



St. Anthony's Parish

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD—JANUARY 10, 2021

Sunday Reflection

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a rather strange way to end the Christmas season. If we identify the key things which occur when one of us is baptised and ask whether they also occurred in Jesus' baptism then we discover that they didn't and that they couldn't have.

Just think about it. When we're baptized, we're healed from the guilt of original sin and we're incorporated into the Church. Did any of this happen to Christ? No. And if that's not enough, John's baptism wasn't able to forgive sin and to incorporate people into the Church anyway. Those things only became possible after Christ's death and resurrection. So not only did Jesus' baptism at the hands of John not have the same effects as our baptism did, it could not have. So what's going on in this feast and how does it relate to the end of Christmastide?

God came into the world in Christ to redeem us from sin. To achieve this, three conditions had to be met: (1) the power to redeem humans had to be present; (2) the means to redeem human beings had to be established; and (3) human beings had to be encouraged to avail themselves of those means.

Take the first condition: Jesus is God so there's no question of Him lacking the power to redeem human beings. As to the second condition, the means of redemption, human beings have to share in the salvific death of Christ, which is accomplished most effectively through our own baptism. However, we must remember that baptism doesn't give us a free pass into heaven. Rather, through baptism we get a fresh start and the chance to live in a way which, if we follow it, will lead to heaven.

It's not enough just to make the means of redemption available. That brings us to the third condition: people have to be encouraged to avail themselves of the means of redemption, and the best way to do that is to give people an example. Christ gave us an example by submitting to John's baptism. In so doing Christ encouraged all of us to be baptized and He identified Himself with sinful humanity as the one who will act on our behalf to save us.

During Christmas we celebrate God's coming into the world. But He came into the world for the purpose of our redemption. And the baptism of Jesus is the first public event in Christ's mission. He starts to show us how to live, and His authority is acknowledged by the Father. So it brings to an end what we have been celebrating at Christmas - God's coming into the world for our salvation - and it sets us up nicely for ordinary time: follow Christ's example, where we find the way to salvation.



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Mon - Fri: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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MASS TIMES

(No in-person Masses)

Live Streamed Masses:

Sundays 10:30 am

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Thursdays & First Fridays 9:00 am

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Live Streamed Masses

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CONFESSIONS

(In the vestibule, but enter down-stairs by the office)

Saturdays 10:00 - 11:00 am

& 3:00 - 4:00 pm

ADORATION

Thursdays 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Fridays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Please [click here](#) to confirm your attendance.

PRIVATE PRAYER

The Church is open:

Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

ONLINE GIVING

[Link](#) to make an offertory gift to St. Anthony's Parish.

Fr. Joseph



Confirmation at St. Anthony's

Congratulations to **Dane Calkins** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, January 2nd. May our Lord's gift of the Holy Spirit keep you strong in faith, hope and love.

Weekly Masses & Intentions

Sat - Jan 09	† Heather Fay † Paul Porter <i>Sp. Int. of Angela Vendargon</i>
Sun - Jan 10 Baptism Of the Lord	FOR PARISHIONERS † Stan & Clair Strung <i>Sp. Int. of Dilys Solstad</i> <i>Sp. Int. of Robert Novak</i>
Mon - Jan 11	† Grace Andrew
Tue - Jan 12	Vocations Pandemic
Wed - Jan 13	† Severina Aquino
Thu - Jan 14	<i>Sp. Int. of Horst Stegemann</i>
Fri - Jan 15	<i>Sp. Int. of Suzanne Latta</i>
Sat - Jan 16	In Honour of Saint Philomena <i>Sp. Int. of Tricia Andrews</i> <i>Sp. Int. of Tammy Chan</i>
Sun - Jan 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	FOR PARISHIONERS <i>Sp. Int. of Kathy Ng</i> <i>Sp. Int. of Jane Torresan</i>

Parish Announcements

Communion after Sunday Live Streamed Masses

After the live streamed Mass, you may drive to St. Anthony's parking lot and receive Holy Communion from the safety of your vehicle. Please enter the parking lot from the driveway beside the rectory, drive slowly around the church and stop your vehicle where instructed at the west side of the church beside the office. Please wear a mask and do not exit your vehicle. As usual for receiving Holy Communion, ensure you are in the state of grace and maintain the one hour fast.

