

# Dear Padre,

**Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?**

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring



that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above

Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
JANUARY 10  
Weekday  
1 Sm 1:1–8  
Mk 1:14–20

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 11  
Weekday  
1 Sm 1:9–20  
Mk 1:21–28

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 12  
Weekday  
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20  
Mk 1:29–39

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 13  
Weekday  
1 Sm 4:1–11  
Mk 1:40–45

**Friday**  
JANUARY 14  
Weekday  
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a  
Mk 2:1–12

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 15  
Weekday  
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1a  
Mk 2:13–17

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 16  
Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 62:1–5  
1 Cor 12:4–11  
Jn 2:1–11

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a question  
for the Padre?**

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## The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022



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### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of January 8 – January 14*

Sat 6:00 pm †Charlie Brenke  
Sun 11:00 am †Cecil Hopkins  
Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS  
Tue 8:00 am Dante Antonio Hernandez  
Wed 8:00 am †Charlie Brenke  
Thr 8:00 am †Roselyn Freeman  
Fri 8:00 am Jesus Armando Hernandez

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of January 8 – January 14*

Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman  
Sun 9:15 am †Jared Radich & Elaine Letort  
Tue 4:00 pm †Souls in Purgatory, Esp. the  
souls of the Johnson and Falcone  
family

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm  
at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel  
Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday  
3:30pm-4pm



### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?... Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.*

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