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Sunday, January 10, 2016 *Baptism of the Lord*

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.

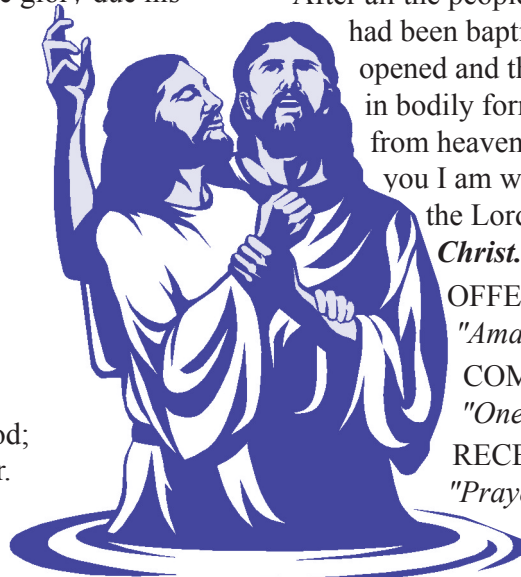
The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace



READING 2 - Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him..

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Amazing Grace"

COMMUNION HYMN -

"One Bread, One Body"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

"Prayer of St. Francis"

CHRISTMAS IS STILL IN OUR HEARTS

Joy is simply love looking at its treasures. A Christian's joy is in loving Christ and loving other people because Christ loves them; it is in doing good to others, and so having a Christmas perpetually. It is in looking forward so that world of glory where we shall be like him, and shall see Him as He is. "Where I am," is a sweet assurance, ye shall be also." Jesus offered to fill our homes and our hearts with joy, if we will only let Him do it.

HIS WORDS - LOVE

"We love Him because He first loved us."

—1 John 4:19

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

This period, which begins the day after the Octave of Epiphany, is an extension of Christmastide. Jesus asserts His Divinity - not by the appearance of angels or the star of the Magi, but speaking Himself as God. He subjects our hearts to His teachings, explaining His divine doctrine with parables and manifesting the truth of His words and works of many Miracles. The Christmas cycle has a fixed character, and the Feasts of the Nativity and Epiphany fall always on December 25th and January 6th.

ST. HILARY (300-368) January 13

St. Hilary was born into a noble and distinguished family in Poitiers, Gaul. He was raised as a pagan but embraced Christianity after much study of the Bible. Hilary, (who was married before his conversion), was elected bishop of Poitiers about 350. Almost immediately, Hilary was



confronted with the Arian heresy and became a staunch defender of the Church. He was exiled to Phrygia in 356 by Emperor Constantius because of his beliefs and his refusal to become Arian. In 360, Hilary was ordered to return to Gaul. Upon his return, he attended the Council of Saleucia and defended the views of the Church, otherwise known as the views of Nicaea. Hilary's eloquent writings such as *De Trinitate*, *De Synodis* and *Opus Historicum*, defended the Catholic belief. He died in Poitiers about 368. His prayer: Almighty God, father, I know that I owe you this: to serve you always with my thoughts and words. Amen.

ANNUAL MEETING

We need to pick a convenient date for all to attend our annual meeting. We have much to discuss.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen A reflection of faith and wisdom STEPPING OVER OUR WOUNDS

Sometimes we have to "step over" our anger, our jealousy, or our feelings of rejection and move on. The temptation is to get stuck in our negative emotions, poking around in them as if we belong there. Then we become the "offended one," the forgotten one," or the "discarded one." Yes, we can get attached to these negative identities and even take morbid pleasure in them. It might be good to have a look at these feelings and explore where they come from, but there comes a moment to step over them, leave them behind and travel on.

BLESSINGS OF HOMES

Fr. Andrew opens this tradition to those interested in having their homes blessed for the new year during the month of January. This is a sort of spiritual blessing at the entrance of your home. Again this remains another grand opportunity for spiritual growth. Please contact Fr. Andrew for a visit. God Bless!

PEOPLE OF PEACE

May you find peace and comfort in the Celebration of the Eucharist - here at St. Francis Church. You are welcomed to join our Parish family in membership or as a friend of St. Francis. Always your thoughts and helping hands are appreciated. Our extended invitation to join us after Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee and a roll, time out to listen, care and share with one another. People of Peace, our journey continues...