



Baptism of Christ

Giovanni Battista Cima da Conegliano (c. 1459– c. 1517)

The Baptism of Christ

From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion

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11 January 2026

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This week's office hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 2-5 pm, Wednesday & Friday 9 am-12 pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

Tuesday at 8:00 am

Wednesday at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Thursday at 8:00 am

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:00 am

Friday at 9:00 am

Followed by a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Confession will be offered during the Holy Hour until Benediction at 10:30 am.

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third**

Saturday of each month at 4:00 pm.



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Breakfast will be served January 18th after the 11:00 Mass

On the menu: French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, self-serve fruit bowl, juice

Friday, January 16th, at 5:00 pm

Polson Community Dinner

Hosted by Immaculate Conception every third Friday of the month in the parish hall.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!



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and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Litany of Humility Prayer

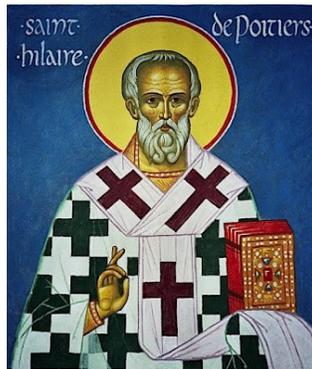
The Christian life is a lifelong call to deeper conversion—not just in outward practice but in the quiet places of the heart. Whether in times of preparation, celebration, or ordinary rhythms, we are always invited to return to God through prayer, sacrifice, and love, shedding the things that keep us from clinging fully to Christ.

One powerful (and challenging) prayer that speaks to this journey is the Litany of Humility. This prayer doesn't ask for comfort or success but for the grace to become smaller, to be forgotten, and to be content with whatever draws us closer to Jesus. (Reference: *How to Pray: The Litany of Humility*, Focus.org)

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

- From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the desire of being honored, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the fear of being wronged, Deliver me, O Jesus.
- From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, O Jesus.

- That others may be loved more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
- That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
- That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
- That others may be chosen and I set aside, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
- That others may be praised and I go unnoticed, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
- That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
- That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.



St. Hilary of Poitiers
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Feast Day January 13

The perfection of learning is to know God in such a way that, though you realize he is knowable, yet you know him as indescribable.

The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you.

Wages cannot be considered as a gift, because they are due to work, but God has given free grace to all men by the justification of faith.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

Sunday, January 11th *Baptism of the Lord*

Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish

Friday, January 16th

Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, January 10th *Vigil of the Baptism of Lord*

Repose of the Soul of Jacob Fleming

Sunday, January 11th *Baptism of the Lord*

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, January 13th

Intentions of Fr. Kevin Christofferson

Wednesday, January 14th

Repose of the Souls of the Deceased Members of the Parish

Thursday, January 15th

Intentions of Bishop Vetter

Humbly asking for your prayers...

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Carolyn Fyant, Diana Cote, Shawna Lehner, Bill Efinger, Bruce Basler.



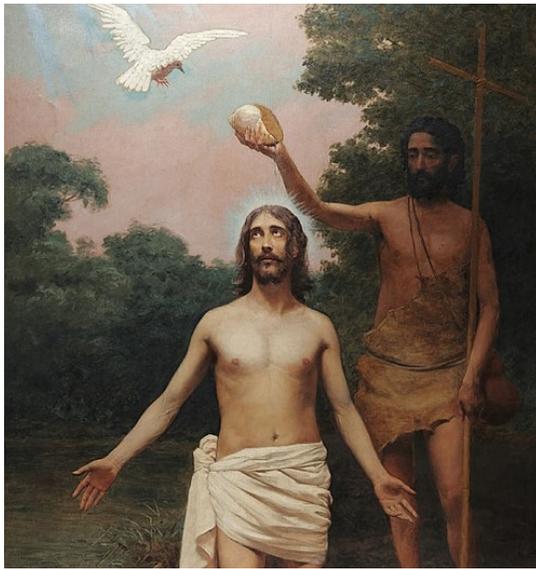
Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for January

For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Ryan Frampton, Liam Aippersbach, Mason Yochum.



The Baptism of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Collect:

*Almighty ever-living God,
Who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.*

Readings:

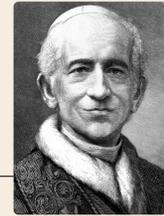
FIRST READING: Is 42:1-4, 6-7
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10
SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38
ALLELUIA: Mk 9:7
GOSPEL: Mt 3:13-17

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness," that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him." Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened"—the heavens that Adam's sin had closed—and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation. (CCC 536)

Catholic Social Teaching

IN A YEAR



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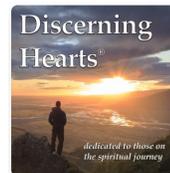
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