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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

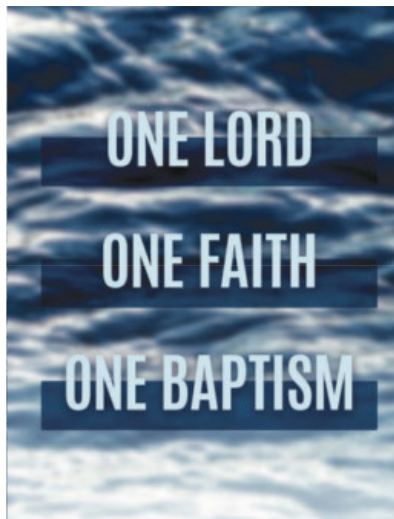
After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts to meet the needs of the poor in our community, and when possible around the world. We strive to build a sense of community among our parishioners, with the entire family of God.



Sunday, January 09 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

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Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 11:00am

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Ask an usher about them!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 9, 2022

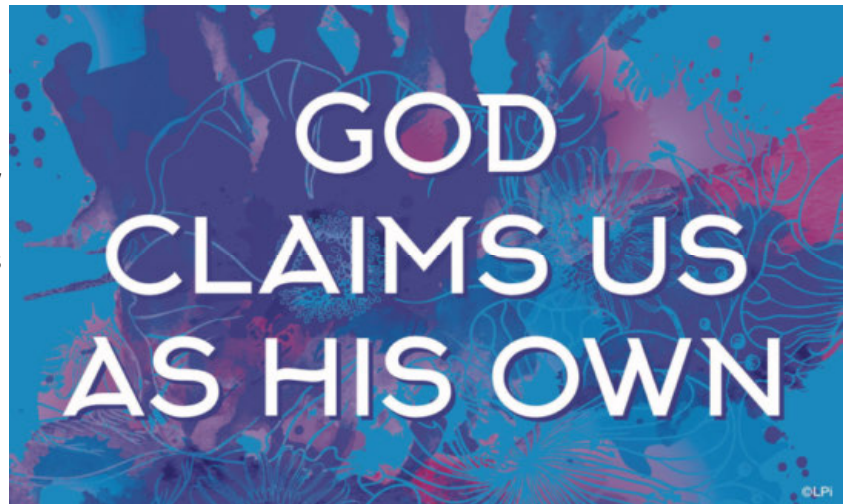
The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings.



When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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Nancy Carlson	Dolores Morales	John Tenerio
Jonathan Rassmussen	Sarah Maya	Larry Wager
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Sandi Lanz	Josefina Morales	Chistrine Dudley
Shirley Ward	Pauline Dressler	Martin Trillo
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Richard McClintock	Nancy Colleran	Vicente Flores
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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of Our Lord Stewardship Living "John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics living in Stewardship, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

<https://camdendiocese.org/stewardship>



SATURDAY, JAN 08

5:00PM † Joanne Kelley
by Marie Mauer
† Molly Garcia
by Garcia Family

SUNDAY, JAN 09

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM Larry Wager (Healing)
by Anne Perez
9:00 AM † Rodney Grossman
by Friends & Family
† Cian O'Neill
by Gearoid & Kathleen O'Neill
11:00 AM † Mike Cummins
by Cummins Family

7:30PM All Parishioners

MONDAY, JAN 10

8:00AM † Jaime Jose De La Vega
by De La Vega Family

TUESDAY, JAN 11

8:00AM John DeSouza (Birthday Dec 10)
by Virginia DeSouza

WEDNESDAY, JAN 12

8:00AM † Ann Neuhaus
by Erick Neuhaus

THURSDAY, JAN 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM † Philip Klaas
by John P & Judy Schoeder

FRIDAY, JAN 14

8:00AM † Mariano Silveira
by KnofC Council 4970

SATURDAY, JAN 15

5:00PM † Stacy Gonzales
by Messner Family

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Baptism of the Lord

Theme: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Question for Youth: "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

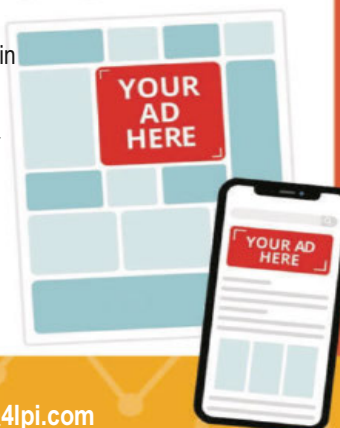
Question for Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

<https://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/>

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Are you attending Mass regularly at Our Lady of the Assumption Church but are not registered? Register today as a parishioner. Visit the following link:

<https://olaparish.net/community/register-us> and follow a few simple steps, and you are done.

If you prefer in person, you can fill out a form at our parish office, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Registration forms are also available at the Church. Ask an usher for details.

If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy-filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace, and serenity in our community.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eduíno, Pastor.

Thank You!

