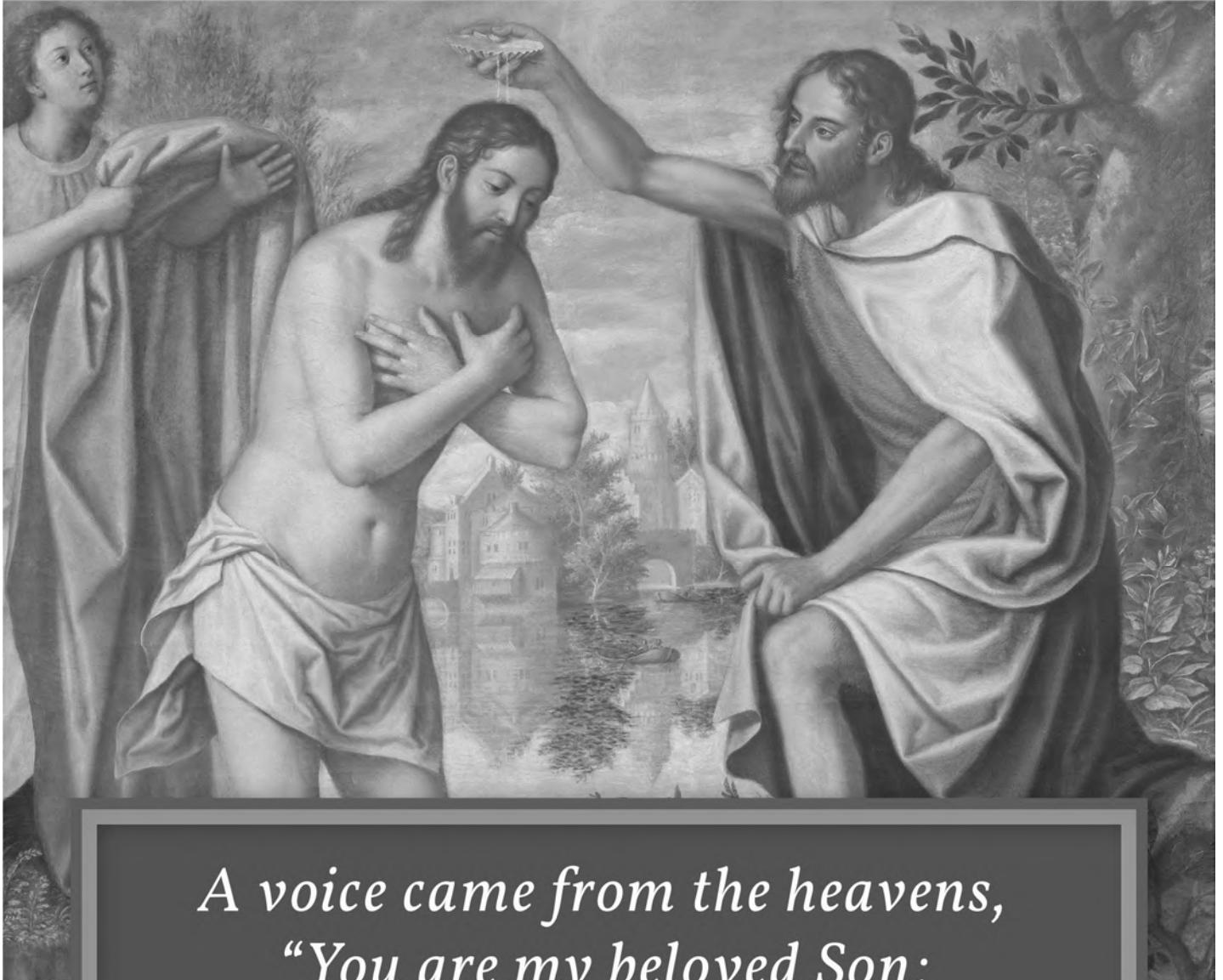


# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021



*A voice came from the heavens,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”*

*Mark 1:11*

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## JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> 2021

Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the Light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To him be all mercy and praise!

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** **5:00 p.m.**

James Bambara - Birthday blessing

**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** **8:00 a.m.**

Rev. Patrick F. Burns - In memoriam

**11:00 a.m.**

The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish  
Shirley and Thomas Bailey - Matrimonial Anniversary  
Ingrid Addison - In thanksgiving

Requested on behalf of the Parish

Evaristo and Paula Soto - In memoriam

Requested by Marie Montalvo

Rev Msgr. Rocco D. Villani - In memoriam

**Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

Rev. Msgr. Vincent A. Keane - In memoriam

**Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Altigracia Novena**

**Neuvaine a Notre Dame D'Altigrace**

Claudette Oriol - In memoriam

Requested by the Oriol family

**Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Altigracia Novena**

**Neuvaine a Notre Dame D'Altigrace**

**Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Philippe Numa, Sr. - In memoriam

Requested by Kitty and family

**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Altigracia Novena**

**Neuvaine a Notre Dame D'Altigrace**

Rev. Robert W. Blauvelt - In memoriam

**Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Altigracia Novena**

**Neuvaine a Notre Dame D'Altigrace**

Rev. Michael A. Carrano - In memoriam

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Altigracia Novena**

**Neuvaine a Notre Dame D'Altigrace**

Rev. Joseph M. Nolan - In memoriam

### **Mass Intentions**

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

**Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.** Place your request together with **your name** and **phone number** in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.

**Please make a donation with each request.**

### THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 55:1-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Isaiah 12:2-6.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or 1 John 5:1-9.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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## GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:

Altar Flowers:

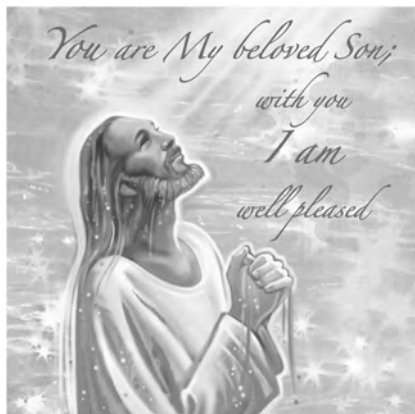
Altar Candle:

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Sanctuary Candle:

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:



## The Baptism of the Lord

It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is “water,” but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The responsorial psalm follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. 1 John takes us to the reality of Christ as Eucharist: not only Jesus’ birth and baptism, but his death, as we hear that Jesus came “by water and by blood.” The Gospel depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us.

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## Special Collections

This weekend's second collection is for the **Diocesan Mission**. Funds from this collection will be used when the Bishop receives appeals from various Missions for support from the Diocese of Brooklyn and when Mission appeals are requested from the Society of the Immaculate Conception.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
**HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.**

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Evenings & Weekends: By appointment**

### OUR STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Antonius Peter Gopaul  
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**Sick Calls:** In case of an emergency - any time

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena after 9:00 a.m. Mass	Charismatic Group la Paix Rectory basement at 7:00 p.m.	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena after 9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Vincent de Paul 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Rectory basement at 7:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary Rectory basement at 10:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul sandwich-making Rectory basement at 9:00 a.m.
Mary's Apostolate 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	In His Light Charismatic Prayer Group Rectory basement at 7:00 p.m.	Group la Paix Charismatic Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	Jeanne Mance Guild Rectory basement after 9:00 a.m. Mass		Girl Scouts Lower Church 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet Chapel after 9:00 a.m. Mass

# The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

## BEING THE MESSAGE

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded "yes" to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened. How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God's saving action through our baptism and our lives.

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In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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