



ST ROCH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic-Christian Community of St. Roch Parish, following the work of Jesus Christ, are dedicated to the faith formation, and spiritual growth of our Parish and neighboring communities. As the people of God, we are called through the Holy Spirit to evangelize, to minister, to provide faith-filled experiences of prayer and devotion and to cultivate the Gospel values of Love, Peace and Justice.

FR. RAY'S XRAYS



Howdy! The Christmas season celebrates the baptism of Jesus and another great theophany of God - God making a declaration of presence: "you are my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased." Startling!

The scriptures offered to us in this joy-filled season offer us many insights into God and God's plan of salvation...While it is a story of old, the hope of glory still unfolds for us in our hearing these passages and putting them into play in our everyday lives.

Along with the many lyrics of the Christmas carols we sing and have sung at Mass, we have resources on how to put this unfolding of God's plan into effect. Some to many of them are described and celebrated in our family traditions and even in the decorations we put up at home.

Some of these - ornaments for example or the manger pieces (figurines) or other long standing heirlooms - linens used, like tablecloths (crocheted, embroidered by mom or grandma - speak (loudly) to us of times past. But it is not in times past that we live obviously, but use these things and events to recall and to further ourselves in our lives. Hopefully, as we recall, we note how far we have come since that past time!

As we celebrate a new year, we pray that we have gained some insights into life - wisdom and knowledge- so that we don't repeat the same things that caused us problems, but have developed ways or means to overcome them. Further, hoping we have achieved a true sense of moving forward. This year, 2022, like any new year, offers us a new beginning. May we use this time for our benefit and the benefit of others. that we live with and associate with in our daily living.

Thank you to so many for prayers, blessings, wishes and hope offered to me at Christmas and for this new year. I am also very appreciative of gifts given. I am awestruck at so many of you and your generosity. And that is found in your offering of your time and talent for the wellbeing of this community. Your treasure- sharing - is also remarkable. Gifts given, gifts received are noted by me and others. Thank you for what you offer to this parish community. It is once again, greatly received and greatly appreciated!

God's blessings, take care, be safe and be wise.



Our Music Ministry will be providing a Music Class for anyone interested in learning how to read music or sight sing. If you want to sing and follow along better in your hymnal, want to participate in music ministry but fear the unknown, or just increase your knowledge of a music page, please see Anne Marie, our Music Director, after Mass to express your interest.

St. Roch Givers,

Thank you for supporting St. Roch Parish Community with your consistent support using envelopes or on-line giving. Your contributions help support all the activities and services the parish provides. Special offerings, such as Christmas flowers, holy days and charitable donations, such as Peter's Pence and Religious Retirement, are now included on-line for your use. It offers the opportunity to participate in all the collections the mailed monthly envelopes provide. To save duplication and expense, please consider discontinuing receiving envelopes in the mail if you do use on-line contributions. Contact the parish office to opt out of receiving them. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



COLLECTION 12-26-2021	
Registered Families	694
Sunday Envelopes Returned	95
Envelopes	\$ 2,488.00
Loose	\$.00
Children's Collection	\$ 2.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,490.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,740.00
(Under) Over Budget	\$(5,250.00)
Supplemental Income	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
All Souls	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$38,514.48
Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 85.00
Miscellaneous	
(Votives/Masses/Funerals)	\$ 300.00
Religious Education	\$ 65.00
Total Sunday & Suplm'tl	\$41,514.48
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 10.00
Retired Religious	\$ 1,010.00
St Vincent DePaul (70)	\$ 3,471.00

THANK YOU!



Greetings & Happy New Year!

I pray that the new year brings you all good health, peace, joy, and laughter!

Faith Formation classes resume this week, January 3rd and 4th. We look forward to seeing your children again!

We have a busy month ahead:

January 10th and 11th there are 8th grade parent meetings during regular class time. Please try to attend while your 8th grade student is in class; but, if you need to come at one of the other times, that is fine. It's more important that you attend this important meeting about the Sacrament of Confirmation! These meetings will take place in the Social Hall.