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Weekend Offertory 01/02/22 \$ 11,752.40
E-Giving 12/27/21 to 01/02/22 \$ 4,812.25

TOTAL \$ 16,564.65

Christmas Offering 01/02/2022 \$2,215.00

Average weekly budget amount \$12,000.00

WESHARE

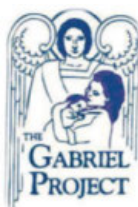
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OUR PARISH

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan 09

The Baptism of the Lord
7:30am-9:00am-11:00am-7:30pm
7:30am Basketball - Affinito Hall
10:00am Faith Formation Classes - Bannon Hall
10:30pm Flame Meeting - St. Paul's Room
12:00pm Baptism Group - Church
12:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 103 - Affinito Hall Meeting Room 3

Monday, Jan 10

8:00am Mass
10:00am OLA Women's Book Club - Affinito Hall Meeting Room 3
2:30pm Girl Scouts Meeting - St. John's Hall.
5:30pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting - Bannon Hall.
7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop 328 - St. John's Hall
7:15pm Gabriel Project Meeting- OLA School meeting Room

Tuesday, Jan 11

8:00am Mass
8:30—7:00pm Adoration in the Church
2:00pm PTG Meeting - St. John's Hall
5:30pm Webelos Pack 225 - Affinito Hall, Meeting Room 3.
6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - Affinito Hall, Meeting Room 3.

Wednesday, Jan 12

8:00am Mass
9:00am Reconciliation - Church
2:15pm School Music Practice - Church
7:00pm RCIA—Affinito Hall - Meeting Room 3
7:30 pm Neocatechists - St. John's Hall

Thursday, Jan 13

8:00am Mass
8:30—7:00pm Adoration in the Church
3:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - St. John's Hall
5:30pm Cub Scout (Webelos) - St. John's Hall
6:00pm OLA Information Night - St. John's Hall
6:30pm Rosary in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament - Church.

Friday, Jan 14

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, Jan 15

5:00pm Mass
9:00am Marriage Encounter Region 12 Executive Leaders - Bannon Hall
11:00am Alanon Meeting - Affinito Hall, Meeting Room 3.
7:30 pm Neocatechists - St. John's Hall

JANUARY

SCHOOL & NEWS



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
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The virtue of prudence enables one to reason and act rightly in any given situation. Prudence aims to perfect the natural power of judging correctly and directs us to make common sense choices. Prudence also guides us in making good moral choices. A person who shows prudence is careful, wise, and thoughtful of others. How have I been prudent in my life? What are steps I can take to be careful, act wisely, and make good decisions for the good of my family, friends, and myself?

Let us take some time to pray for the unborn, their mothers and fathers, and pray for state and federal laws that harm those most vulnerable.

PRO-LIFE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

9 Parishes. 1 Savior. 1 Call for Life.
From **January 12-20, 2022**, join our 9-Day Novena **PLEA**.
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Questions? Moises De Leon, Associate Director, Family & Respect Life Ministry
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Let's all pray for
Daphne Johnson and
Molly Garcia,
who recently passed away.

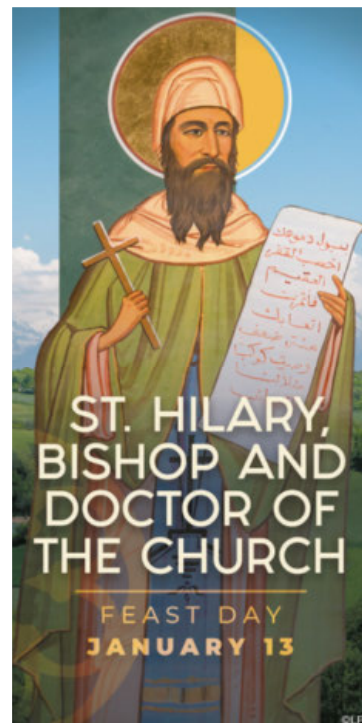
O Lord, grant them eternal rest and let perpetual light shine on them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus.

That’s exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here.

The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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Baptism
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COMMUNITY

THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of Father Eduino and the Liturgy Committee, I want to extend a Thank You to everyone who gave their time during this busy time of the year to help with the decorating of our church for the Christmas celebration. The simple beauty that adorned the altar and surrounding area of the church was breath-taking. God bless you all and may the New Year bring you love, joy and strength.



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Join Us For
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TOUCH OF ITALY Pasta Dinner EVENT

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In an effort to bring us safely back together for prayer and community, the parish will be hosting weekly virtual events.

The events will be either live-streamed or on Zoom so you can watch and participate from the safety of your home. More events will be added, so please check the schedule each week for updates.

Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Rosary in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament -
Luminous Mysteries

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Lectio Divina and Taize Prayer in the Presence of the
Blessed Sacrament

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*Special Virtual Event for Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity on January 18, 2022*



You are invited to a Special Virtual Event on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is: ***We have seen his star in the East and have come to pay homage to him*** (cf. Matthew 2:2).

Panel Discussion (3:00 – 4:15 p.m.) Uniting as Christians, as we pay homage to Christ.

Featured Speaker (4:30 – 5:00 p.m.) The gift of the star is a sign of hope during today's troubled times.

Worship Prayer Service (5:15 – 6:30 p.m.)

This Special Event will be hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church (1300 N Street, Sacramento), and will be available through Livestream at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn_H1agb-RU There is no charge for this event. If you are interested or have questions, please contact **Deacon Dennis Gorsuch, NSEC Chair**, at (916) 984-8550, or E-mail: denniscgorsuch@comcast.net.

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Jan 07

Jan 22-Jan 23

Jan 14

Jan 29-Jan 30

Jan 21



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