


GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE Mt 3:13-17



The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is “to be our model of holiness.” All of Jesus’ words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we’re meant to be. Jesus’ baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life. The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. “This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.” And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit’s grace and power to continue Christ’s mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives. Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let’s do as Jesus did. Let’s live in our baptism! ©LPi

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
January 05, 2020	
Envelope Giving	\$1,340.00
Plate Giving	\$3,619.62
New Year’s Eve	\$277.00
New Year’s Day	\$545.00
Online Giving	\$499.31
Total	\$6,280.93
Funds needed to meet operations	\$5,000.00
Overage/Deficit	+(\$1,280.93)

 **ADORATION**
Wednesdays
8:30am-5:00pm

Come spend an hour with Him or five minutes, your life will never be the same!

Request for Prayers



Please pray for:
 Leonardo Cepeda
 Sandra Altomare
 Ignacio Baldimir Perez
 Maria Gonzales
 Edward Mazano
 Isabel Zaragoza
 Joane Hunt
 Socorro Martinez
 Ruth Ramirez
 Fran Dreis
 John & Joy Zellers
 Julian Lorenzo
 Mary Ellen Hultquist
 Helen & Buriel Smith
 Brigida McInvale
 Isela Gonzalez
 David Parra
 Brianna Parra
 Elisha Parra
 Jennifer Martinez

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Lessons from Baptizing a Frog

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn’t be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.) When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away. Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

-Tracy Earl Welliver

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABBREVIATIONS: K of C- Knights of Columbus GOLF - Generations of Living Faith MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild Religious Education Resumes KOC Breakfast After 8:30am Mass EPIPHANY Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses ORDINARY TIME Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass ORDINARY TIME Hispanic Breakfast	5 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm 6 Fiesta de Reyes Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm 7 K of C Meeting Keenan Hall 6:30pm S.P. (Society of the Pure) 8 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Misa de Sanación 7:00pm Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm	7 K of C Meeting Keenan Hall 6:30pm S.P. (Society of the Pure) 8 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Misa de Sanación 7:00pm Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm	1 Mass Schedule 9:00am English 11:00am Spanish OFFICE CLOSED 2 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm MMLG Meeting Keenan Hall 6:00pm 3 First Friday Mass 7:00pm Holy Name of Jesus 4 Mass Schedule 9:00am English 11:00am Spanish OFFICE CLOSED 5 Religious Education Resumes KOC Breakfast After 8:30am Mass EPIPHANY Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses ORDINARY TIME Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass ORDINARY TIME Hispanic Breakfast	6 Fiesta de Reyes Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm 7 K of C Meeting Keenan Hall 6:30pm S.P. (Society of the Pure) 8 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Misa de Sanación 7:00pm Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm	9 MMLG Meeting Keenan Hall 6:00pm 10 BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm 11 Religious Education Resumes KOC Breakfast After 8:30am Mass EPIPHANY Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses ORDINARY TIME Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass ORDINARY TIME Hispanic Breakfast	12 Baptism of the Lord Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses ORDINARY TIME Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass ORDINARY TIME Hispanic Breakfast

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

Answer: To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth. In the second century, processes had begun to more gradually incorporate people into the Church. The basis of this "catechumenal model" is still used in parishes today for adults wishing to convert to Catholicism. The familial transmission of faith still retains an important place. Throughout his ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism for salvation. As Catholics see it, "The Church and the parents would deny a child a priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to hem" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hispanic Group Breakfast After all Masses Pray for Very Rev. Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17	Bible Study 7:00pm Pray for Rev. Joseph Miller, SVD 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20	Daily Mass 7:30am St. Vincent de Paul 6:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm Pray for Rev. Lauro Minimo 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am – 6:00pm Healing Mass (Spanish) 7:00pm Pray for Rev. Eleuterio Mireles, Jr. CJM 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b -9, 10/Mk 1:29 -39	Daily Mass 7:30am Parish Office Closed 10:30a – 4pm Pray for Rev. Melchisedech Monreal 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40 -45	Daily Mass 7:30am Pray for Rev. Cecilio Moraga 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12	RECONCILIATION 4:00PM Pray for Rev. Antonio Morales 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

 **Mass Intentions**

Jan 12	Sun	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 12	Sun	11:00am	For the Parishioners
Jan 12	Sun	12:30pm	For the Parishioners
Jan 13	Mon		NO MASS
Jan 14	Tue	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 15	Wed	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 16	Thu	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 17	Fri	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Jan 18	Sat	5:00pm	For the Parishioners

Observances for the week of January 12, 2019

Mon: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Fri: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Sat: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." — Mt 3:16-17



The need for the public to hear our abortion and healing experience is vital! Silent No More Awareness will be at the West Coast Walk for Life on **January 25, 2020** and would love to have you join us in *LIVING OUR HEALING*. Sharing testimony is not only part of the healing journey, it embraces each of us with empowerment and moves us from victim to victor. Your story might be the one that offers a beacon of hope which lights the path for those who are walking in darkness and suffering in silence. Some do not feel comfortable sharing their story publicly and that is okay. Walking with us and carrying a sign is a message in itself and is just as important. If you would like to join us, please contact rachelshope@outlook.com or by calling Leslie Brunolli at (760) 224-2361 or Patti Smith at (760) 305-8044 as soon as possible. If you need a healing program, we can help too. If you haven't registered for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign yet, you can do that by going to www.silentnomore.com.

