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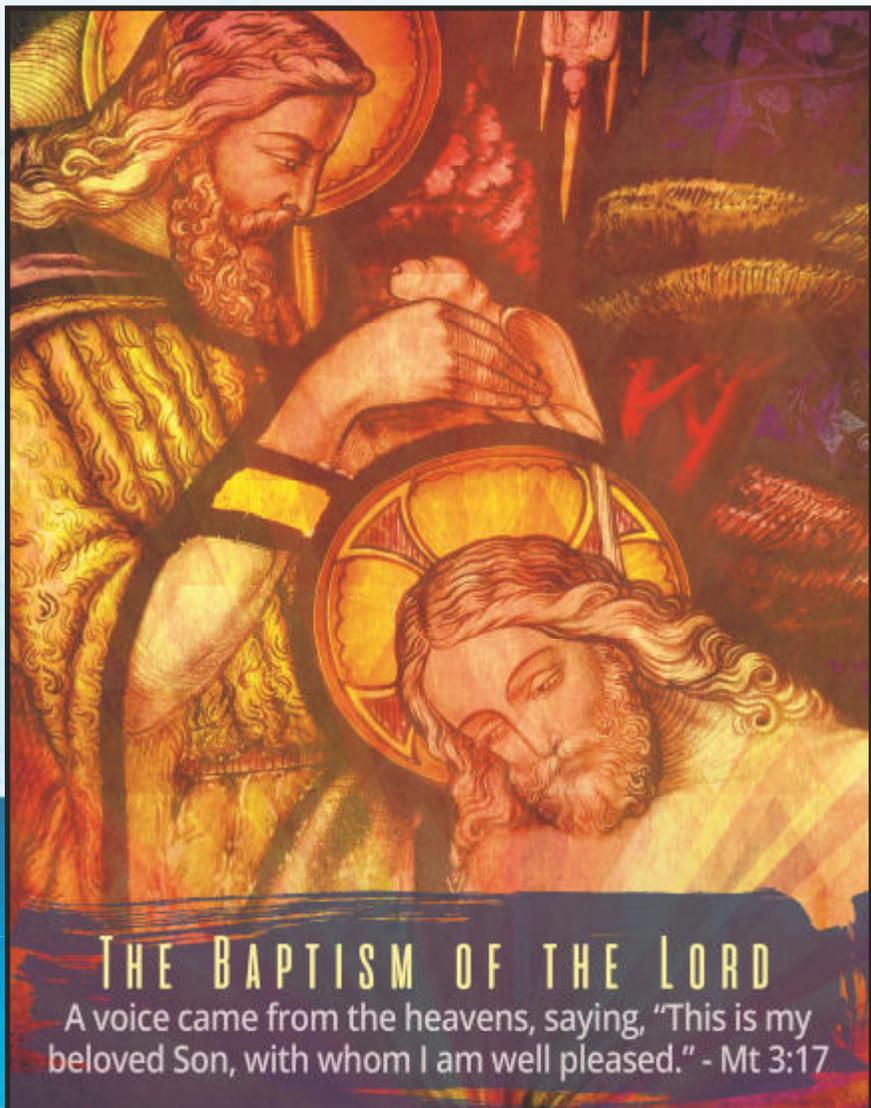
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

Mass Schedule

Mon—Fri: 8:00am

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm

Office Hours

Mon—Thurs: 9:00am — 2:30pm

Closed Friday's



New Parishioners

We welcome you! We would be honored to have you register with us. Please fill out the welcome envelope in the pew and we will mail a registration form to you.

Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Benedict, are called through our Baptism to share the mission of Jesus. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we strive to proclaim Christ's good news by living His message of love, peace and hope. We welcome everyone to our parish community and encourage all to reach out to one another in faith, prayer and service.

