

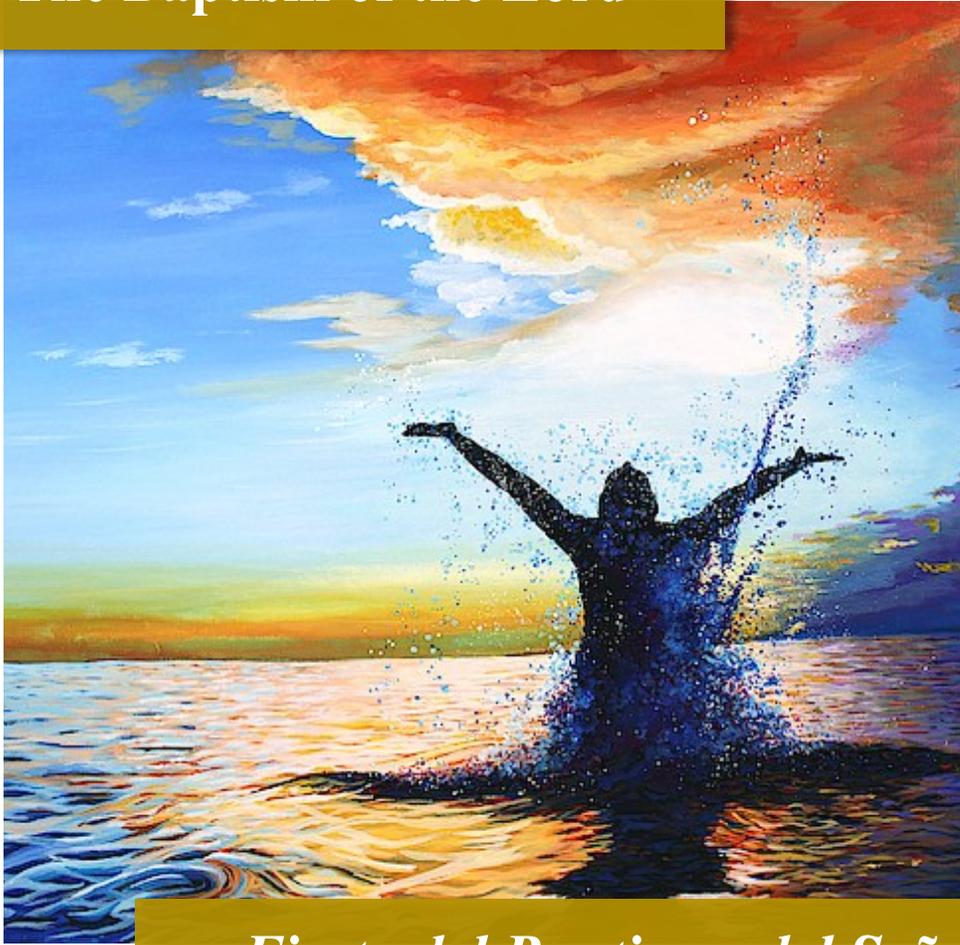


St. Agatha Catholic Church

A PARISH FAMILY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord



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Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

Weekend Mass Misa de Fin de Semana

Saturday | Sábado
5:00pm Vigil Bilingual

Sunday | Domingo
7:30am Español
10:00am English
12:30pm Español

Daily Mass Misa Diaria

Monday | Lunes
6:30pm Español

Tuesday | Martes
8:00am Español

Wednesday | Miércoles
6:30pm *Español
*Liturgia de la Palabra
con Comunión

Thursday | Jueves
6:30pm English

Friday | Viernes
6:30pm Bilingual

Mass Livestreamed Misa Transmitida

Facebook <https://stagathas.org/>
Sunday | Domingo 7:30am, 10am

Conference Call Line

(Th, 6:30pm, Sun 10:00am)
(978) 990-5000
Passcode 582270#

CONFESSION | CONFESIÓN

Friday | Viernes
5:00P.M. –6:30 P.M.

