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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

January 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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Sunday Vigil:
Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

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Live-Stream & in church

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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First Reading:

The Holy Spirit affirms Jesus as the Christ, the beloved Son of God. *When do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?*

Second Reading:

The prophet Isaiah brought words of comfort and hope from God to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. *Is there someone in your life who needs hope for the future?*

Gospel:

Paul challenged Titus to reject godless ways and worldly desires. *Do you have any family or friends you consider a role model in living an exceptional life?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;

Psalms 104;

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

What a treasure trove of stewardship lessons we find in our Gospel reading today on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Today's Gospel is one we read every year, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. We just spent the last two weeks marveling at the fact that this Savior of ours was born as a baby in a crude stable for our sake, and now this! Stop and contemplate our Lord in all His perfection waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us!) in order to "lead by example." His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! John himself noted that in comparison to Jesus, he was not even worthy to loosen His sandal straps. But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

In response, we should be filled to overflowing with gratitude to such a gracious God — an overflow that must express itself in our own giving back to God through our sharing of time, talents, and treasure. In fact, when we allow the words and actions of Jesus in the Gospel to enter deeply into our minds and hearts, we will be compelled to give ourselves to Him and others out of love for Him.

In addition to the gratitude that Jesus' baptism should inspire, we can also study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of the servant-leadership He displays time and again throughout His public ministry. We see in our Lord a style of leadership characterized by humility and leading by example.

As a servant-leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those we lead at home, in ministry or at work to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

And just in case there was any doubt about the extraordinary actions of Jesus that day at the Jordan River, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who, immediately after the baptism, opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Wow!

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OUR MISSION

We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ that gathers together to celebrate the mysteries of God's love. We support and strengthen one another in our commitment to the Catholic faith. We serve those in need and share with all the Good News of God's unconditional love.

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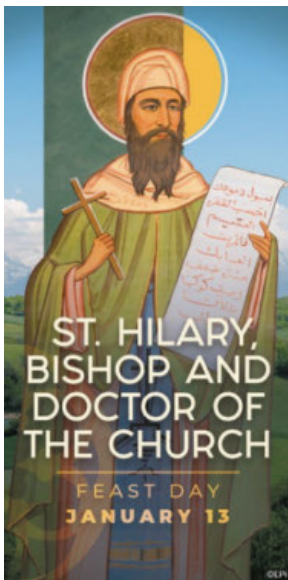


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	1/12	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Mon	1/13	ORDINARY TIME BEGINS St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tues	1/14	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wed	1/15	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thu	1/16	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Fri	1/17	St. Anthony, Abbot Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Sat	1/18	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sun	1/19	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	1/13	8:30 am	Bianca Pastor †
Tues	1/14	4:00 pm	Robert Gingras †
Wed	1/15	9:00 am	Antonio Cabral Bettencourt †
Thu	1/16	8:30 am	Val Cordova †
Fri	1/17	8:30 am	Hector Munoz & Family †
Sat	1/18	8:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
		5:00 pm	Patrick Mahoney †
Sun	1/19	9:00 am	Olivia Gray †
		11:00 am	Julia Clem †
		5:00 pm	Mary Ann Ward (birthday)



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH | 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.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

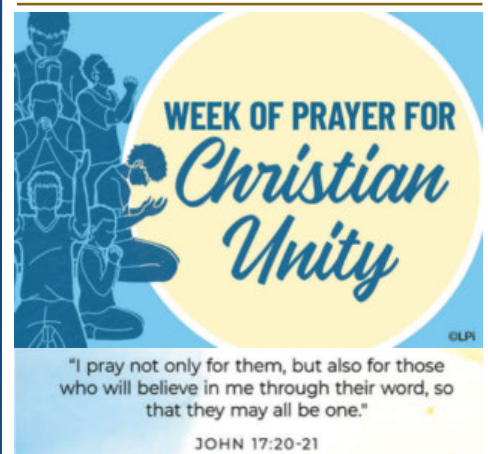
“The people were filled with expectation,” writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: JANUARY

For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Carol Yanz

For those who have recently died:
Herb Robbins; Michael Wheeler; Gerlinde Krick; Patrick Mahoney; Purita Roja, Kevin Oatman

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

Stewardship of TALENT



JANUARY 18 & 19

5:00pm: Saturday: Adult Choir & Piano/Organ
 9:00am: Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 11:00am: Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 5:00pm Sunday: 5pm Sunday Ensemble

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in Hofmann Center.



Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

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	Jul. 1 to Dec. 29, 2024
Budget	\$ 405,000.00
Actual	\$ 398,732.00 *
Difference	- \$ 6,268.00

**Does not include Christmas Offering which will be reported next week.*



SUNDAY
JANUARY
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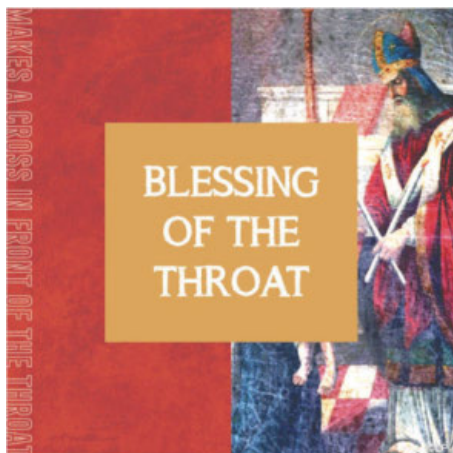
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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THE THROAT, *Explained*

Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on **FEBRUARY 3** - right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat.

On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying ***“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.”*** The priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

Beneath the Surface

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you a non-Catholic who is attracted to the Catholic way of life and interested in becoming Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) helps prepare adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. We meet in a supportive, small group setting to learn about Scripture, the Mass, Sacraments, Church, History, Catholic Prayer and Devotional Practices, and Catholic Teachings on Theology, Moral Issues, and Social Justice.

If you would like more information about this process, please contact Michael Lomas - mlomas@stmaryslg.org or call 408-354-3726 x 123








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