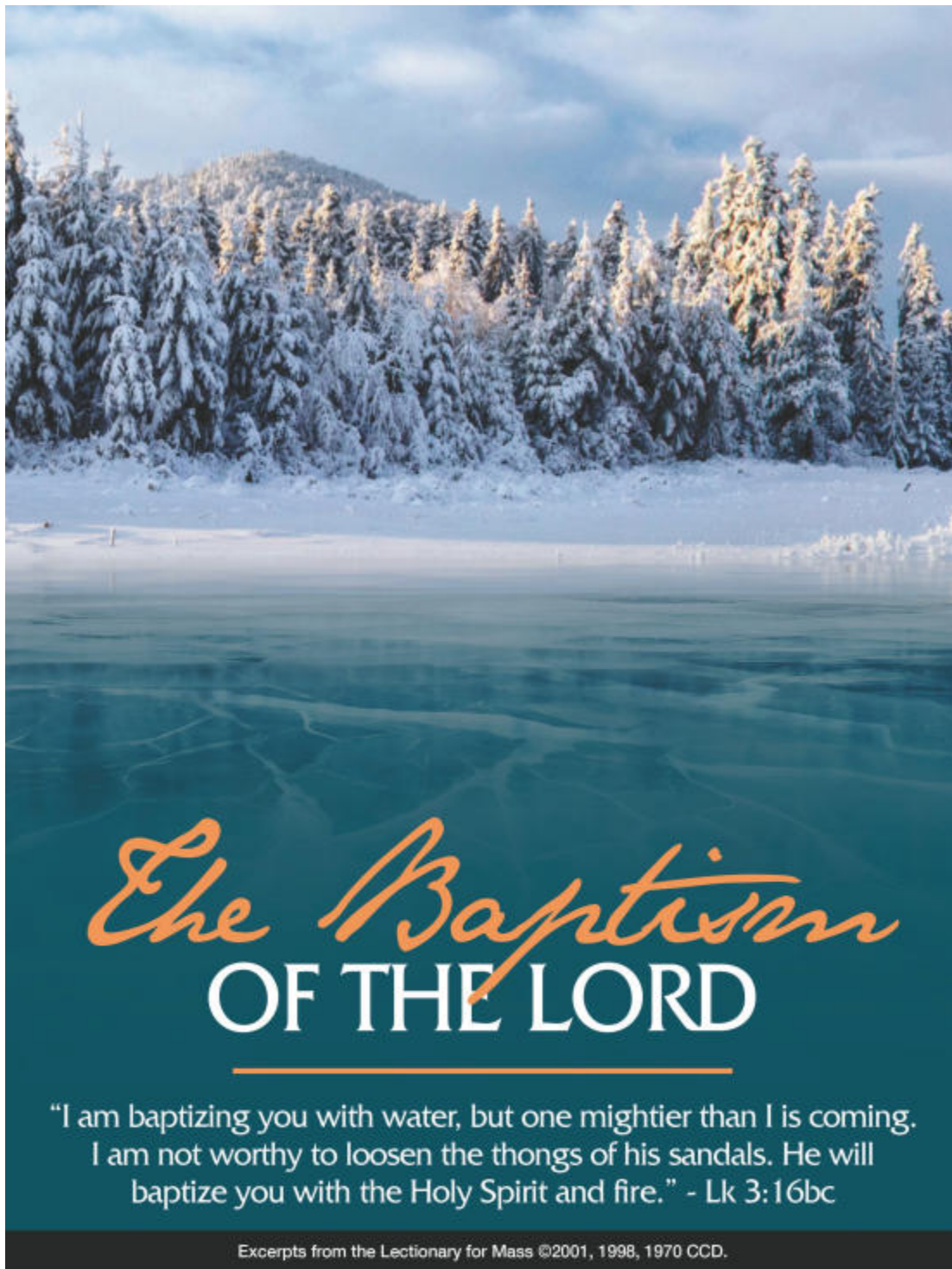


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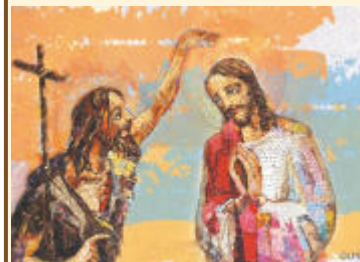


SACRED HEART

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*Sunday,
January 9th
Readings:*



First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
(40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul.
(Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
(Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

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 3:22)



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Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday, January 2nd: 8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P); 5:00 P.M. (G)
Reconciliation 7:00-7:50 A.M. (C) & 4:00-4:50 P.M. (G)

Monday, January 3rd: 7:00 A.M. (L) **Reconciliation** before 7:00 A.M. Mass

Tuesday, January 4th: 7:00 A.M. (L) **Reconciliation** before 7:00 A.M. Mass

Wednesday, January 5th: 5:30 P.M. (L)

