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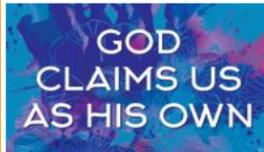
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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis



What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?” Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Year of Grace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Vincent de Paul Sunday 2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 	Happy New Year 2022 	K of C Meeting 4 7:00 pm 	Confirmation classes for Adults start January 9th, 2022 at 12:10pm 5 Grupo de Matrimonios 7:00pm 	ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild 6 Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 	First Friday Mass 7:00pm 7 BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm 	Happy New Year Mass 9:00am (English) 11:00am (Spanish) 1 Men's Fellowship
The Baptism of the Lord 9 K of C Breakfast After 8:30am Mass 	Bible Study Join us! 3 7:00pm 	Healing Mass 7:00pm 11 Keenan Hall 6:30pm Youth Group 	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 12 MMLG Meeting Keenan Hall 6:00pm 	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 13 MMLG Meeting Keenan Hall 6:00pm 	DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN 14 Reconciliation 4:00pm 	Reconciliation 4:00pm 15 Reconciliation 4:00pm
Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass 16 OCEANARY TIME EXTRAORDINARY 	OFFICE CLOSED 17 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 	Bible Study Join us! 18 7:00pm Youth Group 	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 19 Misa de Sanación 7:00pm 	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 20 	DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN 21 Reconciliation 4:00pm 	Reconciliation 4:00pm 22 Reconciliation 4:00pm
Hispanic Group Breakfast 23 OCEANARY TIME EXTRAORDINARY 	Bible Study Join us! 24 7:00pm 	Bible Study Join us! 25 7:00pm Youth Group 	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 26 Grupo de Matrimonios 7:00pm 	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 27 	Confirmation Retreat January 28-30 28 Reconciliation 4:00pm 	Reconciliation 4:00pm 29 Reconciliation 4:00pm
5th Sunday Rosary 30 OCEANARY TIME EXTRAORDINARY 	Bible Study Join us! 31 7:00pm 	Youth Group 31 7:00pm 	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 31 	Adoration 8:30 am - 5:00pm 31 	Confirmation Retreat January 28-30 31 Reconciliation 4:00pm 	Confirmation Retreat January 28-30 31 Reconciliation 4:00pm



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"United in the Breaking of the Bread": Everyone involved in parish catechesis and other parish ministries as well as others who may be interested are invited to our annual Spring Forward Conference as we partake in song and prayer with nationally renowned presenter, ValLimar Jensen, and reflect on the Gift of the Eucharist. The event will be held on **Saturday, January 22, at Holy Trinity Parish, El Cajon, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm.** Registration cost is \$25. For more information and to register, visit www.sdccatholicdisciples.net/events/san-sf22



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Join military couples from around the country for an enriching date night! Because of the sacrificial nature of their lives, military couples have a unique perspective on suffering, endurance, and hope. This date night series seeks to affirm those special gifts, and help strengthen military couples and families especially those struggling to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The Military Date Night Series will feature the powerful witness of three military couples on the topics of interpersonal relationship, family and community, and prayer and faith. Fr. Michael Murphy of Sacred Heart Church, Coronado, will also be presenting. Register at www.witnesstolove.org/militarydatenight/.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

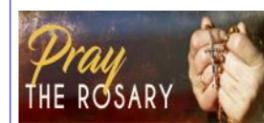
On **January 22**, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during the *9 Days for Life*. Sign up to receive daily intentions from January 21st through the 29th at respectlife.org/9-days... For questions, please contact mvalencia@sdccatholic.org.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Baptismal Bib

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them. Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi



The Knights of Columbus and MMLG will lead the rosary for everyone who would like to participate every 5th Sunday of the month. Remember our Blessed Mother's promise to those who pray the Rosary - "I promise my special protection and greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary". Pray the Rosary with the Knights and the Ladies Guild. This month it will be on **Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 8:00am.**

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus.

That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading: Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel: We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

09	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish)	Bible Study 7:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul 6:30pm	Daily Mass 7:30am	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG 6:00pm	Daily Mass 7:30am Bingo Night Dinner 6pm Bingo 7pm	Reconciliation 4:00pm Sunday Vigil 5:00pm
Pray for: Rev. Peter Bosque	Pray for: Rev. Burt Boudoin	Pray for: Rev. Msgr. Lloyd Bourgeois	Pray for: Rev. James Boyd	Pray For: Rev. Rafael Britanico	Pray for: Rev. Msgr. Edward Brockhaus	Pray for: Rev. Leo Brogan
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14- 17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6- 7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19 -20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b -9, 10/Mk 1:29 -39	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14- 15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10 -22a/Ps 89:16 -17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a/ Ps 21:2-3, 4- 5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

MASS Intentions

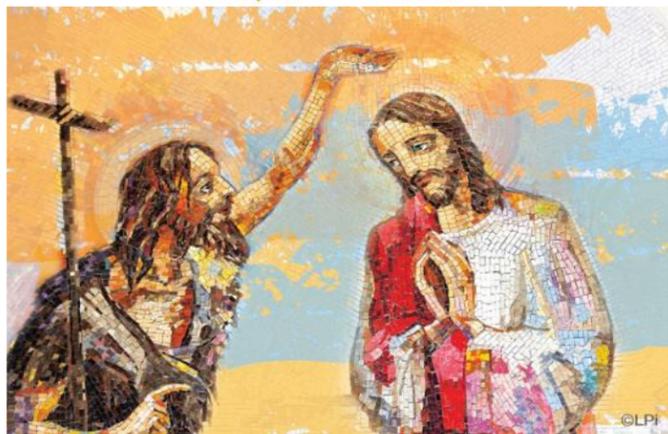
Jan 09	Sun	8:30am	The Baptism of the Lord
Jan 09	Sun	11:00am	The Baptism of the Lord
Jan 09	Sun	12:30pm	The Baptism of the Lord
Jan 10	Mon		NO MASS
Jan 11	Tues	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 12	Wed	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 13	Thur	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 14	Fri	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 15	Sat	5:00pm	For the Parishioners

Observances for the week of January 7, 2022
 Sun: The Baptism of the Lord
 Thur: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

ADORATION THURSDAYS
 8:30am - 5:00pm

St. Hilary of Poitiers | January 13
 Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." — Lk 3:16bc



JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

From the Bishop's office ...
 in response to the latest state mandate regarding indoor mask-wearing, starting **December 15** and at **least until January 15** (subject to change) Everyone over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask while indoors in all public places, regardless of your vaccination status. We ask all parishioners, out of concern for the personal health risk due to the Omicron variant and the general concern for the health of others, to comply with these requirements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP
 January 2, 2022

Envelope Giving	\$953.00
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Online Giving	\$812.78
New Year's Eve	\$606.00
New Year's Day	\$366.00
Total	\$3,839.78
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THE YEAR OF GRACE

MINISTRY
 Youth Group Gathering
 Starting January 11th every Tuesday at 6:30pm

Faith Formation
JANUARY
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