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The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
— Titus 3:5

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 10:00 am
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
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9AM to 10AM

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5PM VIGIL
7AM; 9AM (WITH DRIVE-IN)
11AM (WITH ZOOM)
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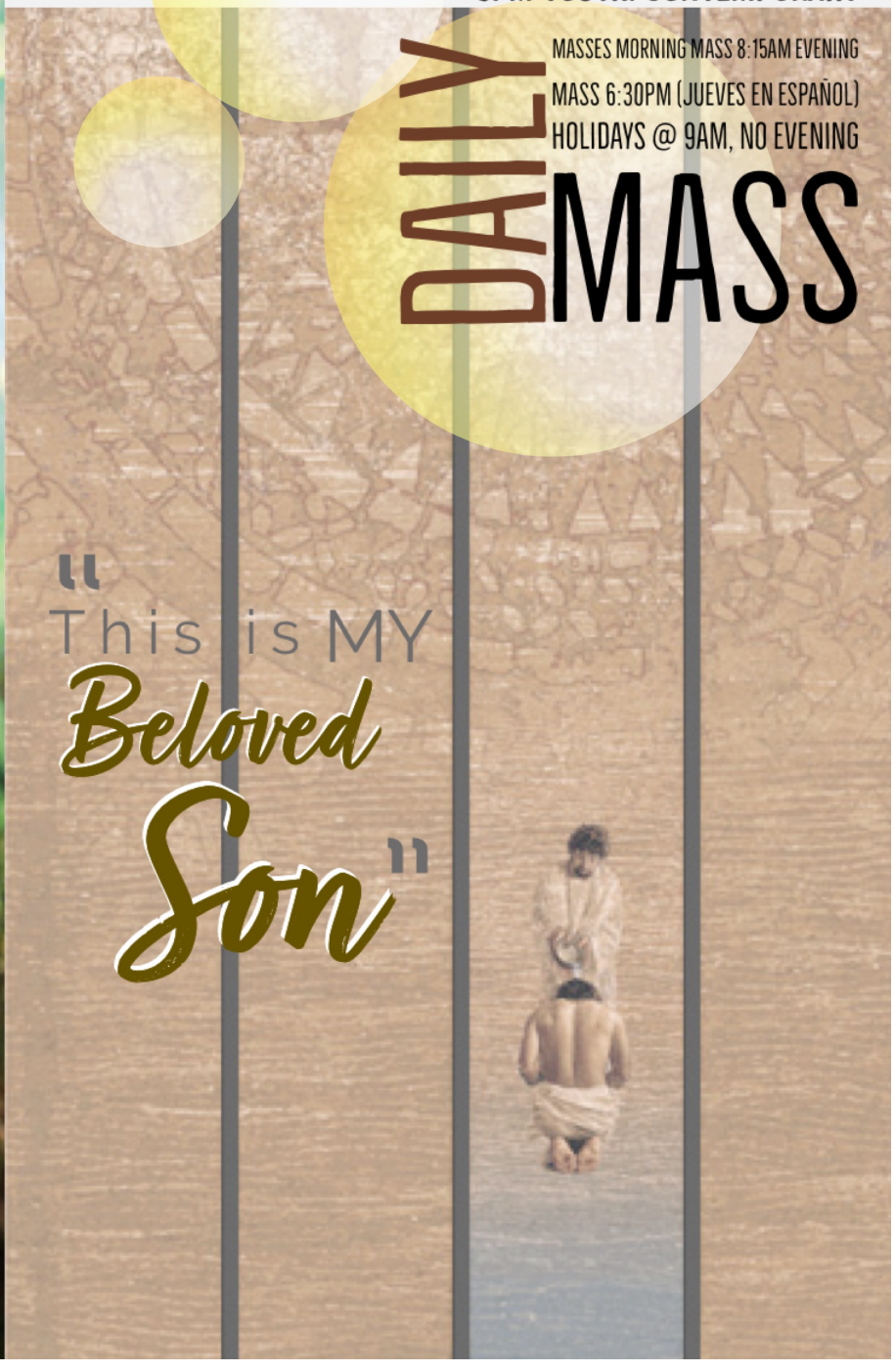