Men's Shelter Food Donation

A friendly reminder to our volunteers that the next meal delivery will be on Saturday, January 16. Please note the new drop off time of 2:00-2:30 pm in the church parking lot. All sandwiches and baked goods must be wrapped individually to adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols.

Men's Shelter Knitting

Are you looking for a knitting project? Please consider knitting toques or scarves for the Men's Shelter guests and help keep someone warm during these cold months. Dark colours and plain patterns are preferred. Knitting donations can be dropped off at the same time as the meal delivery donations on January 16 and February 20, 2:00-2:30 pm in the church parking lot. *(Please note: this project is independent of the Parish Shawl Ministry project for cancer patients.)*

Please email messagemaureen@shaw.ca with any questions about the Men's Shelter Donations .

Archdiocesan Announcements

Online Safety for Children Webinar

Attention parents, grandparents, caregivers and teachers: join us on **Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm** for a webinar about how to keep children (grades 6 to 12) safe while online. During the pandemic, our children have been spending more time on devices and are therefore more exposed to online dangers. This increases their chances of becoming victims of cyberbullying and sexual offending. This webinar is organized by Circle of Support and Accountability, a not-for-profit organization supporting the prevention of sexual crimes. Register online for free [here](#).

Stewardship Reflection



"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"
- Mark 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to participate actively in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts, using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

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ST ANTHONY'S KIDS BULLETIN

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful

Christmas with your family. Welcome to the first Kids Bulletin of 2021. In today's gospel you will learn about the baptism of Jesus. Maybe you can find a photo of *your* baptism and ask someone in your family to tell you about that special day.

Let's begin with a prayer. Let's start by making the sign of the cross as you say :

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. God of light, you sent your Spirit down upon your Son Jesus at his baptism. Send us your Spirit too, so that we may be filled with the courage to do all that you ask of us. Amen.

This Week's Gospel

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

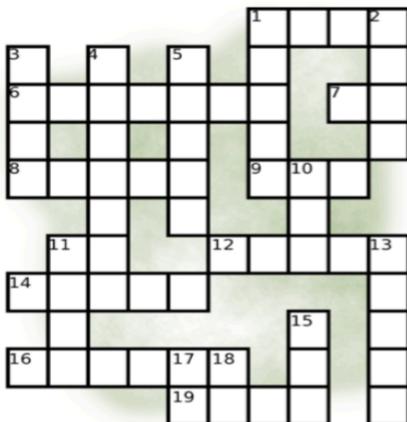
This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

"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."

Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



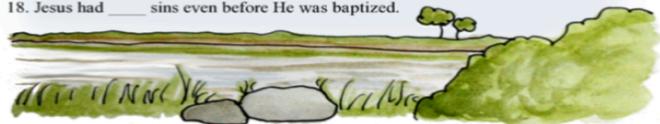
See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

Across:

1. What was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
2. The _____ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
7. John said to Jesus, "You should baptize _____!"
8. John baptized with _____.
9. "This is my beloved _____ with whom I am well pleased."
11. "This _____ my beloved Son..."
12. _____ Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
14. Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to _____ His sandal"
16. What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
19. Jesus _____ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.

Down:

1. Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
2. John said, "I _____ to be baptized by you!"
3. Jesus did this to _____ us how important baptism is.
4. The John in this story is called John the _____.
5. They _____ a voice from Heaven.
10. John came _____ of the desert to preach and baptize.
11. When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes _____ our soul.
13. Jesus was baptized in a _____.
15. The Heavens opened and the Spirit of _____ appeared.
17. Jesus came from Galilee to John _____ the Jordan.
18. Jesus had _____ sins even before He was baptized.



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Jesus is Baptized Anagram



- aertw _____
- aceghinpr _____
- closstu _____
- ehnoy _____
- iiprst _____
- deov _____
- ahsw _____
- beeieilv _____
- blmosy _____
- aceeenpr _____

Colour: White
 First reading : Isaiah 55:1-11
 Responsorial Psalm :
 The Lord will bless his people with peace

