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Sunday, January 12, 2020 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.

9:00 AM - "God Rest Yee Merry Gentlemen"

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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 coast lands 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 - Ps 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: Verse *R*: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: "God Hear Us!"

OFFERTORY HYMN - O Little Town of Bethlehem COMMUNION HYMN-

Angels We Have Heard on High **RECESSIONAL** - "Joy to the World



St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"

TODAY'S READINGS...

It is pretty certain that Jesus was baptized by John. It is the first manifestation that Jesus is the Son of God when as Jesus came up from the water, the heavens were opened for him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens saying, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."The next manifestation is the centerpiece of the Transfiguration. The baptism story is recounted in Matthew, Mark and Luke but with different perspectives and intention.

John's baptism was of repentance,

not of water and the Spirit as we receive. It is important to note that Jesus was not baptized because he was sinful, but to signify his union with sinful humanity. The synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke—all see this event as "the inauguration of the messianic mission of Jesus."

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 Irinitae, De Synodis and

Opus Historicuim, 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.

BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Andrew, opens this tradition to those interested in having their homes blessed for the New Year, during the month of January. On Epiphany, the Feast of the Magi, chalk, incense and myrrh are blessed in church. The chalk is used in the blessing of each home and used over the main entrance of doorways to write the initials of the Three Kings, separated by crosses, thus 20+K+M+B+20 with each year advancing by one over the previous year. The sign remains until the end of the year. The priest writes the letters on the doors as he visits the homes and pronounces the Christmas Blessing over the home. If you are interested in this special blessing of your home, please contact Fr. Andrew. God's Blessings!

PRAYER FOR A HOME

O God, by your heavenly star, you guided those who were wise to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May your blessing come to rest on our home and all of us. Make our lives wise with your wisdom, true to your teaching, and enlivened by your love. May your Word made flesh make his home among us. Amen.

Take a moment out and pray...

Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.
Health Needs of: Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Foley, Thomas Maloney, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Susan Leach, Stella Silva, Michele Feudale, Linda Maloney, Lorraine Avitabile, Matt Pokalsky, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Con Boyle, MaryAnn McEvoy, Rosalie Drenckhahn, James Kostolni, Elena Guigui, Theresa Kasmark, Constance Citrola, Elizabeth Zitzmann, Anne Grusell, Teresa Kay, Sidra Lewis, Toni Panico, Nina Dobrowolski, George Heyen, Helen de la Sota, Joanne Ippolito, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Thomas Kompa, Bill Piro, Iris Cafran, Frank Kompa, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Mickey Gagliano, John Blenn, Carla Calabrese, Gary P. Ribis, Emma Zaradich, & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.
Requiem Intentions: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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