A Message from Father Ethan

The Baptism of the Lord

Yabba Dabba Doo!! This expression of happiness or excitement is the catchphrase of the popular animated character Fred Flintstone. For those of us who remember the cartoon, or animated sitcom, The Flintstones, that aired prime-time on television during the 1960's, know that Fred and his wife Wilma, and their best friends Barney and his wife Betty, live in homely caves in the prehistoric town of Bedrock. Living alongside dinosaurs, these modernized cavepeople enjoy "primitive" versions of such modern conveniences as telephones, washing machines and automobiles. In fact, it is particularly in the automobiles that we may fondly remember Fred and the others powering their cars through the use of their feet. They have to pedal themselves wherever they go.

In our own lives, it may sometimes feel like we are pedaling ourselves around; self-propelled. We have to muster up all of our own energy to be nice, to be kind, to forgive. That can be exhausting. We can do the nice, nice for a while but then the energy runs out and the tank is dry and we become tired, resentful, and bitter. Where is my help? Where are all of the people that I helped now that I am exhausted and need some help?

This weekend we are celebrating the Baptism of the Lord and we hear those beautiful words from the Heavenly Father, "You are my beloved… with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). These words are not only meant for Jesus; they are meant for each of us too. Jesus is revealing a manifestation of God's love for each of us. He is revealing the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a gift for each of us too!! In our baptism, we too are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We are being brought deeper into relationship with God out of love. God is love and He is drawing us deeper into love. That is the whole point of our baptism; love.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, speaks of the "Power of the Gospel" (Romans 1:16). The "Power of the Gospel" is love and it has the ability to power US! Love has the ability to power us in the ways of kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and love. We don't have to run on our own fuel, our own energy, nor our own ability to be nice or to love others. In fact, Jesus is begging us not to rely on ourselves. At the Last Supper, Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). He says "as I have loved you". This means we must receive Christ's love first… and then love each other. Love each other with God's love; with the power of the Gospel.

I remember hearing a comedian one time laughing about how Fred Flintstone and the others powered their own cars. He said, "doesn't it get pretty heavy carrying around that car, pedaling it all on their own?" Our baptism is a baptism into the life and love of Jesus, it's a baptism into the "Power of the Gospel". We are not self-propelled Christians; we are moved by the power of God's love.

Yabba Dabba Doo!!

Blessings in the baptism of love,
Father Ethan

Un Mensaje del Padre Ethan

El Bautismo del Señor

¡¡Yabba Dabba Doo!! Esta expresión de felicidad o emoción es el eslogan del popular personaje animado Pedro Picapiedra. Para aquellos de nosotros que recordamos la caricatura, o la comedia animada, Los Picapiedras, que se transmitió en horario estelar en la televisión durante la década de 1960, saben que Pedro y su esposa Vilma, y sus mejores amigos Pablo y su esposa Betty, viven en acogedoras cuevas en la ciudad prehistórica de Piedradura. Viviendo junto a los dinosaurios, estos habitantes de las cavernas modernizados disfrutan de versiones "primitivas" de comodidades modernas como teléfonos, lavadoras y automóviles. ¡¡De hecho, es particularmente en los automóviles donde podemos recordar con cariño a Pedro y los demás impulsando sus autos con el uso de sus pies!! Tienen que pedalear ellos mismos dondequiera que vayan.

En nuestras propias vidas, a veces puede parecer que estamos pedaleando; autopropulsados. Tenemos que reunir toda nuestra energía para ser agradables, amables, perdonar. Eso puede resultar agotador. Podemos hacer lo agradable, agradable por un tiempo, pero luego la energía se agota y el tanque se seca y nos sentimos cansados, resentidos y amargados. ¿Dónde está mi ayuda? ¿Dónde están todas las personas a las que ayudé ahora que estoy exhausto y necesito ayuda?

Este fin de semana estamos celebrando el Bautismo del Señor y escuchamos esas hermosas palabras del Padre Celestial: “Tú eres mi Hijo muy querido, en quien tengo puesta toda mi predilección” (Lucas 3,22). Estas palabras no solo están destinadas a Jesús; también están destinados a cada uno de nosotros. Jesús está revelando una manifestación del amor de Dios por cada uno de nosotros. Está revelando el don del Espíritu Santo. ¡¡El Espíritu Santo también es un regalo para cada uno de nosotros!! En nuestro bautismo, también nosotros somos bautizados en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Estamos siendo llevados a una relación más profunda con Dios por amor. Dios es amor y nos está atrayendo más profundamente hacia el amor. Ese es el objetivo de nuestro bautismo; el amor.