ADORATION | ADORACIÓN

Friday | Viernes
5:00P.M. –6:30 P.M

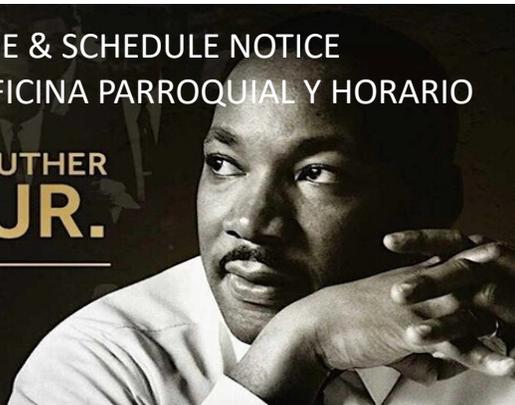
PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE & SCHEDULE NOTICE
AVISO DE CIERRE DE OFICINA PARROQUIAL Y HORARIO

DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.
DAY

Monday, January 19th
Lunes, 19 de enero

Our Parish Office will be closed and ministry events/ meeting will cease in observance of this day. There will be 6:30PM mass. In Spanish.

En observancia de este día, la Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada, y todas las reuniones y eventos ministeriales quedarán suspendidos.
Habrá Misa a las 6:30 PM en español.



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Mass Intentions Intenciones de Misa



January 11—January 17

Salud | Health & Healing

Crystal Culmer
Mariana Perez
Miriam Castro
Nury Gomez de Arboleda

Eternal Rest | Descanso

Eterno

Lily Marie Brunswick
Belarmina Morales
Bernadette Bain
Dora Alicia Hernandez
Contreras
Fernando Dominguez
Harry Anton
Lydia Anton
Salvador Guerrero
Rosa Guerrero
Sal Guerrero

Birthday | Cumpleaños

Aineakho Ojior
Gustavo Guzman
Ivonne Jones
Miguel Perez
Ruben Gallegos

Use our website to place your Intention Requests.
Utilice nuestro sitio web para realizar sus solicitudes de intención.

<https://stagathas.org/mass-intentions>





Did You Know? ¿Sabías Que?

HOW TO ADVOCATE WITH CHILDREN FOR THEIR SAFETY

As a safe adult, you have tremendous power to make a profound difference for children – not only by recognizing and responding to unsafe situations, but also by teaching children about their rights to safety and creating environments where they can speak up and get help. There are skills we can teach to children to help them to better protect themselves when faced with tough situations like child sexual abuse or grooming experiences where their boundaries are violated. It is important to make sure children know this, so they don't feel guilt or shame if abuse does happen, to them or to a friend. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How to Advocate Directly with Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

CÓMO TRABAJAR CON LOS NIÑOS PARA PROMOVER SU PROPIA SEGURIDAD

Como adulto de confianza, usted tiene un enorme poder para marcar una profunda diferencia en la vida de los niños, no solo reconociendo y respondiendo a situaciones peligrosas, sino también enseñándoles sus derechos a la seguridad y creando entornos en los que puedan expresarse y obtener ayuda. Hay habilidades que podemos enseñar a los niños para ayudarles a protegerse mejor cuando se enfrentan a situaciones difíciles, como el abuso sexual infantil o experiencias de engaño que violan límites personales. Es importante asegurarse de que los niños no sientan culpa ni vergüenza si se produce un abuso, ya sea hacia ellos o hacia un amigo. Para mayores informes lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "How to Advocate Directly With Youth for their Safety and Wellbeing" (Cómo trabajar con los niños para promover su propia seguridad) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Mark Your Calendars — January 25

There will be a **food sale fundraiser** to support our **Catechist and Ministry Volunteers** attending the **2026 Religious Education Congress**.

More details will be provided soon.

Marque su Calendario — 25 de enero

Habrà una **venta de comida para recaudar fondos** en apoyo a nuestros **catequistas y voluntarios de ministerios** que asistirán al **Congreso de Educación Religiosa 2026**.

Más detalles se anunciarán próximamente.



A FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE:

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING THROUGH AN IGNATIAN LENS

IN HONOR OF POPE LEO XIV AND POPE LEO XIII'S LEGACY OF RERUM NOVARUM

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE
SEPTEMBER 2025 - NOVEMBER 2025

A spiritual development program integrating Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola (Ignatian Spirituality). Meetings are held Zoom. Includes opening/closing prayer, teaching, scripture, reflection, faith sharing, and action.

