



**THE READINGS AND MASS PRAYERS FOR
THE SUNDAY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

January 10, 2021

THE MASS OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

(The Glory to God in the highest) is recited.

Collect Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (55:1-11)

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in that for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. *R.*

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. *R.*

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *R.*

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. John *(1 John 5: 1-9)*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

The Word of the Lord.

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (1:7-11)

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In his preaching he proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven,

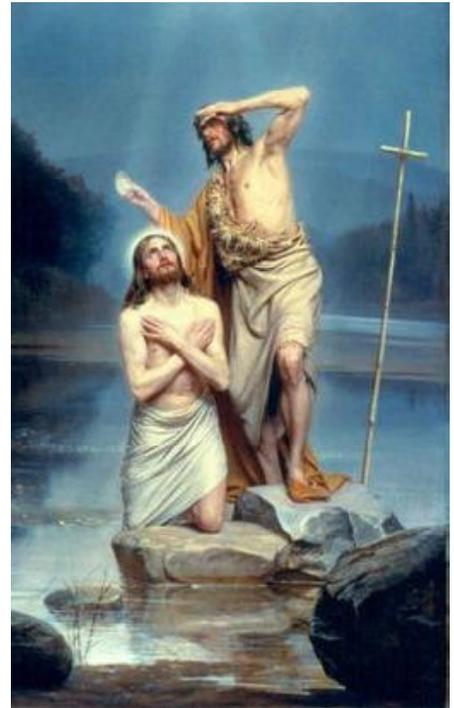
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.



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THE LORD**

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS



1. For all of us who are Baptized and Confirmed that, as we renew our Baptismal vows each day, we may be strengthened in our commitment to resist the forces of evil and to be true followers of Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

2. For the wellbeing of those in the R.C.I.A. Process who will celebrate their Rite of Acceptance later this year and who will be Baptized, Confirmed and received into the Church at Easter and for their sponsors and R.C.I.A. team members.

We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for all who are seriously ill in our health care facilities and for the safety of those who care for them.

We pray to the Lord.

4. We continue to pray for a speedy end to this current pandemic and for peace and harmony in all the troubled nations of the world.

We pray to the Lord.

4. Today we remember and pray for all who were baptized in our Cathedral this past year, that God will inspire them throughout their lives and strengthen their Faith.

We pray to the Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Mass Prayer after the Our Father

(especially relevant during this current pandemic)

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recite the Prayer of Spiritual Communion

by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. When You come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.