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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022**

# **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

## The Baptism of the Lord

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*

— Pope Francis

**W**hat reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire.

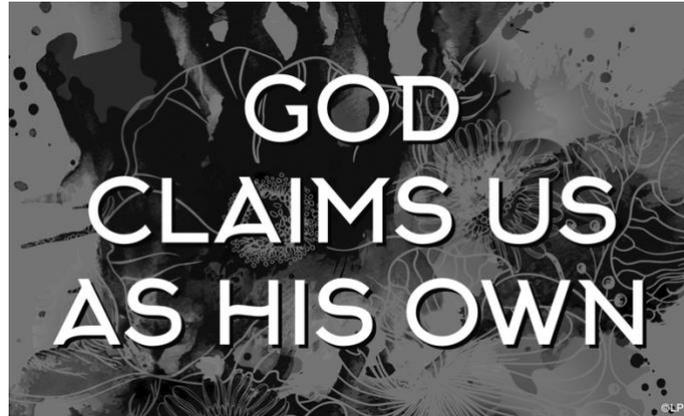
We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes.

Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy

and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes



against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

## Let's Undecorate This Weekend

Thanks to all who made our sanctuary a beautiful creation for the Christmas Season. It's finally time to take down our décor and we need your help. Can you stay after mass on Sunday to lend a hand? We need to remove the manger scene and the Christmas trees. (We will keep the poinsettias for a while.) Many hands make light work, so it should only take a short while to complete. Thanks!

## Our Appreciation

We are very grateful to our parishioners for your many Christmas gifts. We are very appreciative of the many ways you share your gifts and talents with our parish throughout the year. May you have a blessed and grace filled New Year, Father Ed and Father John

## Teens Encounter Christ

**T**EC stands for Teens Encounter Christ. TEC is an international, spiritual-renewal movement in the Catholic Church that strives to bring young people and adults into a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. TEC is a community, led by the Holy Spirit, that gathers people into Christian groups of faith, while attempting to incorporate its ministry into the overall ministry of their members' dioceses and parishes.

The primary method employed to gather people into Christian community and form them in the Christian life is that of the weekend retreat. At the weekend retreat, which usually runs from Friday evening to Monday afternoon, the participants are led into Christ's Paschal Mystery, through a combination of presentations, activities, talks, prayer, community building, and liturgy.

The next TEC retreat that will take place in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held from Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> to Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia. It will be free for all teens who are in their junior year of high school through first year of college.

You can register on the Diocesan website, at <https://dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/tec/>, or you can contact Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to register: 304-233-0880, ext. 374 or [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).

### Mass Requests for 2022

Do you have a specific mass intention for next year? Would you like to have a mass offered for a loved one or a deceased member of your family? Please drop your intentions (plus your \$5 donation) in an envelope or give it to Father Ed. Specific dates may go quickly, so act now. Please note that Canon Law requires a parish to offer one mass each weekend for the intentions of its parishioners. Since we only have two masses per weekend, it is difficult to schedule all of your requests on a weekend. We will do the best we can to accommodate your requests. Because we were overloaded with requests from last year, we are already scheduled into March of 2022.

### Envelopes for Next Year

Our 2022 envelopes have arrived and are available in Marist Hall. This year, we only ordered boxes of envelopes for those families who used them on a consistent basis. Many of you are sending your donations electronically from your bank, or just dropping a check in the collection basket. We appreciate you! Unfortunately, we had to throw away about 25 boxes of envelopes last year. If you don't see your envelope box in the hall, please pick up a box of "unnumbered" envelopes to use. If you would like a box of envelopes with your specific number, please let us know. Thanks!

### Looking for Couples to Lead

We are looking for one or two couples to lead a marriage program at Holy Rosary Parish. We are just in the planning stages, and this program will be based on the program: "Together in Holiness." This diocesan program could be carried back to the parish as an important ministry to our couples here. Give it some thought, and talk to Father Ed if you are interested.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Now accepting January Celebrations!*

Kathy Angus	January 6
Mary Kathleen Blake	January 7
Virginia Cerullo	January 22
Colleen Hoover	January 22
Joe Broslawsky	January 29
Virginia Carmona	January 31

*The Year of St. Joseph* has been extended in the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston and will be over at the end of February. Have you placed your rock in our St. Joseph Garden yet? We would like everyone to place their rock by this time. We hope to have a special dedication soon. Thanks for participating!

### Please remember in your prayers:

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Matthew Linger, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, P.T. Garton, Jalen Welcome, Dennis Cortes, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Gene Zara, Paula Ball, Janine Robinson, Elaine Katai, Terry McKisic and Tori Odom, Andrew Schmidt, Gay Little, Denise Karlen, Jim Hawkinberry, Sandy Derico, Tim Dewitt and Family, Ellie McCarthy, Linus Deasy, Shanna Ericsson, Linda Coyner, Donnie Cox, Rue Thompson.

### Please pray for men and women in the military.

Please pray for our Homebound: Mary Stump, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Helena Bessinger, Virginia Cerullo, Alan and Jimmie Jo Simmon, Barbara Hillberry, Donnie Cox.

**Psalm Response: "The Lord will bless his people with peace."**

## Stewardship

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes: \$1,555.00 Loose: \$143.00

Attendance: 1/1:51 1/2: 75



The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston invite all married and engaged couples to the first

### Together in Holiness marriage conference

on Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV.

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Childcare

Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation

Featuring: Damon Owens, Founder of *Joyful Ever After*

## Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Jan. 8 – 7 p.m. Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Jan. 9 – 9 a.m. +Rodger Lundell (Holy Rosary)  
8 p.m. - WVWC – We pray for WVWC students

No Mass – WVWC

Monday, Jan. 10 – no mass

Tuesday, Jan. 11 – 7:30 a.m. (Holy Rosary) + Patsy Ricottilli

Wednesday, Jan. 12 – 6 p.m. Holy Hour (For health workers and their families) 7 p.m. (Holy Rosary) +Amelia Derico

Thursday, Jan. 13 – 7:30 +Steven Jarrell (Holy Rosary)

Friday, Jan. 14 – 7 :30 a.m. (Holy Rosary) +William Stankus

Saturday, Jan. 15 – 7 p.m. Parishioners (Holy Rosary )

Sunday, Jan. 16 – 9 a.m. – +Charity Manspeaker (Holy Rosary)

Noon – +Irene Ryan (Sacred Heart)

8 p.m. – for students and teachers (WVWC)

1/8 and 1/9 - Lectors: Sister Francesca, Jalna J.  
Greeters: Nancy & Tony, Frank G.

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

LEARN

### LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist – the man who would baptize Jesus.



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