



A VOICE CAME
FROM HEAVEN,
“YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED.”

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THE BAPTISM of the Lord

JANUARY 9, 2022

A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, “Who else was there and who wasn’t?” No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus’ need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today’s Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a “social influencer.” People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today’s Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist’s ultimate goal: “One mightier than I is coming.” The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the “beloved Son.” John the Baptist could be considered the “patron saint” of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn’t John’s teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people’s attention (or, at least, not turn them off) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11

Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25,

27–28, 29–30

Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7

Luke 3:15–16, 21–22



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9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (closed 12-1:00 p.m.)

Thursday and Friday 9:00–12:00 p.m.

Pastor: Very Rev. Martin Cornejo

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Deacon: Gary Perkins

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Confessions prior to Mass

Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

and Rosary: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Anointing of the sick: On the

First Wednesday of the month

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Pope Francis’ special intentions during JANUARY: *For true human fraternity*

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday Jan. 9, For this parish
community.

Wed. Jan. 12, For the sick and their
caregivers.

EMOHC (Teresa Stevenson (281) 772-7450)

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Jan. 9, Carol Aberg

Church Committee Members

Chair - Joe Barcevac

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Jan. 9,

Please remember to notify Teresa Stevenson or John Conner if you are unable to serve as Scheduled, even if you have arranged for someone to take your place.

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"The essential service of Hope"

United in Ministry 2022



Most Rev. Bishop Peter Baldaacchino

Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces

Cordially Invites you to be his guest at the Thanks for Giving Mass

For the United in Ministry Campaign

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Mass: St. Jude Parish

1404 College Ave, Alamogordo, NM 88310 at 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to the Diocese of Las Cruces at 575-523-7577

or email mlujan@rcdlc.org

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

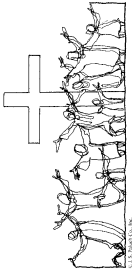
The Knights of Columbus Council 15850 invite children, youth and adults with special needs from our Diocese to a Mass being offered for them at Santa Rosa de Lima parish in Las Cruces.

The Mass is on Saturday January the 15th at 6:00 p.m.

our parish
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statement

We are a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.

John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.



ALLELUIA!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Victims Assistance Coordinator (575)523-7577

Or Maria D Martin Safe Environment Clerk (575) 523-7577 mmartin@rcdlc.org

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PLEASE PRAY for

Jennifer Madl, Velia Perea, Ceci Borunda
Susan Walen, Leonor Rubalcava,
Manry Family, Phyllis Madin,
Joe Rogers, John Phillips,
Margaret Bevins, Mike & Lourdes Blette,
Brendan Cronander-Ford.

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.

We have a suggestion box for any new
ideas or questions you may have for our
church. The box is located on the table next to
the kitchen.