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Mass Intentions
For The Week of
The Baptism of The Lord
January 9 — 17, 2021

Saturday, January 9 Christmas Weekday
 5:00pm †Madeline and Jesse Cook
 by Loving Daughter Judi

Sunday, January 10 Baptism of the Lord
 8:30am Parishioners of St. Benedict
 10:30am †Mary Rose
 by Robbie and Catherine Moreton

Monday, January 11 Weekday
 8:00am †Michael Epach
 by Emelie and Gene Gamache

Tuesday, January 12 Weekday
 8:00am †Ed and Cathryn Heitzman by Son Herb

Wednesday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop
 8:00am †Timmy Leary by Sally Miller

Thursday, January 14 Weekday Weekday
 8:00am †Ron Porto
 by Pete and Marylou Magrino

Friday, January 15 Weekday
 8:00am †Solpy and Chito Diawatan by Carmelita

Saturday, January 16 Weekday
 5:00pm †William Zukas by Bill Zukas

Sunday, January 17
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30am Parishioners of St. Benedict
 10:30am †Peter McManus



Pray for our People...
Our Sick...

Clarence Redd, Michael Bottichio, Gordon Gould, Irene Cmar, Michael Grivois, Julia Covert, Al Plante, Maria Canale, Steven Doyle, Don Miller, Ann Darling, Joan Golway, Dan Clymer, Marvin Long, Juanita Downum, Kevin Terrell, Annetta Wiczorek, Milton Miller, Ralph Esposito, Agnes and Michael Ross, Doug Sheppard, Louisa Berardi, Barbara and Fred Born, Linda Fusco, Ron and Mary Guadagnini, George Williams, Chuck Stuckey, Marianna Simpson, Eugene Janusz, Debra Cappadona, Tammy Myers, Joan Turcotte, Henry Suraci, Donna Sepe, Randy Sailor, Cole Eskay, Lisa Mott, Tim Lolly, Tiffany Nickel, Diane Clemmer, Michael Celentano, Una Lewis, Chris Grivois, Bill Obermeier, Roman Jakubowski, JoAnn Dunton, Vincent Smith, Frank Polash, Smirna Velez, Luella Eggenberger, Barbara Brackin, Sigmund Sobiesiak, Elliana Deane, Angelina Jesselli, Sarah King, Michael Hembree, Alma Stephens, George McCurdy, Matthew McCown, Mary Jane Eggleston, Lindsay Longo, Mary Jo Gallagher,* Monica Trapani, and Annie Davis

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Those protecting us at home and afar..

Anna Bily, Chandra Walton, Steve Sunstrom, Sean Ross, Ian Ross, Christopher Dergosits, Kevin Knudsen, Billy Keating, Cody Albritton, Lucas Zobel, Michael Turcotte, Cody Hibbard, Matthew Zarek, Dadrin Ruiz, John Kelley, Ron Casasanta Jr., Butch Tonnessen, Boyer Kornfeind, Matthew Baker, Chris Grillo, Dakota Giles, Tim Dottillis, Todd Vanderbogart, Garrett Gibson, Gage Gibson, Richard J. Surowiec, Robert J. Milan Jr., and Blake Leibach,

Our Deceased...

The Lord has chosen to call **Jim Sweetey and Mary Betz** to come back home with him. May they rest in the arms of God. As we pray for them, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to their family and friends.

Send your prayer request to our prayer warriors through Anne at aschukne@tampabay.rr.com

Stewardship

January 3, 2021

Attendance — 283

St. Benedict is totally dependent upon the generous stewardship of our parishioners. The use of envelopes, regardless of the amount of the contribution, makes possible our many parish activities and services.

Offertory	\$9,336.00
SJP II School	\$190.00
Maintenance	\$457.00
Total	\$9,983.00

Amount needed Weekly for Operating Expenses: **\$9,765.00**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Reading 1 — [IS 55:1-11](#)

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM — You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

READING 2 — [1 JN 5:1-9](#)

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

ALLELUIA — R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL — [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."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Receiving Communion

During communion you are asked to sit, sanitize your hands, and remain in your seat as a minister will be coming to you with the Eucharist. As the minister approaches you, pull your mask under your chin and extend your arms as far as you can.

