"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased"

2 Peter 1:17



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#### JANUARY 10, 2021 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### **Gospel Meditation**

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE
January 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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, re-

member, 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? ©LPi



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#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When God Whispers "You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether. But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that. We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



ADORATION THURSDAYS 8:30am-5:00pm Temporarily Suspended

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

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.

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - WE INVITE YOU TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### First Reading:

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do see yourself serving others in need in your life?

#### **Second Reading:**

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

#### **Gospel Question:**

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

#### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 10:30am (Spanish) Please pray for: Rev. Derek Twilliger Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11/Is 12:2- 3, 4bcd, 5-6/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11	Please pray for: Rev. Jose Arturo Uribe Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20	Please pray for: Rev. Danilo Valdepenas Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6- 7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/ Mk 1:21-28	Please pray for: Rev. Carlos Valencia, CJM Heb 2:14-18/ Ps 105:1-2, 3- 4,6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29- 39	Please pray for: Rev. Albino Vecina, CRSP Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45	Please pray for: Rev. Romeo Velos, CS Heb 4:1-5, 11/ Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/ Mk 2:1-12	Sunday Vigil 4:00pm Please pray for: Rev. Thomas Verber, OSA Heb 4:12-16/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

# MASSIntentions

Jan 10	Sun	8:30am	Baptism of the Lord
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Jan 16	Sat	4:00pm	+Bernarda +Natale +Cristina Abbate

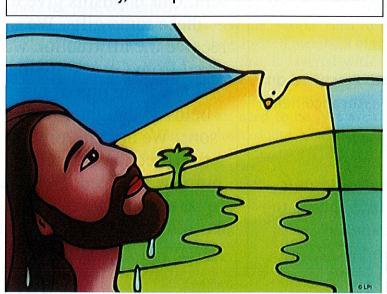
It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, decending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

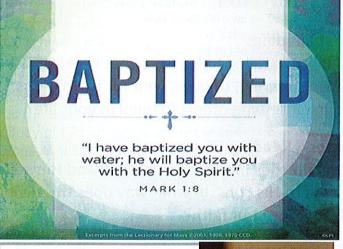
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# Observances for the week of January 10, 2021

Sun: The Baptism of the Lord

Wed: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church





Masses will continue to be livestreamed or taped as necessary and available on our website www.stpiusxjamul.com or on the Diocesan website www.sdcatholic.org



#### **Outdoor/Indoor Mass** Guidelines

Per Bishop McElroy, under NO condition are we to violate the following procedures:

Everyone over 2 years old will be required to wear a mask.

Bring your own chair when Outdoor Masses are in effect.

Parishioners will be expected to use hand sanitizer provided on the entrance/exit table.

Practice social distance of 6 feet between family groups.No Handshakes at the Sign of

Peace.

Holy Communion will be distributed only in the hand and the usual time.

The Most Precious Blood will not be distributed.

Bulletins will be placed on the entrance/exit table for parishioners to pick up.

Sunday offertory may be dropped in the basket on the entrance/exit table.

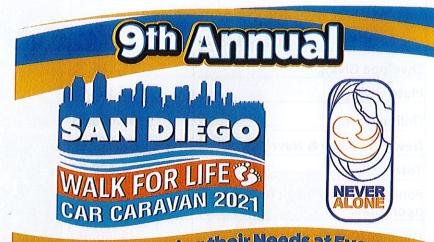
Adoration is every Thursday of the week from 8:30am to 5:00pm is temporally suspended

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is by appointment only.

 Mass will continue to live-streamed.

All Catholics in the Diocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.

We ask for your patience and support as we continue to help our tiny church with a big heart follow all these guidelines and requirements in order to succeed in our Spiritual Journey.



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Celebrants: Bishop McElroy and Aux, Bishop Dolan (Bilingual Mass, live-stream optional, must bring a face mask, a chair, and wear blue)

10 a.m. Non-denominational services 1 p.m. Car caravan in Downtown, San Diego (Bring life-affirming signs and decorate your car)



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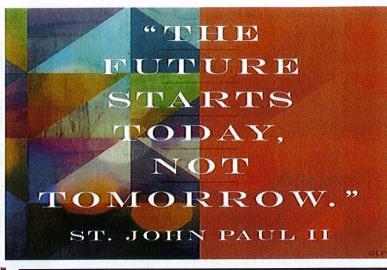
Wear a face mask Practice social distance Listen to all instructions

#### NO HAND SHAKING AT THE SIGN OF PEACE

Sit only in designated areas Minimize the touching of any areas

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WEEKLY STEWARSHIP					
January 3, 2021					
Envelope Giving	\$1,516.00				
Plate Giving	\$382.01				
Online Giving	\$1,019.55				
New Year's Eve & New Year's Day	\$1,822.00				
Total	4,439.56				
Funds needed a week to meet operations	\$5,000.00				
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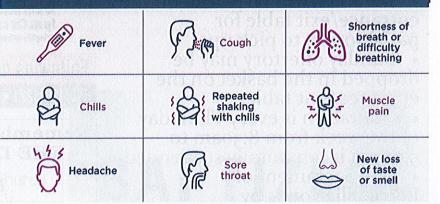
Our ACA Parish Goal for 2020 was \$38,000.00 the pledged amount was \$25,720 with \$23,811.64 as an Actual paid amount. We wan to thankyou for continuous support during these hard times. God bless you all this 2021.

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## COVID-19 Symptoms





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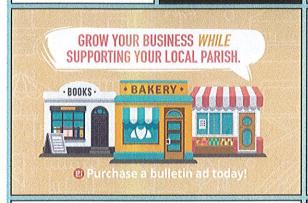
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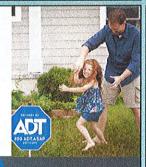
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