NEW DAY & DATES FOR FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE SEMINAR

MONDAY NIGHTS, 7:00--8:30PM

ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/82011866641](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82011866641)

JANUARY 26: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES & FREEDOM FOR MISSION

FEBRUARY 23: DIGNITY OF WORK & RIGHTS OF WORKERS & CONTEMPLATION IN ACTION

MARCH 23: SUBSIDIARITY & ECONOMIC JUSTICE & SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT

APRIL 20: PEACE AND RECONCILIATION & THE DAILY EXAMEN

MAY 18: MIGRATION AND HOSPITALITY & IGNATIAN HOSPITALITY

JUNE 6: FINAL RETREAT: A FAITH THAT DOES JUSTICE + MAGIS AND MISSION





Called, Chosen, and Sent

This Sunday's readings remind us of something both comforting and challenging: **God meets us where we are, but never leaves us where we remain.** In the Gospel, we see Jesus stepping into the waters alongside everyone else—not because He needed repentance, but because He chose closeness. He chose relationship. He chose to fully enter into the human experience.

In that moment, Jesus is revealed not through power or spectacle, but through humility and obedience. The heavens open, the Spirit descends, and a voice declares love and identity: *"You are my beloved."* Before Jesus performs miracles, before He teaches crowds or carries the cross, He is first affirmed, named, and loved.

That same truth applies to us. Our faith journey does not begin with perfection or accomplishment. It begins with belonging. We are claimed by God not because we have everything figured out, but because we are willing to step forward and trust.

A New Year, A New Way Forward

As we begin a new year, it's natural to reflect on what has been—what went well, what didn't, what we wish we could redo. But the Gospel invites us to look forward differently. It reminds us that **our past does not define our future—God's promise does.**

The new year is not about erasing everything behind us, but about **allowing God to transform it.** The waters Jesus stepped into were ordinary, yet they became the place of revelation. In the same way, God can use our ordinary lives—our struggles, failures, and hopes—as starting points for renewal.

Moving forward means choosing not to remain stuck in regret, fear, or disappointment. It means trusting that God is already at work, calling us to begin again with intention and courage. This year, we are invited to:

- Let go of what no longer gives life
- Be open to where God may be leading us next
- Step into each day with faith, not fear

A new year is not a clean slate we must fill perfectly. It is a path we walk with God—one step at a time—guided by grace, strengthened by hope, and rooted in love.

As we move forward, may we remember: **we are already loved, already claimed, and always invited to begin again.**

Llamados, Elegidos y Enviados

Las lecturas de este domingo nos recuerdan algo a la vez reconfortante y desafiante: **Dios nos encuentra tal como somos, pero no nos deja donde estamos.** En el Evangelio vemos a Jesús entrar en las aguas junto a todos los demás—no porque necesitara arrepentimiento, sino porque eligió cercanía. Eligió rela-



ción. Eligió compartir plenamente la experiencia humana.

En ese momento, Jesús no es revelado a través del poder o el espectáculo, sino mediante la humildad y la obediencia. Los cielos se abren, el Espíritu desciende y una voz proclama amor e identidad: *“Tú eres mi Hijo amado.”* Antes de realizar milagros, antes de enseñar a las multitudes o cargar la cruz, Jesús es primero afirmado, nombrado y amado.

Esa misma verdad se aplica a nosotros. Nuestro camino de fe no comienza con la perfección ni con los logros. Comienza con la pertenencia. Somos reclamados por Dios no porque tengamos todo resuelto, sino porque estamos dispuestos a dar un paso adelante y confiar.

Un Año Nuevo, Una Nueva Manera de Avanzar

Al comenzar un nuevo año, es natural reflexionar sobre lo que ha sido—lo que salió bien, lo que no, y aquello que quisiéramos haber hecho de otra manera. Pero el Evangelio nos invita a mirar hacia adelante de una forma distinta. Nos recuerda que **nuestro pasado no define nuestro futuro—la promesa de Dios sí lo hace.**

El año nuevo no se trata de borrar todo lo que dejamos atrás, sino de **permitir que Dios lo transforme.** Las aguas en las que Jesús entró eran ordinarias, y aun así se convirtieron en un lugar de revelación. De la misma manera, Dios puede usar nuestras vidas cotidianas—nuestras luchas, fracasos y esperanzas—como puntos de partida para la renovación.