Tax Man Cometh

To receive a letter verifying your contributions for 2020 please fill out this form and return it to the parish office. We can only send letters to those who use their envelopes.

Envelope # _____ Phone # _____

Name _____

Address _____



Lucy hearing confessions!

From our Music Ministry Directors

Greetings St. Benedict Church Family, Vicki and I just wanted to say "thank you" to all of you, for all your love and support over the past year and especially this Christmas holiday. There were so many cards, baked goods, and gifts given to both of us. Your kindness is much appreciated and well received. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for remembering us this Christmas season.

Much love in Christ

Josh W.

Vicki R.

thank you

The Baptism of the Lord Gospel Meditation

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis released the Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), in which he recalled the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 PATRIS CORDE. We will be sharing this Apostolic Letter with you as a series for the next nine weeks.

Series #1

APOSTOLIC LETTER
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH
AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH



WITH A FATHER'S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "*the son of Joseph*".

Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter (cf. *Mt* 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. *Mt* 1:18; *Lk* 1:27). He was a "just man" (*Mt* 1:19), ever ready to carry out God's will as revealed to him in the Law (cf. *Lk* 2:22.27.39) and through four dreams (cf. *Mt* 1:20; 2:13.19.22). After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since "there was no place for them" elsewhere (cf. *Lk* 2:7). He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds (cf. *Lk* 2:8-20) and the Magi (cf. *Mt* 2:1-12), who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (*Mt* 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship.

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother (cf. *Lk* 2:22-35). To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt (cf. *Mt* 2:13-18). After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, his ancestral town, and from Jerusalem and the Temple. Of Nazareth it was said, "No prophet is to rise" (cf. *Jn* 7:52) and indeed, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (cf. *Jn* 1:46). When, during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary lost track of the twelve-year-old Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and they found him in the Temple, in discussion with the doctors of the Law (cf. *Lk* 2:41-50).

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church", [2] Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers" [3] and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer". [4] Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death". [5]

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (*Mt* 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all". [6] Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

Flu Versus COVID-19: What You Need to Know



If you have any symptoms please stay home.

SYMPTOMS

COVID-19 and FLU



Fever or feeling feverish/chills



Cough



Shortness of Breath



Fatigue



Sore Throat



Runny/stuffy nose



Muscle pain/body aches



Headache



Vomiting/diarrhea in some people



Loss of Smell & Taste

COVID-19 Only



SYMPTOM ONSET (from exposure to onset of symptoms)

COVID-19 and FLU:

As short as 1 day

FLU:

As long as 4 days

COVID-19:

As long as 12 days

CONTAGIOUSNESS (days you are contagious)

FLU:

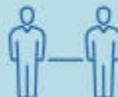
- » 1+ day *before* signs/symptoms
- » 3-4 days and up to 7 *after* signs symptoms (most contagious for older children/adults)
- » Longer for Infants/people with weakened immune systems

COVID-19:

- » As much as 3 days *before* signs/symptoms first appear
- » 10 days *after* signs/symptoms first appear
- » 10 days *after* testing positive for asymptomatic.

HOW IT SPREADS

COVID-19 and FLU:



Person-to-person via close contact (within 6 feet)



Droplets from coughing, sneezing or talking that land on mouths/noses or inhaled into lungs



Touching surfaces/objects with virus and touching face (eyes, mouth) with unwashed hands



Spread by those showing symptoms, with very mild symptoms or with no symptoms at all

COMPLICATIONS

COVID-19 and FLU:

- » Pneumonia
- » Respiratory failure
- » Acute respiratory distress syndrome
- » Sepsis
- » Cardiac injury (heart attack, stroke)
- » Multiple organ failure (respiratory failure, kidney failure, shock)
- » Worsening of chronic medical conditions (lungs, heart, nervous system, diabetes)
- » Inflammation of heart, brain or muscle tissues
- » Secondary bacterial infections



