BULLETIN: JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Please pray for the ill & those in need of our continued prayer: Bob Yoder, Christopher Endicott, Luke Barden, Joe Kranz, Doug Jones, Trang & Ann Treber, Eddy Messer, Scott Weaver, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, Erin Palmer, Keagan Sanders, Rylan Losh, Tara Young, Shirley Schaffer & Tara Clawson

DAILY EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, January 7th 7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Howard Lukassen Saturday, January 8th 4:15 p.m. Confessions 5:00 p.m. Mass: Rylan Losh 7:30 p.m. Mass: Neocatechumenal Way Sunday, January 9th 8:15 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. Mass: Logan Losh Religious Education (k-8th) 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Altar & Rosary Meeting Mass: People of Our lady of the Plains 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 10th Mass: + Suffering Souls in Purgatory 8:30 a.m. Lectio Divina 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Inlpso (Going Deeper in Prayer) Tuesday, January 11th Mass: Edward & Doris Lawrenson 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 12th NO Mass: (Office Closed) ENDOW 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 13th 8:30 a.m. Mass: James & Anne Lawrenson 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Adoration) 7:00 p.m. RCIA Friday, January 14th 7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 a.m. Mass: Jan Lash Saturday, January 15th 4:15 p.m. Confessions Mass: Edward & Ruth Brachtenbach 5:00 p.m. Mass: Neocatechumenal Way 7:30 p.m. Sunday, January 16th 8:15 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass: + Del Hemphill 10:10 a.m. Religious Education (k-8th) 11:30 a.m. Mass: People of Our lady of the Plains

REFLECTION

Isaiah 60:1–6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1–12

Readings:

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan-that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "coheirs" to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance. Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus" opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God.

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power." The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob". The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest. That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever. In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom, a fountain of new birth and everlasting life. (ONLINE SOURCE, ST. PAUL CENTER)



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