Avanzar significa elegir no quedarnos atrapados en el arrepentimiento, el miedo o la decepción. Significa confiar en que Dios ya está obrando, llamándonos a comenzar de nuevo con intención y valentía. Este año, estamos invitados a:

- Dejar ir aquello que ya no da vida
- Abrirnos a donde Dios nos pueda estar guiando
- Caminar cada día con fe, no con miedo

Un año nuevo no es una hoja en blanco que debemos llenar perfectamente. Es un camino que recorreremos con Dios—paso a paso—guiados por la gracia, fortalecidos por la esperanza y arraigados en el amor.

Al avanzar, recordemos: **ya somos amados, ya somos llamados, y siempre estamos invitados a comenzar de nuevo.**

A Daily Prayer of Trust and Renewal

Loving God,
Thank You for this new day.
Help me to walk close to You
in all that I do.
Teach me to trust Your plan,
even when I do not understand it.
Give me peace in my heart
and courage to keep moving forward.
Help me let go of the past
and open my heart to the work
You are doing in my life today.
Guide my thoughts, my words,
and my actions,
so that I may grow in love,
patience, and faith.
May everything I do
bring me closer to You.
Amen.

Dios amoroso,
Gracias por este nuevo día.
Ayúdame a caminar cerca de Ti
en todo lo que hago.
Enséñame a confiar en Tu plan,
aun cuando no lo entienda.
Regálame paz en mi corazón
y valor para seguir adelante.
Ayúdame a dejar atrás el pasado
y a abrir mi corazón a la obra
que estás haciendo hoy en mi vida.
Guía mis pensamientos,
mis palabras y mis acciones,
para crecer en amor, paciencia y fe.
Que todo lo que haga me acerque más a Ti.
Amén.



Let's Travel

September 28 – October 10, 2026

A 13-Day Marian Pilgrimage Across Spain, Portugal & France

Join us for a sacred journey to some of the most beloved pilgrimage destinations in the Christian world:

Fátima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, and the great Spanish Marian shrines of Zaragoza, Manresa, Montserrat, and Barcelona.

This all-inclusive 13-day pilgrimage is thoughtfully designed to nourish both faith and fellowship, offering time for prayer, reflection, sacred liturgy, and shared community.

The pilgrimage includes:

- Round-trip airfare from LAX to Europe
- Carefully selected hotels
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Private ground transportation
- All guided excursions and entrance fees
- All tips and gratuities

Daily Mass celebrated at holy shrines and pilgrimage sites

Come walk the ancient paths of pilgrims, pray at Marian sanctuaries, celebrate the Eucharist daily, and experience the beauty of faith, culture, and community across Spain, Portugal, and France.

Tour Investment & Pricing

All-Inclusive Tour (Land Only): \$3,149

(Includes accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner, transportation, guided visits, and program fees. Airfare not included.)

Tour Website with Itinerary & Registration Info:
www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/friendsofstagatha2026.htm
Email: St.AgathaTravel@gmail.com

Les invitamos a un viaje sagrado a algunos de los destinos de peregrinación más queridos del mundo cristiano: Fátima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, y los grandes santuarios marianos de España en Zaragoza, Manresa, "Montserrat", "Marian monastery Catalonia", y Barcelona.

Esta peregrinación de 13 días, todo incluido, ha sido cuidadosamente diseñada para fortalecer la fe y la fraternidad, ofreciendo tiempo para la oración, la reflexión, la liturgia sagrada y la vida en comunidad.

La peregrinación incluye:

- Vuelo redondo desde LAX a Europa
- Hoteles cuidadosamente seleccionados
- Desayuno y cena diarios
- Transporte terrestre privado
- Todas las excursiones guiadas y entradas
- Todas las propinas y gratificaciones
- Misa diaria celebrada en santuarios y lugares de peregrinación

Vengan a recorrer los antiguos caminos de los peregrinos, a orar en santuarios marianos, a celebrar diariamente la Eucaristía y a experimentar la belleza de la fe, la cultura y la comunidad en España, Portugal y Francia.

