

Getting Ready for Sunday

The First Sunday of Ordinary



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Matthew 3:13-17



The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying:

I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?

John did not believe that he could be good enough to baptise Jesus.

Also, he didn't know why Jesus needed baptism when He had not sinned!



But Jesus answered him:

Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.



Then he consented.

John did as Jesus asked him, even though he did not understand why he was being asked to baptise Jesus.

We sometimes wonder what God is doing in our world: if we follow John the Baptist we will trust in God and believe that He has a great plan for each of us.



And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.



And a voice from heaven said,
‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus giving Him the power to go out to people sharing the Good News, healing, preaching, teaching, forgiving, etc. This was the beginning of Jesus sending on mission.

When we are baptised we too are sealed as God’s own by the Holy Spirit and then sent out to live as Jesus shows us in the Gospels.

As brothers and sisters of Jesus we, too, are Gods beloved with whom He is well pleased!



• MAKE ALL WHO ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST FAITHFUL IN OUR CALLING TO BE YOUR CHILDREN. •





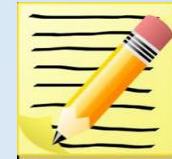
**You are precious
in my sight,
and honoured,
and I love you.
Isaiah 43:4**

The Baptism of the Lord

Activity in preparation for Sunday Mass.

Read the Gospel:

- a. Colour the picture of Jesus baptism, or
- b. Draw a picture of a baptism you may have been at recently.



Bible Search

Read Matthew 3:13-17 in your family Bible

This is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



*What does your own baptism mean in your life?
How do you follow Jesus in your own life?
Have you been faithful to the promise to gather with the friends of Jesus
each week at Mass?*

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to trust God.

