

Kids Column

A Bit About...

Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Couples should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least **6 months** before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:
Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

Word Search

Matt.3:13-17

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OPENED	DOVE	JOHN	PLEASED	SON
JORDAN	WATER	FULFILL	BAPTIZED	SPIRIT



Nativity Prayer

*Let the just rejoice,
for their Justifier is born.*

*Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
for their Saviour is born.*

*Let the captives rejoice,
for their Redeemer is born.*

*Let slaves rejoice,
for their Master is born.*

*Let free men rejoice,
for their Liberator is born.*

*Let all Christians rejoice,
for Jesus Christ is born!*

St. Augustine of Hippo, AD 354-440

Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission



Baptism of the Lord - 11th January 2026 - Year A

Anointed Ones.

Jesus presents himself for baptism in today's Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ, "the anointed one", the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in the First Reading. His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation, instituting the Christian sacrament different and greater to the baptism of John.

As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus as the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep in the beginning. As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan the majestic voice of the Lord also thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His "beloved son." God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in the Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the "beloved son" given to Abraham, and in the calling of Israel as His "first-born son". Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David.

He is "a covenant of the people (Israel)" and "a light to the nations," Isaiah says. By the new covenant made in His blood, God has gathered the lost sheep of Israel together with whoever fears Him in every nation. Christ has become the source from which God pours out His Spirit on Israelites and Gentiles alike. In Baptism, all are anointed with that same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are Christians, literally "anointed ones."

We are the "sons of God" in the Psalm, called to give glory to His name in His temple. Let us pray that we remain faithful to our calling as His children, that our Father might call us what He calls His Son, "my beloved; my favour rests on Him."

(excerpt: stpaulcenter.com)

CONFESSIONS
Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00a.m
&
by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.42:1-4,6-7

Second Reading
Acts.10:34-38

Gospel
Matt.3:13-17

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MASS TIMES
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.
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MONDAY: GROS ISLET
Mass: 6:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY: GROS ISLET
6:00 a.m.
✠

WEDNESDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m. -
Gros Islet
6:00 p.m. - G/Riviere
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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:
Gros Islet
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FRIDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.:
Gros Islet
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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p.m.:
Gros Islet
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SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.:
GROS ISLET/G. RIVIERE
10:00 a.m.:
Gros Islet/Monchy
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HOLIDAY
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St. Anthony, Abbot - Feast Day January 17th

Anthony's life was not one of observing, but of becoming. He was born in Lower Egypt in AD 251 to wealthy landowner parents who died when he was about twenty. He inherited their three hundred acres of land and the responsibility for a young sister. But one day in church, he heard a reading of Matthew 19:21: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor.....then come, follow me." Not content to sit still and meditate and reflect on Jesus' words, he walked out of the church and gave away all his property except what he and his sister needed to live on.

Upon hearing Matthew 6:34, "So do not worry about tomorrow", he gave away everything he remained and entrusted his sister to a convent. He then left to live an ascetic life outside the village, praying, fasting, and performing manual labor. It wasn't enough to listen to words, he had to become what Jesus said. He later headed out into the desert and remained there for 13 years.

Though Anthony himself did not organize or create a monastery, a community grew around him based on his example of living an ascetic and isolated life.

Anthony died when he was one hundred and five years old. A life of solitude, fasting, and manual labor in the service of God had left him a healthy, vigorous man until very late in life. And he never stopped challenging himself to go one step beyond in his faith.

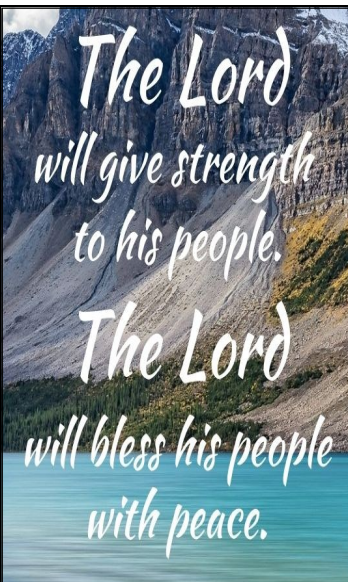

Saint Athanasius, who knew Anthony and wrote his biography said, "Anthony was not known for his writings nor for his worldly wisdom, nor for any art, but simply for his reverence toward God." Athanasius' biography helped propagate Anthony's ideals. Athanasius writes, “For monks, the life of Anthony is a sufficient example of asceticism.”

We may wonder nowadays at what we can learn from someone who lived in the desert, wore skins, ate bread, and slept on the ground. We may wonder how we can become him. We can become Anthony by living his life of radical faith and complete commitment to God.

For his importance among the Desert Fathers and to later Christian monasticism, he is known as the Father of Monks.

(excerpt: catholic.org)
(excerpt: wikipedia.org)

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<u>DECEASED</u> Omar Joseph David Joseph Cecile Gatneau Anaclet Richelieu Joan Moise-Delivry Pauline d’Auvergne Anne Marie St. Mark
WEEKDAY READINGS
<div>✠✠ MONDAY 1Sam.1:1-8 Mk.1:14-20 ✠ TUESDAY 1Sam.1:9-20 Mk.1:21-28 ✠ WEDNESDAY 1Sam.3:1-10,19-20 Mk.1:29-39 ✠ THURSDAY 1Sam.4:1-11 Mk.1:40-45 ✠ FRIDAY 1Sam.8:4-7,10-22 Mk.2:1-12 ✠ SATURDAY 1Sam.9:1-4,17-19, 10:1 Mk.2:13-17 ✠</div>

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
BAPTISM OF THE LORD -YEAR A		
Sat Jan 10 - 6:00 p.m.		B'day: Madison Stanislaus Thks: The Destang family Algitha Richelieu & family The Myers & Gregg families Guid & Protec: Nhij & Karlan Myers
Sun Jan 11 - 7:30 a.m. <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		80th B'day: Urika Isaie B'day: Zahra La Force Tyrone Desrivieres Deliv: Kirby Gopal Success: Amber St. Rose
Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.		B'day: Hygina Roachford
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Int: Elsa Delice & family
<u>ABOUT BAPTISM</u>		
<div></div> <p>Baptism is the primal Sacrament of Initiation into God’s life, a rite of inauguration or initiation in which and through which we enter into a way of living and sharing life with others and with God. It removes both the guilt and punishment due to Original sin.</p> <p>Baptism gives us a new identity. We have a name in the family of God, the name given to us when we are baptized. God calls us by name and uniquely identifies us. We become children in His family.</p> <p><i>Baptism, then, isn’t just a pretty ceremony that is a part of our family’s tradition. We don’t bring our newborns to church and have them baptised simply to please our parents and our grandparents.</i> Nor is it something that is of a momentary character, as if everything happens when we’re baptized. Baptism is an inauguration into a <i>lifetime</i> adventure in which we try to live with God and with others in specific ways.</p> <p>God our Father in heaven wants us to be intimate with Him. He wants us to know Him, to love Him, and to be close to Him. He wants us to work with Him to bring His creation into completion, to overcome all that is dislocated and chaotic in life and bring His peace, His order and His harmony into the world around us.</p> <p>The Baptised are to follow Jesus in loving service, self-sacrifice and final victory. Baptism puts us forever in the love of God.</p>		
(catholicweb.com/frcharlesirvin)		