



## The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

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

### BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

### .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.

## 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

## 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

The office will be closed Jan  
17th to celebrate Dr. Martin L.  
King Day

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### TURNING THE TIDE

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

### Reflection question:

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

### Special Collection

Latin America

January 23rd

Jan 16th

LECTOR Ann

Servers Bryan Leslie

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Jan 2, 2022

\$1310

B&M \$160

### St. Regina's Church Staff

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### Remember In Prayer

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