

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2015

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

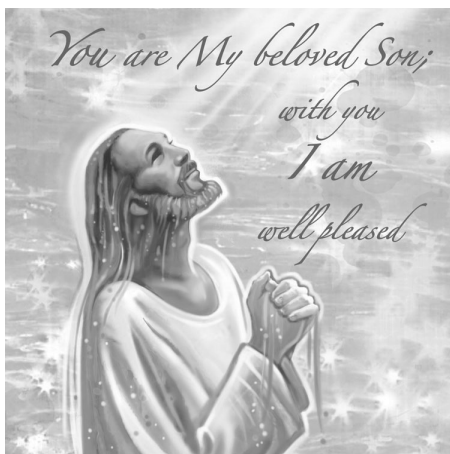
— Isaiah 55:1

SCRIPTURE THEME

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FAREWELL TO MSGR. GUADALQUIVER:

Please join us after the 10:30 AM Mass today at the Portier House for a farewell reception for Msgr. Guadalquiver. He will be leaving us for a new assignment. This will be a good time to thank him for all that he has done for us here at the Cathedral Parish and to extend to him all good wishes and success in his next assignment. Please join us as we say good by to Msgr. Guadalquiver and enjoy some refreshments provided by our Cathedral Alta Society. We would like to thank them for sponsoring this farewell and thank you party for Msgr. Guadalquiver.

Mass Intentions

Week Beginning Sunday, January 11, 2015

Sunday January 11	8:00 AM	Lee Hale, Jr. and Lee Hale, III (L)
	10:30 AM	
Monday January 12	12:10 PM	Superintendent and Mobile Principals (L)
Tuesday January 13	12:10 PM	Deceased Members of McGill Family
Wednesday January 14	12:10 PM 5:30 PM	Sr. Kathleen Brady
Thursday January 15	10:30 A.M.	Living and deceased Members of Cretaro Fam.
Friday January 16	12:10 PM	Robert Martin
Saturday January 17	8:00 AM 4:30 PM	Rev. William N. Gorman

TITHES AND DONATIONS:

We are grateful for your tithes and donations last weekend in the amount of \$2,775.36. Thank you.

Our
Weekly Offering



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PARISH MEETINGS:

Cathedral Altar Society:

The Altar Society meets the third **Thursday**, of each month at 6:00 PM in the Portier House.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

This group meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 PM in the Allen Memorial Home located at 735 S. Washington Avenue.

Knights of Columbus

The Cathedral Parish Council of the Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Rectory.

RCIA CLASSES

RCIA CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CATHEDRAL RECTORY BALLROOM.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice is held each Thursday beginning at 7:00 PM in the choir room of the Cathedral Rectory. New members welcome contact Mr. Paul Hanebuth at 434-1573.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the prayer request line at (251) 434-8291 and leave your prayer request. It will be forwarded to the Prayer Network.