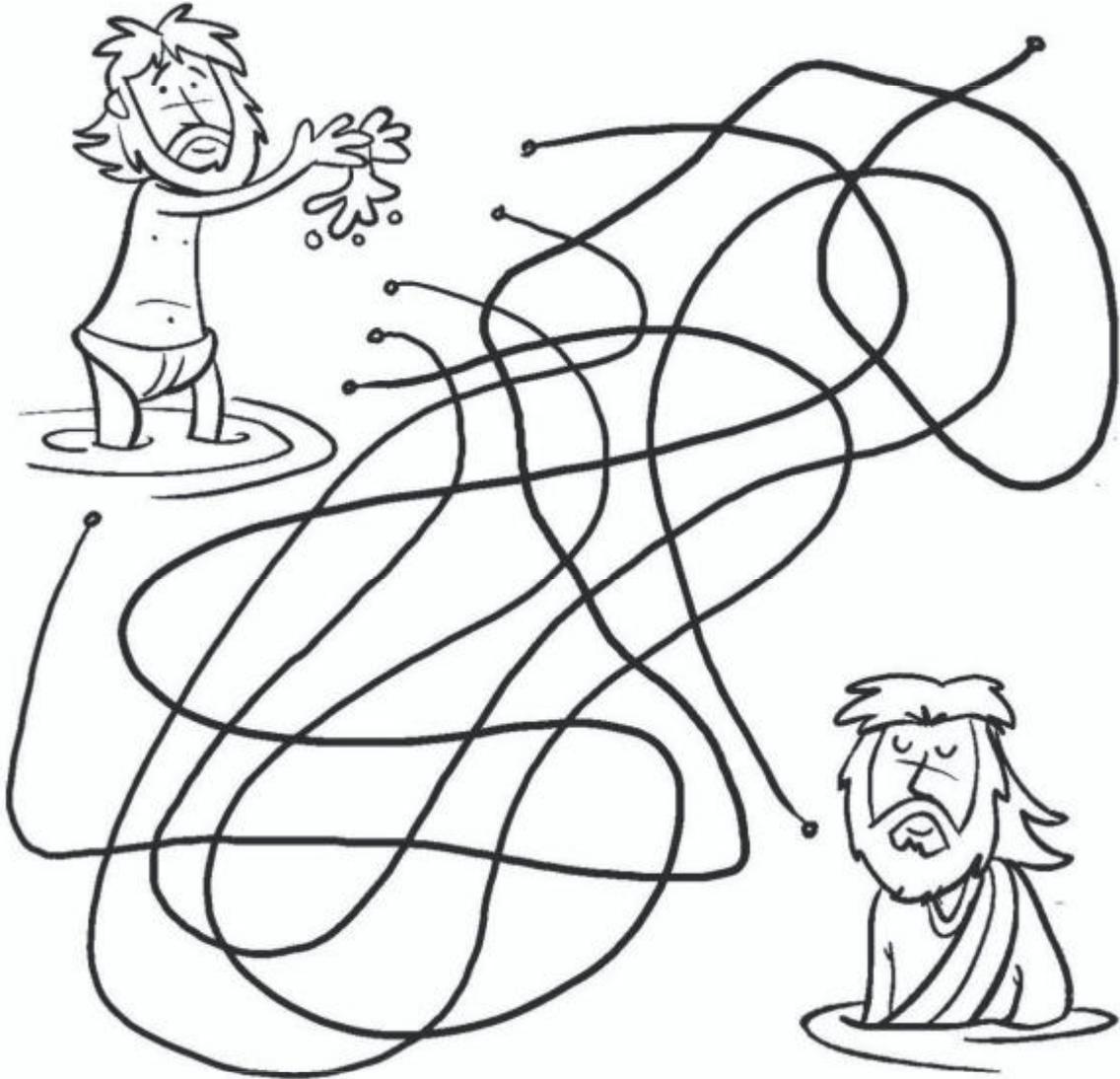
COVID-19 Only:

- » Blood clots in veins and arteries of lungs, heart, legs or brain
- » Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)



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