Inversión del Tour y Costos

Tour Todo Incluido (solo terrestre): \$3,149
(Incluye hospedaje, desayuno y cena diarios, transporte, visitas guiadas y costos del programa. No incluye pasaje aéreo.)

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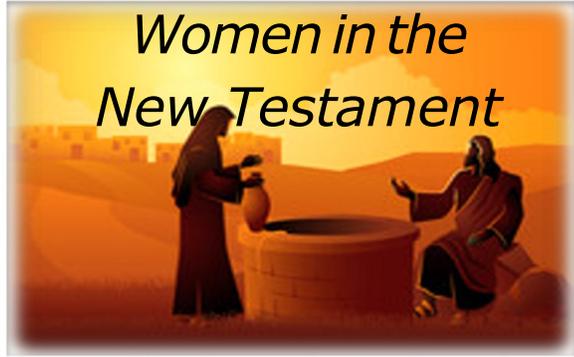
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9AM - 7:30PM**





January 2026 Winter Bible Study

**Mondays, 4:00 pm, beginning
January 5, 2025,**

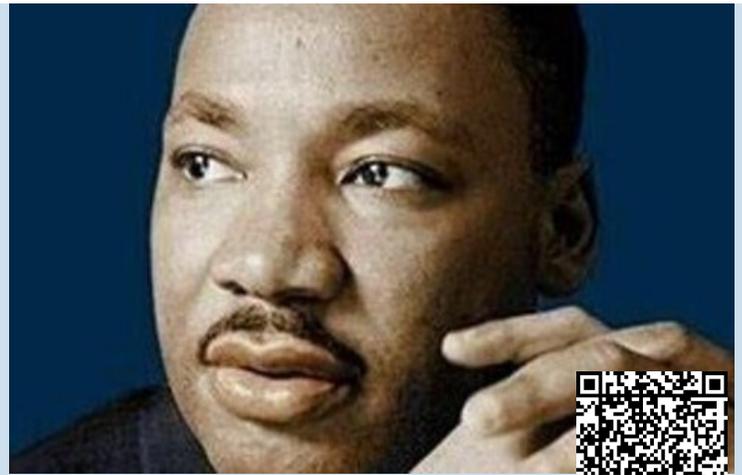
**In Person - St. Agatha Parish, Guadalupe
Room, access is restricted, so please enter
by the Exit (the gate closest to the Parish
Center), call/text Natalie (323) 366-5013;**

**Wednesdays, 7:00 pm,
beginning January 7, 2025, via Zoom,**

**Please register at stagathas.org/biblestudy to
obtain link to join the meeting.**

**Required Texts: Women in the New Testa-
ment (cost: \$12.00) A Catholic Bible – Either
New American Bible, Revised Edition,
(NABRE) or New Revised Standard Version
(NRSV)**

[Register @ stagathas.org/biblestudy](http://stagathas.org/biblestudy)



Mission Possible – January 18

**Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy
for Future Generations**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM (PST)
Life Sciences Building: 1 LMU Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90045**

The **Center for Religion and Spirituality**, in partnership with the **African American Catholic Center for Evangelization** and the **CSJ Center for Justice and Reconciliation**, invites you to celebrate the life and legacy of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

This year's theme, "*Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy for Future Generations*," invites participants to reflect, share insights, and engage in meaningful dialogue about the challenges and responsibilities we face in upholding these core values for generations to come. Individuals from diverse backgrounds who are committed to advancing Dr. King's vision of a more just and equitable world are warmly invited to attend.

