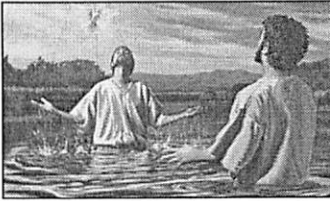


January 9th - The Baptism of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 8

9:00am

4:03pm † *Rufino Labari*

Sunday, January 9

8:00am *St. John Parishioners*

10:00am † *Eduardo Genoves*

12:00pm

Monday, January 10

9:00am † *Mary Ganma*

Tuesday, January 11

9:00am *Rosalina Guinto (bday)*

Wednesday, January 12

9:00am

Thursday, January 13

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*

Friday, January 14

9:00am

Saturday, January 15

9:00am

4:30pm

*"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased."
Mt 3:17*

At His baptism, Jesus prepares for the most significant step into a journey that sometimes can parallel our own journey into the unknown. Jesus is ready for the encounter he must undergo. We prepare ourselves for the next steps in our life as best we can but the anxiety and fear that may confront us as we face the unknown can be overwhelming at times. Will we be ready to face the future? "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased" are more than a statement. They are a preamble to eternal life with God, and the only words that will assure us of that.

Today's second collection is for the **2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**.

Thank you for your continued generous support.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

December 27th - January 2nd, 2022

Weekend Offering.....\$ 3,484.03

Reserve Fund.....\$ 930.00

From the Desk of the Pastor

'You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.'

With these words from the very start of his public ministry, Jesus received affirmation from the Father.

One of the deepest needs of a human heart is the need to be appreciated and validated. Every human being wants to be valued.

We all need someone who will help us unfold. We need someone, who will support, enable, and ennoble us to be who we are called to be: ourselves. We need someone who will stand by us, who understands us, someone who can see the hidden self and its potentials in us that are perhaps afraid to come out into the open.

We seek a person who will help us articulate and bring out the very best from within us. We appreciate when someone can coach us to employ that very God given goodness in us, awakening in us a desire to bloom and flourish.

At our Baptism God chose, called out from many peoples, and sent God parents for us, to grow with us in wisdom and awe of God. Even though they are only human and far from being perfect, and fragile like you and me, they bear testimony of the tender love and care they share with our parents here on earth. They look at us and ponder on the smiling face of God.

At our Baptism we became adopted children of the Father and we received the all-powerful gift of the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit inspires us, guides us to unfold, bloom and grow, to bring His love, His compassion, and His tender loving care to our brothers and sisters. Thus we become more and more pleasing in the sight of our Heavenly Father.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

Participate in Pope Francis's Synod at Your Parish this Winter

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples. The Archdiocese of San Francisco will kick-off the local synodal process this month by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. The process will continue in February and March with engagement sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese. The Disciple Maker Index survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by The Catholic Leadership Institute. The results from this survey will provide baseline feedback from which content for engagement sessions will be developed. More details are available through the Archdiocesan website at www.sfarch.org/synod

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist thanks everyone of you who supported and contributed towards making our Parish assessment of the "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021". Our Parish assessment for the year 2021 was \$ 33,576.

- Our Parish raised through your contributions a total of \$ 27,108.10
- The balance we owe towards the Parish assessment is \$ 6,467.90

We take this opportunity to thank everyone of you who in everyway possible made this happen. May the good Lord always bless your generous hearts. Thank you! Happy New Year!

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you so much for sharing your blessings with the parish of St. John the Evangelist. The Parish Office will be happy to issue "Thank you" and Contribution letters for the year 2021. However, it can be issued **upon request only**.

You must be a registered parishioner using Parish envelopes to receive this letter. The Parish envelope number identifies your contribution records. The Parish Office is open on Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm

Please **call the Parish office (415-334-4646) a week ahead before dropping by to collect this letter**. Thank you.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.