

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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**Weekly Reflection**—Most of us seldom think about Baptism. Perhaps because we were infants when we received the Sacrament and had little to say about it. Some, however, do not receive the Sacrament until they are adults and it might be enlightening to speak with them about their experience. What does your Baptism mean to you? Next time you renew your baptismal promises, listen carefully to the words and reflect on them. How is your Baptism transforming your life?

*I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations.  
~ Isaiah 42:6*

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### THE CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault*; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## READING 1

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7*

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10*

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

## READING II

*Acts 10:34-38*

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## ALLELUIA

*Cf. Mark 9:7*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. **R.**

## GOSPEL

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man*. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayer of the Faithful

## The Baptism of the Lord

Please respond: *“Lord Hear Our Prayer.”*

For the Church: that the Lord will bless his people and make them a light for the nations.

We pray to the Lord

For civil leaders here and throughout the world: that they be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to govern according to the truth.

We pray to the Lord

For all those to be baptized, especially those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil this year: that they find in the sacrament happiness and peace.

We pray to the Lord

For the suffering and the lonely: that they realize the consoling love of the Blessed Trinity in their lives.

We pray to the Lord

For those who live in darkness because of sin: that the mercy of Jesus may bring them to repentance and conversion.

We pray to the Lord

For the grace this week to live our baptismal promises with deeper authenticity and fervor.

We pray to the Lord

For the intentions inscribed in our book of prayer, in our prayer baskets, and lifted to Jesus in the quiet of our heart...

We pray to the Lord

For all of our beloved dead, especially Terry Prondzinski, and ...

4:00 p.m.: Dale Tetzloff

6:00 p.m.: Jim Falk

8:30 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Stephen & St. Joseph

10:30 a.m.: Jim Bob Mazoch

We pray to the Lord