AFTER-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN (or Catholic-friendly)

Given by Rachel's Hope on **February 7-9, 2020** and Professionally led. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive., San Diego. Confidentiality maintained. Closing Mass included. Group Size limited. Cost \$60; partial scholarships available. Limited housing available. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed". For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield 858.581.3022; text 858.752.9378 or email rachels_hope@juno.com. Visit us on our website: www.rachelshope.org

MEN SADDENED BY A PAST-ABORTION

Rachel's Hope offers one day healing workshops for husbands or boyfriends of past and current relationships troubled by an abortion of their child or are in a relationship with a woman who has had an abortion. Date: **Feb. 22, 2020**. 9am to 6pm located at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. 3888 Paducah, San Diego. Led by Dr. Paul Santero, Fee: \$30. Call for registration information 858.581.3022, text 858.752.9378 or email rachels_hope@juno.com, visit us on our website: www.rachelshope.org

LIVE THE LITURGY

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favor with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy and humility. God has formed each of us in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels of mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading
 Today's reading is often called one of Isaiah's "servant of the Lord" poems. According to Isaiah, the Lord's servant "shall bring forth justice to the nations." What do you think this type of justice looks like?

Second Reading
 Peter came to the insight that God "shows no partiality" to those who are baptized and believe in Jesus. Why does this message remain challenging to many believers today?

Gospel Reading
 What do you find most remarkable about Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus?



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A resources page on Sexual Health Education was developed to assist parents of public-schooled children concerning the Healthy Youth Act of California and learning about their Rights and Responsibilities. For parents who decide to "opt-out" of any or all instruction, alternative resources are available. Visit: www.sdcatholic.org/sex-education or in Spanish www.sdcatholic.org/educacion-sexual.

STOCK AND IRA CHARITABLE GIFT DONATIONS FOR 2019

Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations A gift of your securities, including stocks, mutual funds and IRA Charitable Rollover Distributions are an easy way to make a gift to the Church. By making a gift of your appreciated securities or retirement account, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that may otherwise be due if you sold these assets. Contributions are deductible for tax purposes. There are no transaction fees or other costs and the full value of the sold securities benefits the parish, school or other Catholic charities you select. For more information on making a gift please visit the diocesan website at www.sdcatholic.org and click on Giving – Stock Donations at the top of the screen. Or, call Merrill Lynch, the diocese's broker, at 800-844-0720.

CHRISTIAN UNITY "DAY OF DIALOGUE" EVENT

The Lutheran/Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogue of San Diego invites everyone to our annual "Day of Dialogue" 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon on **Saturday, January 25, 2020** in celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme of our 2020 Dialogue is Creation: Caring for our Common Home. Our main presenter will be Dr. Veerabhadran Ramanthan, Professor at UCSD, Member of the Pontifical Academy of Science and collaborator/ advisor for Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. There will be three Respondents, one from each faith tradition, addressing how their faith tradition is addressing the issue of caring for our common home. The Dialogue will be held at Our Mother of Confidence Parish, 3131 Governor Drive, San Diego, 92122. Registration can be made at the door beginning at 9:00 a.m. followed by a 9:30 a.m. prayer service in the church preceding the talks. A registration fee of \$20.00 per person is requested to help defray costs.

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MATTHEW 3:17

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Father Joe's Villages Ladies Guild Presents:

"THE QUEEN'S LUNCHEON"

Monday, February 17, 2020

*Crowne Plaza Hotel
2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108
(Mission Valley)*

10:45 AM --- Silent Auction, Preview & Social Hour

12:05 PM --- Entertainment, Luncheon & Drawing / Silent Auction

\$60 per person. Proceeds benefit the children at Father Joe's Villages.

*Reservations, donations, and information:
connie.sherry@gmail.com*

All are Welcome to Our

8th ANNUAL

SAN DIEGO

WALK FOR LIFE

Live, Serve & Embrace Life

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Robert W. McElroy
Bishop, Diocese of San Diego

John P. Dolan
Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of San Diego

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

6th & Laurel
Balboa Park

Activities for all ages!

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Jan 14th : 7pm- 9pm Youth Gathering
in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks)

Jan 19th: 7:30am-10am Youth Breakfast – serving the church following the 8:30 mass

Jan 21st : 7pm - 9pm Youth Gathering
in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks)

Jan 28th : 7pm - 9pm Youth Gathering
in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks)

St. Pius 96 Famul

Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance Party

Saturday, February 8, 2020

6:00pm – 12:00am

Dinner 6:00pm – 7:30pm

To purchase tickets in advance please see any member of the Hispanic Group after 12:30pm Mass on Sundays or at the Parish Office during business hours.

\$20. single \$35. a couple