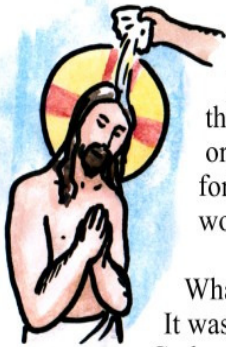


Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work? It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



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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.

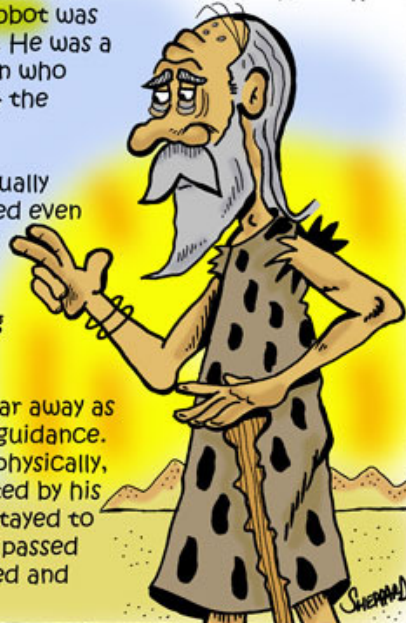
SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Anthony the Abbot was an Egyptian hermit. He was a very spiritual person who believed in LIVING the Jesus life.

When people eventually found him, he moved even further away, eating only bread and water, praying, fasting and wearing skins as clothing.

Wise men from as far away as Greece sought his guidance. Some were healed physically, many were comforted by his words and others stayed to learn from him. He passed away at one hundred and five years old.



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

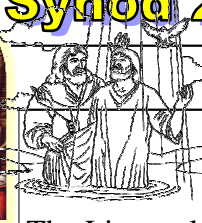
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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The Anointing.

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan - that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new exodus, opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God.

Jesus is the Lord Isaiah tells of in the First Reading, coming with power to subdue all things to Him. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him a covenant of the people, the liberator of captives, the light to the nations. Jesus is the One long expected in Israel, anointed with the Holy Spirit and power.

The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob", and the prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest. That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of the Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever.

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom, a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

(excerpt: stpaulenter.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Is.40:1-5,9-11

Second Reading
Tit.2:11-14.3:4-7

Gospel
Lk.3:15-16,21-22

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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.

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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

✠
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
Variable

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Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

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&
by appointment

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What does Baptism do for us?

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.

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.

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 baptized simply to please our parents and our grandparents. Nor is it something that is of a momentary character, as if everything happens when we're baptized. Baptism is an inauguration into a *lifetime* adventure in which we try to live with God and with others in specific ways.

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.

The Baptized are to follow Jesus in loving service, self-sacrifice and final victory. Baptism puts us forever in the love of God.

(catholicweb.com/frcharlesirvin)

And Confirmation?

There is a close relationship between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. While Confirmation is a distinct and complete sacrament, it perfects in us that which was begun in Baptism.

We are born spiritually in the sacrament of Baptism. We become sharers in the divine life of the most Blessed Trinity. As we practice the virtues of faith, hope and love and as we unite with Christ in His Church in offering worship to God, we also grow in grace and goodness.

Then we are Confirmed. We receive a special grace by which our faith is deepened and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, so that it will be strong enough not only for our own needs but for the needs of others with whom we shall try to share it. The confirmed Christian, strong in his faith and with an ardent love for souls which stems from his love for Christ, feels a continual concern for others. His words and his actions proclaim to those around him: "Christ lives, and He lives for you."

The grace of Confirmation comes to our aid, if we will let it, and pushes back the urgings of self-will, helps us to preserve our sense of values, and keeps us on an even keel so that faith may triumph.

(excerpt: beginningcatholic.com)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marie Joseph
Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy

DECEASED

Vera Xavier
Remy Daniel
Gabriel Alfred
Justin St. Helen
Margaret Alcindor
Mary Agatha Louis

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Heb.1:1-6
Mk.1:14-20



TUESDAY

Heb.2:5-12
Mk.1:21-28



WEDNESDAY

Heb.2:14-18
Mk.1:29-39



THURSDAY

Heb.3:7-14
Mk.1:40-45



FRIDAY

Heb.4:1-5,11
Mk.2:1-12



SATURDAY

Heb.4:12-16
Mk.2:13-17



MASS INTENTIONS

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INTENTIONS

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Sat Jan 11- 6:00 p.m.

WHEN YOU SEND YOUR

B'day: Syje Valcin, Terroll Compton
Thks: Carlyn Prospere & family
Alghitha Richelieu & family

Sun Jan 12 - 7:30 a.m.

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10:00 a.m.

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Thks: Chloe, Daniel & Bev Early
Int: Parish Youth

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

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B'day: Mishma Anderson
Lillian Davidson

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Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

- PSALM 104:30

Thks: Elsa Delice & family
Int: Staff & Students of SJC

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 13 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Madison Stanislaus
Rev. Vincent Norbert
Rev. Anthony Pierre

B'day: Frank & Amina Sidoine
BVM: Clerina Auguste & children

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Bennett Bent
Ira Jules, Mary Aubertin

Tues Jan 14 - 6:00 a.m.

Sr. Mary Ddungdung
Sr. Mercy Masaka

B'day: Chad & Jaden Sidoine

Wed Jan 15 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Jeremy Joseph
Sr. Marie Joseph

Dc'd: James & Paulina Prudent

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Thomas Louis & family

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Jan 16 - 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Errol Frederick
Sr. Rosemarie Minj

Dc'd: Teresa Huntley

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Rosa & Antoine Glace
Irene & Joseph Destang

Fri Jan 17 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Yvon Tremont

Thks: Valene Belrose
Healing & Deliv: Leonard Prospere

12:30 p.m.

Physical Healing: Keryl St. Helene

Sat Jan 18 - 6.30 a.m.

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Thks: The Louis & Herman families

BVM