Panelists include:

- **Dr. Ansel Augustine**, Assistant Director of African American Affairs, **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**
- **Mr. Eddie Hilley**, Director of Music at **St. Agatha Catholic Church**, leading prayer and worship



Misión Posible – 18 de enero

Misión Posible: Protegiendo la libertad, la justicia y la democracia para las futuras generaciones

**Domingo, 18 de enero de 2026, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM (Hora del Pacífico)
Life Sciences Building: 1 LMU Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90045**

El **Centro para la Religión y la Espiritualidad**, en colaboración con el **Centro Católico Afroamericano para la Evangelización** y el **Centro CSJ para la Justicia y la Reconciliación**, le invita a celebrar la vida y el legado del **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** El tema de este año, "*Misión Posible: Protegiendo la libertad, la justicia y la democracia para las futuras generaciones*," ofrece un espacio para compartir reflexiones, experiencias y puntos de vista sobre los desafíos y responsabilidades que enfrentamos al defender estos valores fundamentales para el bien de las generaciones futuras. Invitamos a personas de diversos orígenes comprometidas con la visión del Dr. King de un mundo más justo y equitativo.

Panelistas incluyen:

- **Dr. Ansel Augustine**, Subdirector de Asuntos Afroamericanos, **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**, quien también
- **Sr. Eddie Hilley**, Director de Música de **St. Agatha Catholic Church**, dirigirá la oración y el momento de adoración



A Bit About... Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.

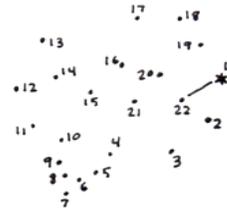


Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1. John
6.heavens 7.me 8.water 9.Son 11.is
12.After 14.unite 16.Jordan 19.fold
Down: 1.Jesus 2.need 3.show 4.Baptist
5.heard 10.out 11.into 13.river 15.God
17.at 18.no

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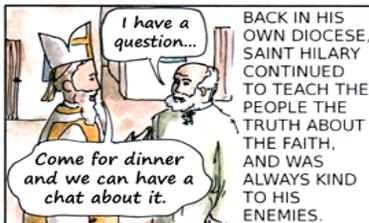
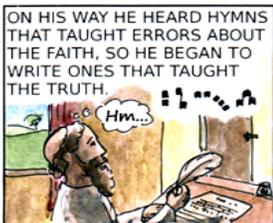
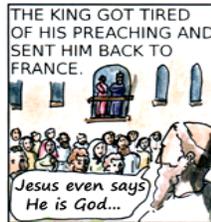
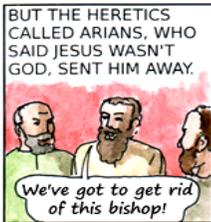
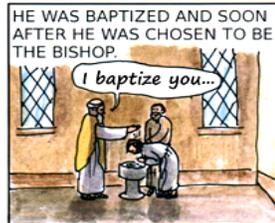
The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday January 11th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist see that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God? Connect the dots to find out!

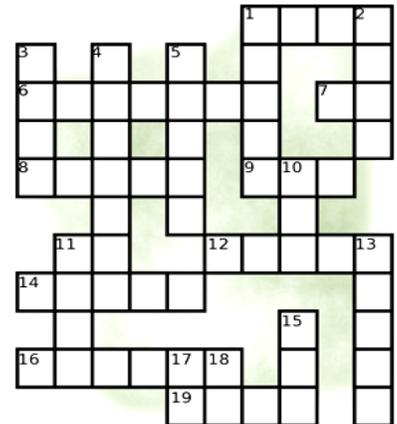
Saint Hilary of Poitiers January 13



SAINT HILARY DIED AROUND THE YEAR 368. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT IT IS GOOD TO STUDY THE FAITH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD IN HARD TIMES. WE CAN ALSO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER OR PERSECUTE US BECAUSE OF IT.

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Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

Across:

1. What was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
6. The _____ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
7. John said to Jesus, "You should baptize _____!"
8. John baptized with _____.
9. "This is my beloved _____ with whom I am well pleased."
11. "This _____ my beloved Son..."
12. _____ Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
14. Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to _____ His sandal!"
16. What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
19. Jesus _____ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.

Down:

1. Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
2. John said, "I _____ to be baptized by you!"
3. Jesus did this to _____ us how important baptism is.
4. The John in this story is called John the _____.
5. They _____ a voice from Heaven.
10. John came _____ of the desert to preach and baptize.
11. When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes _____ our soul.
13. Jesus was baptized in a _____.
15. The Heavens opened and the Spirit of _____ appeared.
17. Jesus came from Galilee to John _____ the Jordan.
18. Jesus had _____ sins even before He was baptized.