Saturday, January 15th, we are participating in the Archdiocese's Martin Luther King Service Day. We use this day as a kickoff for the Confirmation Class of 2022. All 8th grade students are expected to attend. They will be here from noon until 5:00pm. Lunch will be served, and we will be attending 4:00 Mass as a group. We will be doing service projects, learning about what is expected of them as they prepare for Confirmation, prayer, and fun activities. Students will be dismissed immediately following the 4:00 Mass. We would love to have the families of these students attend 4:00 Mass as well!

We do not have Faith Formation classes on January 17th & 18th in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

At all the weekend Masses on January 22nd and 23rd, our First Communion Class will be present (some, not all, at each Mass) for the Rite of Enrollment as they continue to prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Communion. There will be a 2nd grade parent meeting after each of these Masses in the Gathering Space.

Please keep our 2nd and 8th grade students, and their families, in your prayers that this time of preparation may be meaningful.

Would you be willing to help in the capacity of subbing for catechists that have to miss class? I would let you know as soon as I know to see if you're available. We would have a lesson plan already for you. We greatly need help in this area as we currently don't have any subs. Please pray about this and then contact me if you feel that you can do this at this time.

May God bless you and your families, Cheryl



Pastoral and Sacramental Guidelines

Baptism

Infant baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 11:30 Mass (or after). Parents requesting baptism of their child or children must contact the parish office, be baptized (or at least one parent), registered and active members of the parish. They must attend a baptism class at least one month prior to the baptism. Newly registered members must wait three months prior to a request.



Marriage

Couples seeking to be married at St. Roch's must contact the pastor to secure a date, contacting him at least six months or more, prior to their desired date. One member of the party must be a baptized Catholic, active and registered at St. Roch's (or through their parents). The couple will then be instructed in the marriage preparation program. Non-Catholic members (of the party) or previously married members are not restricted from entering into marriage, so long as they are free to marry according to the laws of the Catholic Church.



Anointing of the Sick

Any member of the parish may be anointed prior to surgery, beginning therapies, suffering chronic illnesses, having reached old age and/or having been hospitalized. **This sacrament of healing is for the living (conscious and alert) and can be celebrated in church, at home or in the hospital.** Please contact the parish office for a visit to be arranged. Emergencies always take precedence.

First Eucharist and Confirmation

Please contact the Faith Formation Office for information regarding these initiation rites, requirements and subsequent celebrations.

Reconciliation

This healing sacrament is celebrated every Saturday afternoon at 3Pm in the church or by appointment.

Catholic School Tuition Assistance

St. Roch Parish is able to assist families who are active members of the Parish, with Catholic School tuition assistance. Contact Fr. Ray and or the Finance Council for more information.

RCIA

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Call Cheryl @ 734-782-4471 or e-mail her @ knappc@strochflatrock.com

LEST WE FORGET

Lord, may we remember in prayer, our loved ones. Support them with your Holy Spirit and grant us the courage and grace to embrace your loving ways. With all our heart, strength and love grant them divine consolation and eternal rest.

- June Jabe – January 9, 2013*
- Karen Browe – January 9, 2015*
- Theresa Yanez - January 9, 2018*
- Henri Zapolski- January 10, 2001*
- Roy Lee- January 10, 2003*
- Gerald Roberts – January 10, 2013*
- Marie Wierzba- January 11, 1981*
- Paul Ancona- January 11, 1998*
- Patrick McAuliffe – January 11, 2005*
- Yvonne D. Dunn – January 11, 2008*
- James Leonard – January 11, 2010*
- Charles Kuderik – January 11, 2017*
- Louis Goepfert- January 12, 1990*
- Regina Elizabeth Rivers – January 12, 2008*
- Douglas Fields – January 13, 2015*
- Alma Ensch- January 14, 1990*
- Edward Kieffer- January 14, 2000*
- Catherine Long – January 14, 2009*
- Willis (Porky) Bidwell- January 15, 2000*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Amen*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 09, 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



Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 8th, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Ella & Leonard LaBrecque
Req. by McCarthy Family

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am Maria Nhiem
Maria Ruyen
Maria Dan
Req. by Family
11:30 am Patrick Tigue
Req. by Family
Michael Downey
Req. by Mom

