

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016



MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This

feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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2016 Mass Schedule

Our new mass schedule for 2016 has begun. Masses are as follows:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:30AM
Saturday Vigil Mass @5:00PM
Sunday Mass @ 10:00AM

Mardi Gras Celebration

St. Paschal Baylon

Saturday, January 16 from 6-9:30PM

An Adults ONLY Event

\$20pp presale ticket price

"Laissez le Bon Temps Rouler"

Friends, food, music, dancing and a costume contest
– don't miss out on the FUN!

Please Help

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help at 9:30AM to set-up for the Mardi Gras celebration and at 9:30PM to help clean-up after the party.



Please contact Jeanine Paz (510-636-9217) or Camille Moore (510-569-1783) if you are able to help.

This event is sponsored by the parish pastoral council and the social justice committee.

Save the Date

World Day of the Sick Mass

Saturday, February 6, 11:00am – Noon

The Cathedral of Christ the Light

2121 Harrison St., Oakland

The annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be held on Saturday, February 6 at 11:00 am at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Those

who are sick or ill and their families, caregivers, and healthcare providers are invited to observe this day with the religious and lay people from the Diocese of Oakland.



STEWARDSHIP

January 3 Collection	\$ 3,411.00
Bishop's Appeal	
Our 2016 Goal	\$
Received as of 1/5/2016	\$ 120.00
Capital Improvement Campaign	
Our 2016 Goal	\$ 20,000.00
Received as of 1/5/2016	\$ 508.00
<i>Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together:</i>	
Our Goal	\$ 163,740.00
Pledged as of 11/2/2015	\$ 135,525.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 28,215.17
25% received as of 11/18/2015	\$ 11,512.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 10

10:00AM – For the Intentions of Barbara Wickhorst

Sunday, January 17

10:00AM – Wiley Manuel

MASS INTENTIONS

When we celebrate the Eucharist, heaven and earth unite. We are one with our loved ones who have gone before us. We would like to encourage you to consider remembering by name your loved ones at a mass on the weekdays or on the weekend.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PASCHAL BAYLON

Sunday, January 10

Choir Practice, 9:15AM, Church

Pope Francis' Encyclical Discussion Group,

Noon-1:30PM, Rectory Conference Room

Thursday, January 14

Choir Practice, 7PM, Church

Saturday, January 16

Mardi Gras Celebration, 6PM, Hall

Sunday, January 17

First Communion Class, 9AM, Rectory Conf. Rm

Choir Practice, 9:15AM, Church

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, especially:

Anna Alberti	Shirley & Ed Mannette
Stephen Alberti	Gary Manuel
Jocelyn Alcantara	Rosie Martin
Claudia Blancher	Sandra Meekins
Lani Borges	Sam Meo
Andrew Brown	Grady Miles
Benigno Cusortelli	Dakota Neal-Soublet
Peter Cuddyre	Bob Norris
Jerry DeMaria	Angela Paz
Alex & Dorothy Donaville	James Pearson
Sue Ann Dunford	Norma Perry
Gerri Escobar	Sonja Phillips
Juanita Estrella	Carol Reinero
Jess Felis	Bea Scott
James Ferguson	Rich Selby
Jane Framsted	Bill Slon
Libia George	Bruce Soublet
Ernie Gonsalves	Margaret Soublet
Chanel Marie Gordon	Rosetta Souza
Sue Holmes	Jared Springer
Meghan Johnson	Nancy Stoeber
Lisa Johnston	Sandra Tanhuanpaa
Heidi Kauzlarich	Leila Tassano
Sarah Leech	Elizabeth Vallerga
	Barbara Wickhorst



And for those who have died.

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.

—Benjamin Franklin

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.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