San Pablo, en su carta a los Romanos, habla del “Poder del Evangelio” (Romanos 1,16). ¡El “Poder del Evangelio” es el amor y tiene la capacidad de impulsarnos a NOSOTROS! El amor tiene la capacidad de impulsarnos en formas de bondad, misericordia, perdón y amor. No tenemos que funcionar con nuestro propio combustible, nuestra propia energía, ni nuestra propia capacidad para ser amables o amar a los demás. De hecho, Jesús nos ruega que no dependamos de nosotros mismos. En la Última Cena, Jesús dice: “Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: ámense los unos a los otros. Así como yo los he amado, ámense también ustedes los unos a los otros” (Juan 13,34). Dice "como yo los he amado". Esto significa que debemos recibir el amor de Cristo primero... y luego amarnos unos a otros. Amaos unos a otros con el amor de Dios; con el poder del Evangelio.

Recuerdo que una vez escuché a un comediante reírse de cómo Pedro Picapiedra y los demás impulsaban sus propios autos. Él dijo: ¿No se vuelve bastante pesado llevar ese auto, pedalearlo todo por su cuenta? "Nuestro bautismo es un bautismo en la vida y el amor de Jesús, es un bautismo en el "Poder del Evangelio". No somos Cristianos autopropulsados; nos mueve el poder del amor de Dios.

Yabba Dabba Doo!!

Bendiciones en el bautismo de amor,
Padre Ethan

Praying for you

Mass Intentions for the Week
January 8 & 9, 2022

5pm Vigil - Aracely Malubay +
Thomas & Marcela Adriano +
Lazaro Ricafort, Jr. +

7:00 am - Protasio Pablo +
Fernando Pablo +
Wilfrido Pablo

9:00 am - Murillo Family
Jill Ann Yapit
Bert & Ber Tolentino

11:00 am - People of the Parish

1:00 pm - Juan y Esther Corbera
Silvestre Guzman +
Arturo Moreno Antolín +

5:00 pm - People of the Parish

January 10 **8:15am** Nanette Benedicto
Lana & Bong Tolentino
Ernesto Castañeda +
6:30 pm People of the Parish

January 11 **8:15am** Julie Liu Lee
Romeo Mendoza +
6:30pm All Souls in Purgatory

January 12 **8:15am** Stella Ilejay
Rosy J. Delgado +
6:30pm Edward Vigil +

January 13 **8:15 am** Abelina Domacena +
Jose Ochoa +
Dan Young
6:30pm For those who are ill in the community

January 14 **8:15am** Dominic Thiep Nguyen +
Azucena Alvarez +
6:30 p.m. Ferdinand Tolentino

January 15 **8:15am** People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.
Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.
Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.
Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14 20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21 28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29 39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40 45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1 12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13 17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
The Baptism of the Lord
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,
God, for ever and ever.