Wee Worship

De-decorating the Church

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 10th, 2022

8:30 am Meals on Wheels
9:00 am Deceased Member of St. Roch Parish Family
1:00 pm Finance Council
4-5:30 pm Faith Formation Classes
6-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes (eighth grade parent meeting during both sessions)

Tuesday, January 11th, 2022

9:00 am Lancina & Martin Fam Sharon
Req. by Emaline Knight
Family
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
6-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes (eighth grade parent meeting during both sessions)

7:00 pm Christian Service Com

Wednesday, January 12th, 2022

12:30-3:00 pm Bible Study & Sharing
7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul

Thursday, January 13th, 2022

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9:00 am Deceased Members of St. Roch Parish Family

Friday, January 14th, 2022

9:00 am Deceased Member of St. Roch Parish Family
7:00 pm AA

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 15th, 2022

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Noon til 5:00 pm 8th Grade Day of Service

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Roch Parish Family

Sunday, January 16th, 2022

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am Nguyen Grandparents
Req. by Family
11:30 am Claire & Peter Rzonca
Req. by Charlie & Connie Gladhill

Wee Worship

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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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PRAYER FOR MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, Amen



Please keep in prayer ALL the men & women serving in the military & coastguard. Especially these members of our Parish Community:
Joseph Cooper, CDR US Navy
Mark E. Bomia-LCDR, Navy
John Taylor II, Tim Koscielny, USCG BM2
Noah Holtschlag, USMC
Mark Cordovado, Army
Yahir Macias, Army
Donald Puruleski, Army

Please let us know of current personnel in the Armed Services.



Time	Lector/EM
	Altar Server
January 1 10:00 am	SATURDAY Pam Munroe/Volunteer
January 2 9:00 am 11:30 am	SUNDAY Lana Cooper, Pat Kehoe/Mary Kehoe Joan Kowalski/Sara Tackett
January 8 4:00 pm	SATURDAY Chris Hensley/Judy Morgan
January 9 9:00 am 11:30am	SUNDAY Kelli Lambrix, Jessica Phillips/Virg Valmassoi Kevin Martin/Lilli Martin
January 15 4 pm	SATURDAY Gayle Malloy/Pat Vassel
January 16 9:00 am 11:30 am	SUNDAY Jay Otten, Mike Hojnowski/Gabe Tamburino Debra Meeks/Tari Lesperance
January 22 4:00 pm	SATURDAY Dan Harnum/Mary Jo Taschler
January 23 9:00 am 11:30am	SUNDAY Tim Stokes, Ed Suchyta/Fio Valmassoi Chris Snow/Lynn Nowicki
January 29 4:00 pm	SATURDAY Judy Morgan/Debbie Weise
January 30 9:00 am 11:30 am	SUNDAY Ed Suchyta, Kelli Lambrix/Tony Figuera Mike Holtschlag/Becky Matzo



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Paul Adams | Maxine Crandall | Roseann Keenan | Harold Peterson | Margaret Stamper |
| SFC Leonard Addams | Alexis Daley | Mary Kehoe | Nick Peterson | JulieAnne Steckel |
| Beverly Asper | Joyce Downey | Kay Kinsey | John Piekarski | Bruce Stevenson |
| Debbie Baron | Marlene Elwell | Cathleen Kornacki | Barb Pierce | Carol Stoughton |
| Frank R. Beven | Lori Ferguson | Martha LaPrad | Eileen Przybylo | Tom & Susan Strong |
| Janet Beven | Sharon Fletcher | Tony Lloyd | Dorothy Ransford | Jennie Sute |
| Krista Bonesteel | Rick Fournier | Linda Mackay | Paul Ransford | Joanne Tamburino |
| Bill Bonkowski | Cheryl (Mallon)- | Mary Ellen Maley | Joanne Rodzewicz | Joshua Tate |
| Amy Bowling | Gohlinghorst | Dcn John Malloy | Brenda Roll | Greg Tinsler |
| Carla Brown | Louise Griffiths | Colton McGowan | Jennifer Russell | Carol Toporek |
| Wes & Noni Bulman | Tom Hartnett | (Deacon Johns grandson) | Kevin Rzeppa | Mary Wellman |
| Victor Campbell | Cheryl Hojnowski | Michael Michalak | Pamela Sanderson | Ann Williams |
| Victor Campbell, Jr. | Rachel Ivey | George Messmore | Tanya Setser | Zelinske Family |
| David Coffey | Barb Jennings | Isabel Metty | Hunter Simadon | Mary Ann Zukowski |
| Mike Cragg | Rachael Jennings- | Gene Nasal | Dolores Smith | David Zurawski, Sr. |

