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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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January 10, 2020 Baptism of the Lord
Becoming closer to God through Baptism

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." - Mark 1:7-11

You've probably heard the phrase "born again." It's a term that Catholics may not be very familiar with, but many of our Protestant friends are. It might be that they were baptized or even verbally committed their life to Christ. Many Catholics are traditionally baptized as infants, and in their teenage years recommit and confirm the seal of the Holy Spirit they received. It can be a spiritually uplifting time for many.

The Gospel for this weekend comes from St. Mark and it's the account of the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. We know that Jesus was conceived without sin and He remained sinless His entire life. So, we might ask the question, "why did Jesus have to be baptized?" Throughout salvation history, God gives us both extreme and practical examples of His love for us. Jesus is His son and you and I are children of God. Just as Adam and Eve were created by God, so were you and me. Like Adam and Eve, we are sinful creatures and we often use our free will to make poor decisions. It's just the nature of man. The only way we can attain our place in Heaven is to be cleansed by water and the Holy Spirit, through the blood of the lamb, Christ's eternal sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus submitted to the ritual cleansing that was being performed by John in the Jordan River, not because He needed it, but because we do, and so He sanctified, or made holy, the waters of baptism. God said to Jesus at His baptism, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." Imagine the God of the Universe, creator of all, saying the words, "John, Mary, Greg - you are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased, who I created to live with me, to be with me for all eternity." Know that God loves you more than anything and invites you to be close to His heart.

If you would like to learn more about coming into the Catholic Church and the Sacrament of Baptism, visit your local Catholic parish today.

Bishop Gregory Parkes

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Reading I Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 **R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace.** Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire. **R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.** The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic. **R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.** The God of glory thunders and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever. **R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Reading II Acts 10:34-38 Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Alleluia Cf. Jn 1:29 **R. Alleluia, alleluia.** John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
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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."

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A Note from Father Paul:

My sincere thanks for those parishioners who wrote for Christmas expressing appreciation for our work here. I am deeply indebted to those who send gifts at this season of giving. Thank you for your support. Your love and support gives me lot of energy to carry on serving you. Thank you once again. *Father Paul*



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

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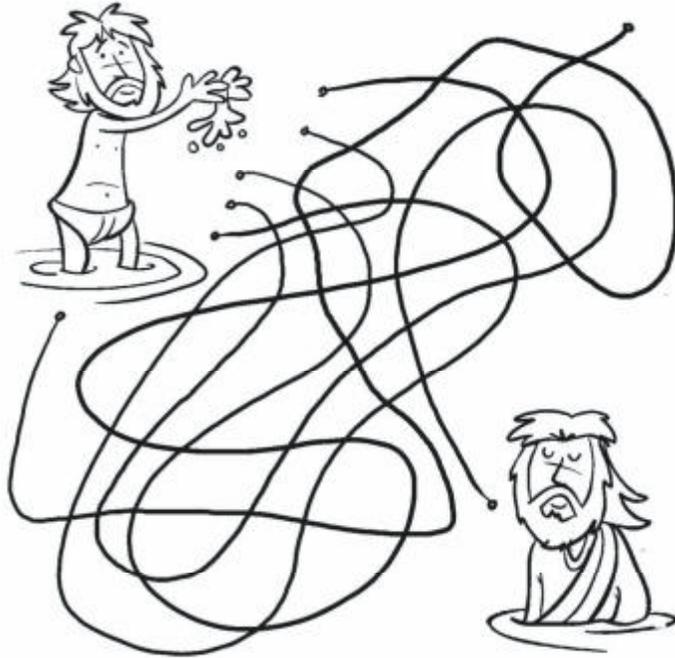
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Show John the path to baptize Jesus.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

"Keep trying. You're doing great. I'm so proud of you." Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God's love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus' baptism, God told Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." God loves you as his child, too.

PRAYER

God, I am so glad you love me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.