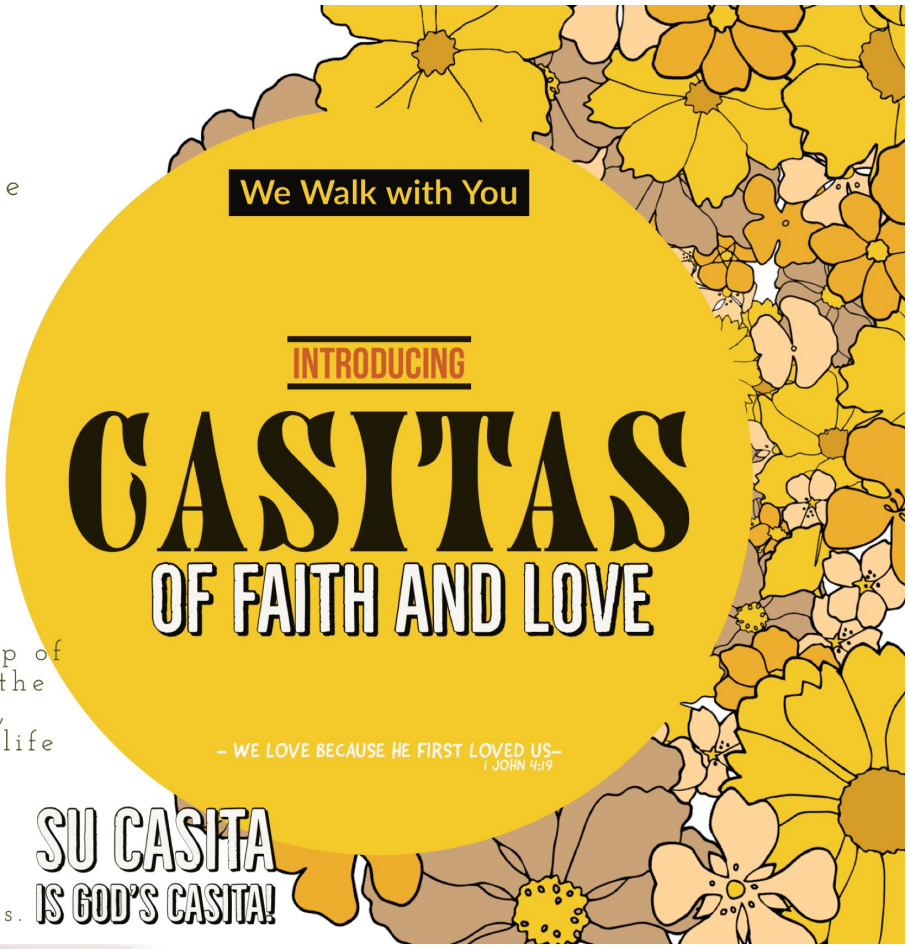
Reflection question:
What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God?

Beginning mid-January, your child and yourself are meeting with the class and their catechist virtually for a 30-minute catechesis and prayer time through **ZOOM.**

It is our effort that we as a community will have time together with families especially with the children in this most precious time of their **FAITH LIFE.**

We walk with you every step of the way and we desire that the casitas be a place of sharing, listening, and breathing the life of God **IN YOU.**

Stay tuned for e-mail from your child's catechist for the schedule of your weekly casitas.



BUNDLE SUNDAY [SVDP]

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – BUNDLE SUNDAY

On January 9th, 2022 our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores. Please bring your *useable* clothing and *useable* household items on this day. Their truck will be here at our church at the Lassen Parking Lot. Please help them in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Please phone (323) 224-6280 or (800) 974-3571 for free pick up of large items.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? January 8-9 || Check your child's backpack As you and your children prepare for their return to school after Christmas break, make sure they are not carrying too much around in their backpacks. Backpacks that are too heavy can cause problems like neck or back pain, or poor posture. The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) recommends that a child's backpack weigh no more than 5-10% of the child's body weight. Help your children by ensuring that they wear their backpacks correctly, with both straps over the shoulders, and that they are only carrying what they need. If you have concerns about the load your child is carrying, reach out to a teacher or school staff to discuss what should and should not be coming home every day.For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Revisit Online Safety Practices" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Revise la mochila de su hijo/hija Mientras usted y sus hijos se preparan para regresar a la escuela después de las vacaciones de Navidad, asegúrese de que no carguen demasiado en sus mochilas. Las mochilas demasiado pesadas pueden causar problemas como dolor de cuello o espalda, o mala postura. La Asociación Americana de Quiropráctica (ACA) recomienda que la mochila de un niño no pese más del 5-10 por ciento del peso corporal del niño. Ayude a sus hijos asegurándose de que usen correctamente sus mochilas, con ambas correas sobre los hombros, y de que solo carguen lo que necesitan. Si tiene inquietudes sobre la carga que lleva su hijo, comuníquese con un maestro o personal de la escuela para hablar sobre lo que debe y no debe llevar a casa todos los días.