**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 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. ©LPi



**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. ©LPi



QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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? ©LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

I Hope I Am Like Him

“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.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased.”

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christ. St. Roch’s Conference number is 734-778-2998

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**
Baptismal Bib

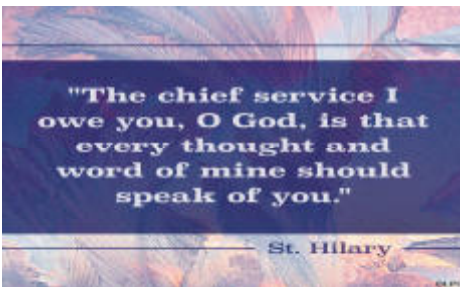
Question:

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.

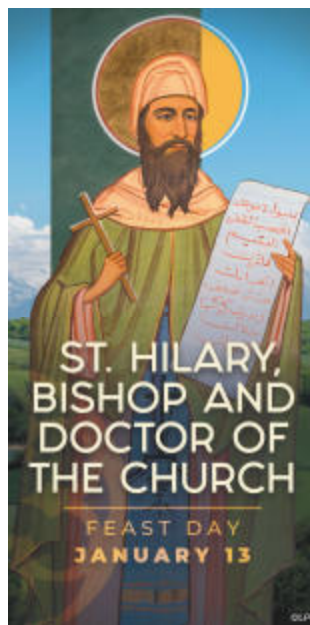
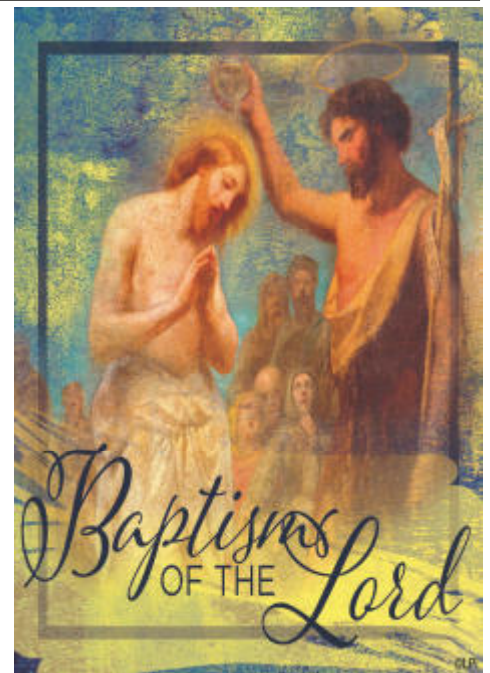
Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed 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. ©LPi



**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FOR
PARISH BULLETINS**
CYCLE C 2021-2022 (ST. LUKE)

The Baptism of the Lord

In today’s Scripture readings, Isaiah foretells the preaching of Jesus’ cousin, John the Baptist. In the Gospel from the evangelist St. Luke, John professes: I am baptizing you with water ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. In a spirit of evangelization, let us draw closer to the Lord in discipleship, invoking the Holy Spirit to enkindle a fire in our hearts. May this fire move us forward as faithful stewards to carry out our baptismal promises to cast off evil and be committed to His Word, to love and serve God and our neighbor, and to spread the Gospel message of the Good News to everyone we encounter. We can begin to evangelize — or re-evangelize — family members and friends by simply inviting them to an evangelization program offered like Alpha or ChristLife.



St. Hilary of Poitiers | January 13

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. ©LPi



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