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January 9 –The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)



Jesus baptism by John was a very important event in the Messianic mission. First it was a **moment of identification** with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify Himself with His people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. (As given in the anecdotes, St. Damien, Blessed Mother Teresa, Gandhi, and Mandela identified with the people whom they served). Second, it was a **moment of conviction** about Jesus' identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant." God the Father's words, "This is My beloved Son," (Psalm 2:17), confirmed Jesus' identity as Incarnate Son of God, and the words "with Whom I am well pleased," (Isaiah 42:1), referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by suffering and dying on the cross. Third, it was a **moment of equipment**. The Holy Spirit, descending and resting upon Jesus in the form of a dove, bestowed on Jesus the power to preach and heal. Fourth, receiving the approval of God, His Heavenly Father, as His Beloved Son presented Jesus with a **moment of decision** to begin public ministry at the most opportune time. (*frtonyshomilies.com*)

Battesimo del Signore (Anno C)

Lo Spirito Santo giunge ad attestare in modo solenne la divinità di Gesù nel momento in cui ha compiuto, come un uomo qualsiasi, il gesto penitenziale, essendosi sottoposto al battesimo di Giovanni. Durante la sua vita terrena, Gesù non si mostrerà mai tanto grande come nell'umiltà dei gesti e delle parole. Importante lezione questa, per noi che vediamo le cose in modo tanto diverso. Seguire Cristo significa intraprendere questo cammino di umiltà, cioè di verità. Cristo, vero Dio e vero uomo, ci insegna la verità del nostro essere. Feriti dal peccato, purificati dal battesimo, noi oscilliamo fra i due estremi, entrambi attraenti, del male e della santità. E questo si vive nella quotidianità più umile. Ad ogni passo possiamo scegliere Dio e il suo amore, o, viceversa, rifiutarlo. Seguire le orme di Gesù, significa assicurarsi un cammino che, nonostante sia stretto e sassoso, conduce alla vita eterna, alla vera beatitudine. (lachiesa.it)

Thanksgiving envelopes 2022

Thanksgiving envelopes for 2022 will be available in the foyer after weekend masses.

Over the past couple of years our parish income has decreased significantly and continues to decrease.

In order for us to continue the level of maintenance that keeps our Parish safe and welcoming, while at the same time meeting all our expenses, we need your help and are appealing to you to see if you would find it in your heart to continue, and if possible to increase, your current level of Thanksgiving.

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough

Upcoming funerals: Tommaso Ruberto: Monday, 10th of January, 10.00 am

Recently deceased: Eleonora Miceli, Tommaso Ruberto, Marco Angelico, Ann Simper, Giuseppe Cavalli, Francesca Perri, Lucia Vocale, Maureen Blood, Quirino D'Alessandro, Carmela Paterno, Michelina Bocale

Anniversaries: Vito Di Girolamo, Frank Cichello, Vincenzo and Loreta Di Curzio, Angelina Oro Markis, Nabih and Franjia Chaccita, Vincenzo and Loreta Di Curzio, Teofila and Gianni Stefani, Caterina Costa

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Wedding anniversary

St. Matthews Parish would like to congratulate Antonio and Nancy Manna on their 50th wedding anniversary which occurs on the 8th of January.

Rosters for weekend masses (Jan. 15/16)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: J. George

Sunday 9.00 am: V. Burgio

Sunday 10.30 am : R. Odoardi

Bus driver: P. Capasso

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm (Novena masses will not be held from December 29 to January 12 2022). Novena masses will resume on the 19th of January 2022.

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am

Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

QR check and face marks are required at all masses

In the Gospel of John, this is the first public act of Jesus, and it is the woman, his mother, who initiates this first display of his divine origins when he 'let his glory be seen'. Her total trust that he will respond to her observation helps to explain why we look to Mary as a model of faith and discipleship. Jesus takes the symbol of the old rituals of Israel—the water for ritual cleanliness—and transforms it into something new.

This is a recurring motif in John. Another recurring theme is that of 'the hour' of Jesus. In John's Gospel, 'the hour' will not be finally fulfilled until the supreme moment when Jesus shows the fullness of his love for both his Father and for all people; the moment when he is 'lifted up' on the cross. This story is about much more than the performance of a miracle at a wedding feast. In the performance of this sign, Jesus reveals something of the power and glory of God operating in and through him, and it is this revelation of the glory of God that has a transformative effect on his disciples as they come to believe in him.

The miracle at Cana announces the richness of the gifts of God that Jesus has come to dispense, and for the disciples and for all who come to believe in Jesus, this is a life-changing event. (*The Summit*)

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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