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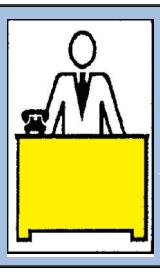

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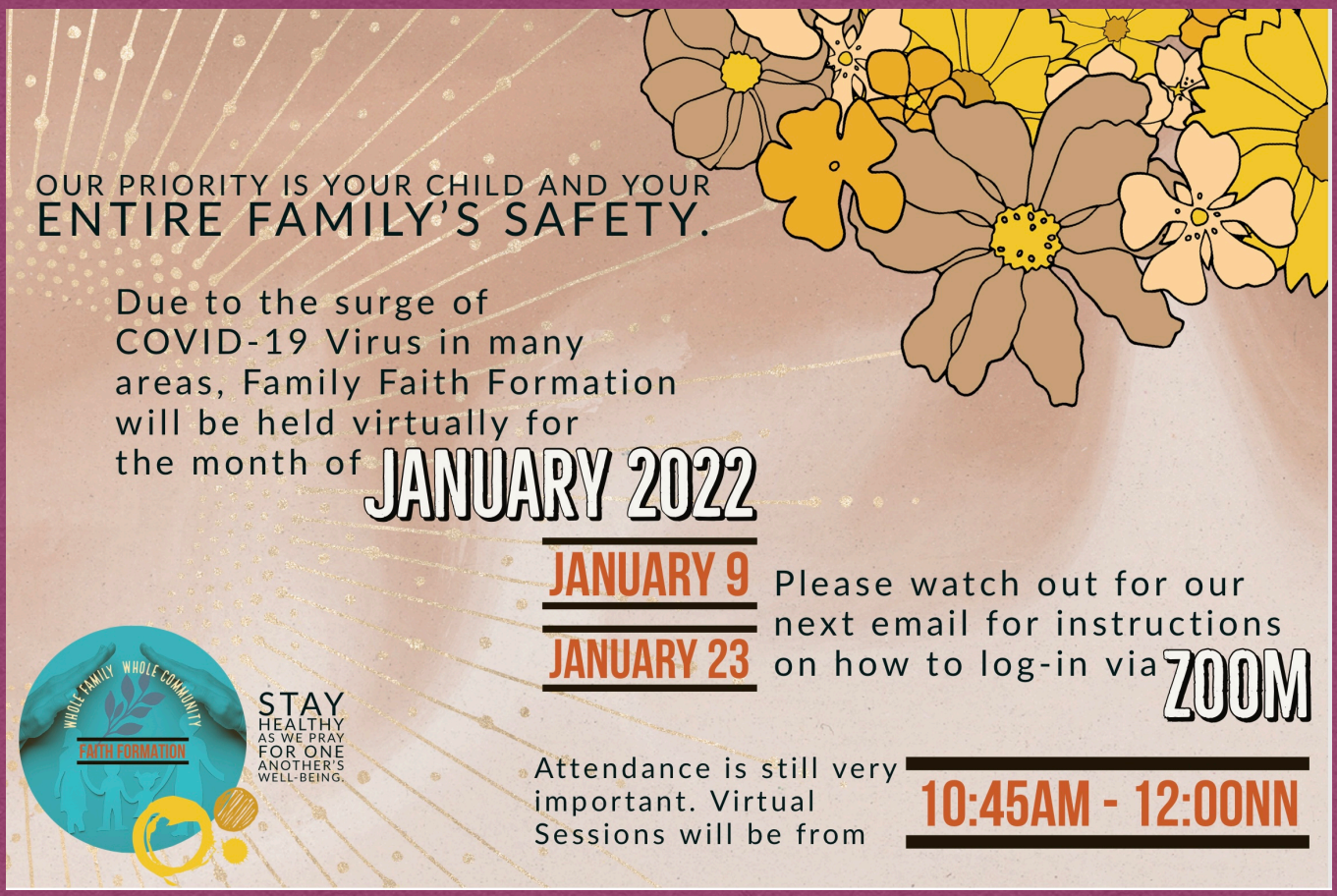

St. John Eudes
Teen Confirmation

Dear Families of Teen Confirmation Year 1 & Year 2

We hope you are enjoying the Christmas season and staying safe and healthy during this time.

Confirmation Sessions for the month of **January will be via ZOOM**
Out of precaution given the current wave of COVID-19 cases.
Please look out for your e-mail that will contain the information about how to log-on to zoom.

SPONSORS are invited to join us for the meetings this month. We are going to share information related to both Candidate & Sponsor during this session.

Thank you!
Confirmation Core Team