

GOSPEL SUMMARY: Gospel Mark 1:7-11

This is My Beloved Son



In this reading we have the story of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Even though Jesus was the Messiah and God's beloved Son, he went to John the Baptist to be baptized. As Jesus came out of the water, a voice from heaven declared, "You are my beloved Son." God's approval and blessing was on Jesus. A new beginning and new blessings have come to us in Jesus, God's only Son.

When we were baptized, we truly became daughters and sons of God and followers of Jesus. Let us ask Jesus to help us to share his work as God's friends.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GOSPEL: What are some ways we can live out our baptismal promises? As a baptized member of the Church, what do you think is God's plan for you? How will you follow this plan? Very often we get so busy and noisy that God's voice is completely drowned out. We are not always prepared to recognize Jesus in our daily lives. What will you do to become a better listener?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Renew your baptismal promises today. What does your Baptism mean to you today?

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Weekly Mass Schedule and Intentions:

SAT	01/10	5:00PM	(SI) Enrique and Melissa Gonzalez
SUN	01/11	8:30AM	+Tom Dougherty
SUN	01/11	11:00AM	For the Parishioners
SUN	01/11	12:30PM	For the Parishioners
MON	01/12	NO MASS	
TUE	01/13	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
WED	01/14	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
THU	01/15	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
FRI	01/16	7:30AM	For the Parishioners



Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 8:30AM-6:00PM
Come spend an hour with Him.



- OFFERING REPORT:** Our weekly offering from **Jan 4, 2015** was **\$2,824.92**. Thank you for your love and support.
- HISPANIC GROUP BREAKFAST/LUNCH:** Gather in Keenan Hall for food and fellowship after all the Masses today. The Hispanic Group is known for serving some delicious food, and they are doing it again, you won't want to miss this!
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join them in Keenan Hall on **Tues, Jan 13 @ 6:00PM** for their monthly meeting.
- FROM THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Join Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles, several other Bishops from Southern California, and thousands of people from throughout the region on **Jan 17** at One Life LA, the first-ever large-scale event in downtown LA promoting the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Beginning at 10:00 at La Placita Olvera. For more info call 858 490-8323 or visit www.OneLifeLA.org

Divine Mercy Conference: The 17th Annual Divine Mercy Conference will be held Feb. 6 & 7th at the Juan Diego Center, Mission San Antonio de Pala followed by "Amazing Miracles" talk by Tim Francis. The opening Mass will begin at 7:00 pm on Feb. 6. Call Jan for more information at 619-276-6637 or www.SDdivinemercury.org

Daily Prayer For Priests

O Jesus,
I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
For your unfaithful and tepid priests;
For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.
For your tempted priests;
For your lonely and desolate priests;
For your young priests;
For your dying priests;
For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
The priest who baptized me;
The priests who absolved me from my sins;
The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
The priests who taught and instructed me;
All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially _____).
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
And bless them abundantly in time and in Eternity. Amen By St. Therese of Lisieu

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
11 Rev. Joseph Miller, SVD	12 Rev. Lauro Minimo	13 Rev. Duncan Monohan	14 Rev. Melchisedech Monreal	15 Rev. William Mooney	16 Rev. Cecilio Moraga	17 Rev. Jorge Moreno
18 Rev. Alfredo Moreno	19 Rev. Patrick Mulcahy	20 Rev. Msgr. Patrick Mullarkey	21 Rev. Owen Mullen	22 Rev. José Luis Muro	23 Rev. Michael Murphy	24 Rev. Patrick Murphy

HELP WANTED Are you 'that friend' that people call on when their computer gives them trouble and they can't figure out how to get their computer running properly? We need someone who is comfortable with computers and technology who we can call when we have issues we don't know how to address. This Tech Consultant would be available to come to the Parish Office at least once a month to check in on minor repairs or questions, as well as being available for us to call or email when we have questions or need technology advice. If you are this person, please email the office: stpiusxjamul@gmail.com



SEEK 2015 **Come Prepared.** It's too easy to come to Mass without a plan, to go through the liturgy without expecting anything significant to happen. This year, don't let that happen! Every time you come to Mass, come with a plan. Come looking for the grace of His love and the grace of His mercy. Come expecting to find the grace to stand firm against temptation. Set these as your goals for this year, and then watch as your life changes.



The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and is the transition back into Ordinary Time. We celebrate this feast to remember Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His public ministry and acceptance of the mission His Father gave Him. The color of the cloth remains white. The candle represents the light of Christ. The bible is the word of God.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTIONS

January 2015

Universal Intention - **Peace**

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

It has been said that the first casualty in a war is the truth. That may be so, but the fact remains that wars are often caused by lack of truth.

We began this month with the annual World Day of Peace. The theme Pope Francis chose for this day is "Slaves No More, But Brothers and Sisters." That theme confronts one of the root causes of war—seeing others as objects to be enslaved, bought, and sold.

So we pray that all people of good will from all the world's religious traditions may know and hold fast to the truth of the human person and work together for peace. Amen