Thursday, January 6th: 7:00 A.M. (L) **Reconciliation** before 7:00 A.M. Mass

Friday, January 7th: 7:00 A.M. (L) **Reconciliation** before 7:00 A.M. Mass

Saturday, January 8th: 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)
Reconciliation 3:00-3:50 P.M. (P)

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

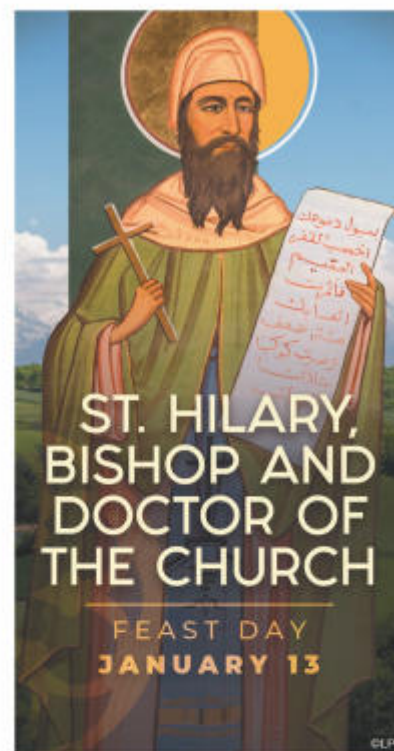
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

For: True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Sunday: *For Francis, our Pope, Michael, our Bishop, Vincent, our Pastor, Alfred & Sam, our deacons, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.*

Monday: *Spirit of meekness and humility.*

Tuesday: *Spirit of Faith.*

Wednesday: *Spirit of Charity.*

Thursday: *Love of the Holy Eucharist.*

Friday: *For peace within our country.*

Saturday: *Love of chastity & the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

- Traci Hymel
- Michaela M. Sisson
- Kristin Sweeney
- Ashley Montz
- Emily Duebler
- Elisabeth Laurent
- Hailey P. Waguespack
- Victoria N. Roussel
- Joyce Gravois
- Raven Brack

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers-to-be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love. Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations. Amen.



Travelling Chalice & Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
Host family: Alvin & Debbie St. Pierre - Jan. 12th-19th Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque, 225-206-2929

Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary
Host family Jan. 9th-15th Gayle Roussel (St. Michael); Sonjie Haydel (St. Mary) Call: Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129

Prayer Link: Praying for parishioners needs:
To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.

Those In Need of Our Prayers:

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| Braylee Lambert | Diane Rome |
| Damien Powers | John Lowman |
| Betty Brignac | Elsie Batiste |

Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:

- Kathleen Andermann (SM)
Allie M. Bourgeois (SH)
Myrrh Poche (AC)



In Loving Remembrance

Gerald "Jerry" Levet

June 27, 1925-December 17, 2021

A Mass of Christian burial was held in his honor on Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 at St. Michael Church, burial following in Greenwood Cemetery, New Orleans.

Frances Miano Troxler

November 02, 1942-December 23, 2021

A Mass of Christian burial was held in her honor on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, burial following in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Kathleen Matherne Swisher

January 28, 1943-December 26, 2021

A Mass of Christian burial was held in her honor on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021 at St. Joseph Church, burial following in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery, Reserve.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Sacraments & Services

BAPTISM:

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sun.-St. Michael, 2nd Sun.-St. Joseph & 3rd Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children):

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

MATRIMONY:

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at

562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date. **No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.**

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

RECONCILIATION:

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Baptism of the Lord

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

— Pope Francis

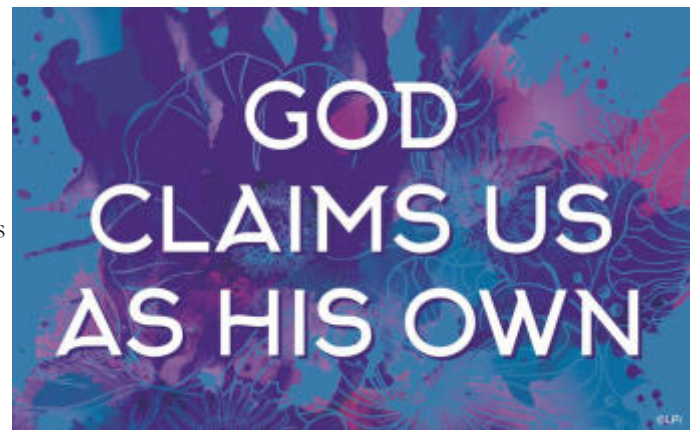
What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of 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 lives 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.



A Call To Reflect & Respond

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God’s presence?

Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called “to live temperately, justly, and devoutly.” How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God’s words from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

In & Around Our Cluster



Called to Love Virtual Retreat *Saturday, January 15, 2022*

The Office of Marriage and Family Life of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will offer a Called to Love virtual retreat for engaged couples Saturday, Jan. 15 – Sunday, Jan. 16. The retreat includes a full-day scheduled on Saturday, from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and a morning session on Sunday, from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., followed by a pre-recorded Mass. Cost is \$100 per couple. For more information, visit diobr.org/programs-for-engaged-couples or call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 225-387-0561.



March for Life Pilgrimage *Monday, January 17, 2022*

On average our Diocese takes nine buses of students from throughout the Diocese on a spiritual journey like no other. These buses are full of students, priests, seminarians and religious Sisters as they journey to spiritual and historical sights during the six-day trip. This pilgrimage allows students to see the beauty of the Catholic faith and the dignity of each and every human life – even their own!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9, 2022:

8:00 a.m. (C) For the Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

10:00 a.m. (P) For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

5:00 p.m. (G) For the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, January 10, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

Special Intention, Leonard & Julia White & Family, Dennis Paul Matherne, L.J. Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 11, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

Inez & Eunice Oubre

Wednesday, January 12, 2022:

5:30 p.m. (L)

Pat, Eldess & Daryl Broussard, Raymond Sr. & William Ledet, Sally Rodriguez, Andy & Rita Deslattes & Family, Malcolm Fauchoux, Irwin Montz, Bradley & Jason Bourgeois, Leonard & Julia White & Family, Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 13, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

Kenneth Pelham

Friday, January 14, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

Darren "Pete" Laroze, Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, Ruth & Anthony Accardo, Leonard & Julia White & Family, L.J. Hymel Sr., Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 15, 2022:

4:00 p.m. (P)

Nathan Louque, Warren Lambert, Hendricks E. Veron Jr., Randolph & Elaine Roussel, Dennis Paul Matherne, M/M Ernest Veron, M/M Joseph Lambert & Sylvia, Souls in Purgatory

6:00 p.m. (G)

Sam & Josephine Gondolfo, Jean & Larry Simoneaux, Bubbie St. Pierre, Staci Champagne Lambert, Clarence Becnel, Allie M. Bourgeois, Souls in Purgatory

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized.

After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."

PRAYER

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN
MESSIAH
BAPTIZING

WATER
POWERFUL
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT
FIRE
JESUS

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Ashton Michael Kliebert

Ashton Michael is the son of Alyssa Paige Kliebert. Ashton Michael was baptized by Rev. Vincent J. Dufresne on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church.

Janie Rose Doucet & Jolie Rae Doucet

Janie Rose and Jolie Rae are the twin daughters of Jason Paul Doucet & Lacie Ann Clouatre. Janie Rose and Jolie Rae were baptized by Rev. Vincent J. Dufresne on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at St. Joseph Church.

Ashton Michael; Janie Rose & Jolie Rae you are now initiated into the Catholic faith, and welcomed into the membership of the church and the holy body of the people of Christ. Congratulations!

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St. Peter Chanel would like to announce and congratulate this year's Krewé Catholique Rivière V Carnival Ball Royal Court.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the

Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED



Question:

At my grandson’s Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby’s head. Others are simply placed on the baby’s chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer



says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.



Jesus’ identity is revealed as “The Son of God” through His baptism in the Jordan. Our identity as “children of God” is revealed through our baptism. Our lives, then, must constantly witness Jesus as

Lord. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

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Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor. See Luke 3:22



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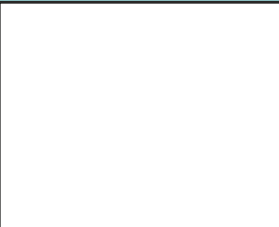
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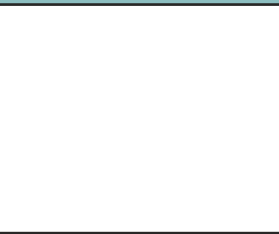


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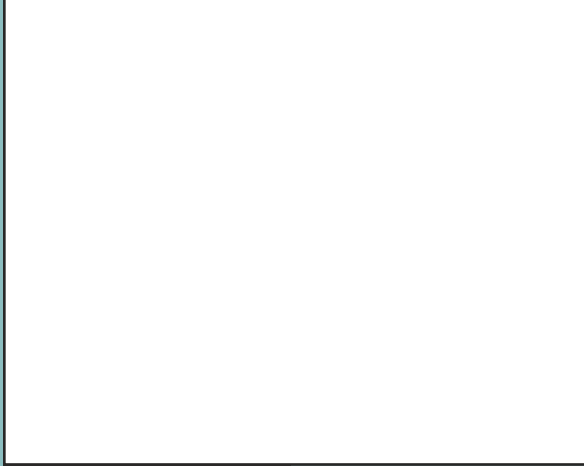


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