LIVE THE LITURGY

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

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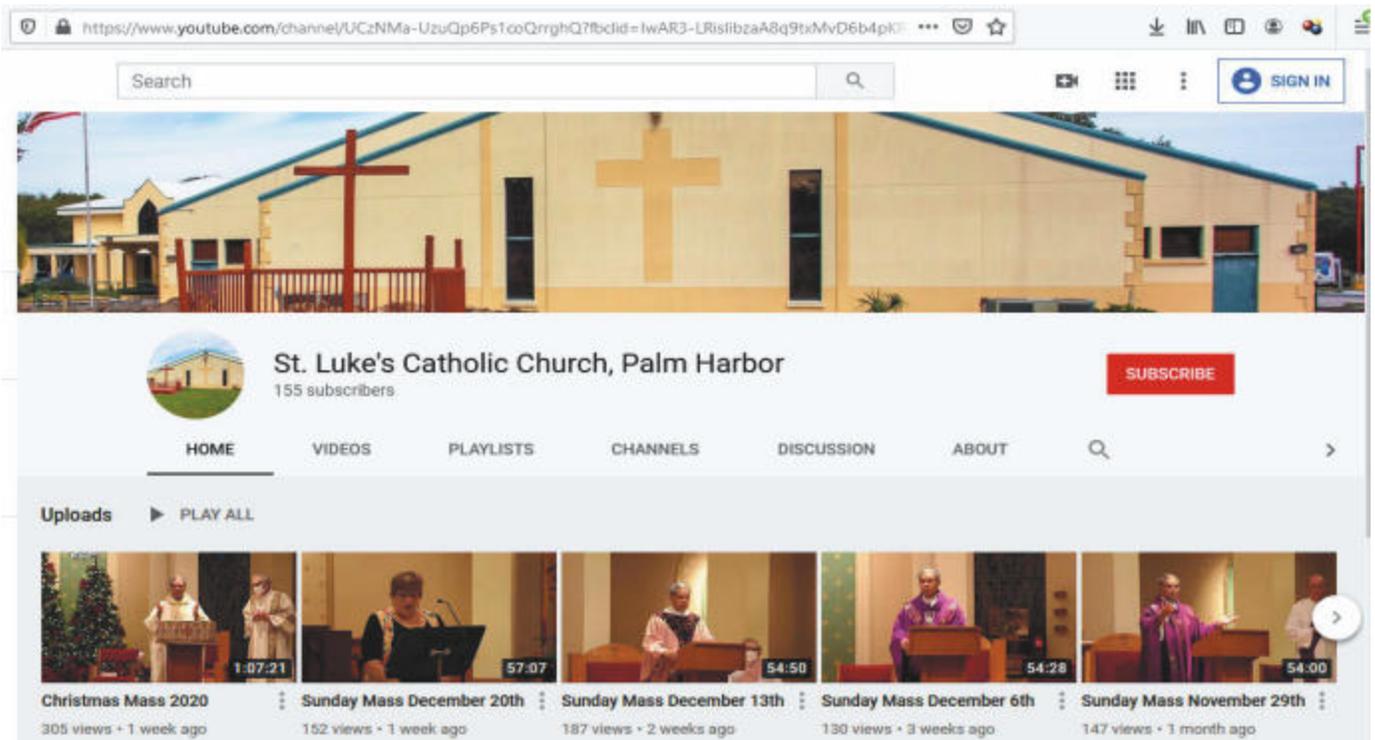
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		† Raymond Ardolino	
Sun, 1/10	8:00am	Ken Feldhausen	Closed
		Terry Stawicki	
	10:00am	† Albert (pap) Victor	
	† Kenny Balanza		
4:00pm	Parish Family		
Mon, 1/11	8:00am	Pat Finn	8:30am-12pm
		† Michael Abernethy	
Tues, 1/12	8:00am	† Larry LaBriola	8:30am-12pm
Wed, 1/13	8:00am	Michael Rodriguez	8:30am-12pm
Thurs, 1/14	8:00am	† Raymond Ardolino	8:30am-12pm
Fri, 1/15	8:00am		8:30am-12pm
Sat, 1/16	4:00pm	† Steven Weber	Closed
		† Teresa Oseter	

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- * Please sanitize your hands
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