

January 10, 2016

**Sunday After The Epiphany of the Lord
(First Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

The Baptism of the Lord

Feast



**Jesus Anointed and Consecrated
by The Holy Spirit**

Today's Gospel narrative, with its focus on Jesus' baptism represents what baptism means for Jesus and what it would entail for his followers. All who are baptized in Jesus' name enter fully into his life and go with him through the passage of his suffering and death to life everlasting.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 16
4:30 p.m. Spec. Int. – Jurgen Hutzler
Sunday, January 17
8:00 a.m. Louis & Joe Machalec

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
Responsorial Psalm: 96
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

No Bible Study
Wednesday, January 13

No C.C.D.
Wednesday, January 13

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2015 Assessment	\$7,532.00
Contributions So Far	\$6,299.40
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$1,232.60

We are almost there! Help us out to meet our annual financial obligation to the Bishop.

Restoring Maticka Praha

If you have not done so already, we ask that you prayerfully pledge in honor ones. You to make a one-pay for an item



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ORIENTATION

As the baptized Jesus emerges from the waters of Jordan, God's voice declares, "You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased," (Luke 3:22) revealing his true essence and identity. This is a remarkable reminder of the importance of our own Baptism as the sacrament that declares our own identity as members of the Body of Christ. Just as God declares the baptized Jesus to be his Son, in Baptism we become sons and daughters of God in Jesus Christ, and the Spirit of God descends on all of us to strengthen us in our Christian mission of love and service. Jesus Christ is baptized, not to receive forgiveness, but to reveal to us his identity and to show us the way to ours.

–LTP

Fr. Gabriel On Retreat

Fr. Gabriel will be away at the Priests' Annual Spiritual Retreat this week. Remember him and the priests of the diocese in your prayers this week.

Call the Parish Office for any pastoral need.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

REFLECTION

The Baptism of the Lord



The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. Tomorrow we enter into Ordinary Time and hear the beginning of Christ's ministry on earth.

Today, however, we ponder Baptism – Christ's and our own. The scripture readings summarize the themes of the entire Advent-Christmas season. The voice announces the future events as associated with John the Baptist. The gospel passage from St. Luke moves us from looking forward to the coming of the Messiah to the fulfillment of God's promise.

Jesus's baptism by John clarifies the respective roles and identities of John and Jesus. John's role was preparatory and temporary. He offered the prelude to the promise that would be fulfilled by Jesus. As God's beloved Son and servant with whom God was well pleased, Jesus would exercise the role of Christ and baptize with Spirit and fire. After his baptism, Jesus' ministry began in earnest and John's came to an end (Luke 3:20).

Jesus would also allow himself to be immersed in the baptism of suffering and death. Through these saving actions, all who are baptized in Jesus' name enter fully into his life and his death.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 10 – Edward Brautigam



Altar Society Meeting Sunday, January 24 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Updates about cookbooks and other topics will be discussed. 2016 dues of \$5 may be paid. Make plans to join us. New members are always welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD LITURGICALLY

ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C



Each year of the three-year Liturgical Cycle, (A. B. C.) is dedicated to one of the synoptic Gospels, (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year we are in Cycle C. We read from Luke's Gospel. Luke is an exquisite storyteller, with a keen eye for deep characters, pungent storylines, poignant ironies, and heartwarming endings. Luke's Gospel contains certain features that the other Gospel accounts omit or mention only in passing. Luke alone gives us the stories of Jesus' infancy narrative.

Overview of Ordinary Time During The Winter

On the First Sunday of Ordinary Time (that time in the Liturgical Year when we are not celebrating a special season like Advent, Christmas or Lent) we celebrate Jesus' baptism. After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we continue the celebration of Ordinary Time. In these Sundays, we will witness the beginnings of Jesus' ministry. We will hear of the call to discipleship and the paradoxes and difficulties that will be encountered in the proclamation of the reign of God.

The Lectionary

The First Readings for these Sundays deal with "ordinary" life. On the Third Sunday, there is the liturgical assembly with a reading from the law of the Lord led by Ezra, the priest and scribe, after the return from exile. On the Fourth and Fifth Sundays, we hear of the call of the prophets Jeremiah, a very young man when called, and Isaiah, who received his call while worshipping in the Temple.

The Second Readings are from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, a community graced with many spiritual gifts. On the Second through Fourth Sundays, we hear Paul's instructions concerning the proper use of, and attitude toward, these gifts. The reading for the Fifth Sunday is the earliest account of the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.

The Gospels. On the Second Sunday we hear the Gospel of the wedding at Cana where Jesus changed water into wine – in St. John's Gospel, the first of the "signs" (miracles) that Jesus performed, manifesting his glory and power as the Son of God. The Third through Fifth Sundays we return to Luke chapters four and five, dealing with the beginning of Jesus' public ministry.