



The Baptism of the Lord

**John said, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen
the thongs of his sandals."**

Luke 3:16

JANUARY 13, 2019

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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From the Desk of Father Mac

As Christmas comes to a close today with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we hear Saint Luke's account of Jesus' baptism. Jesus descends into the waters of the River Jordan and submits to baptism by his cousin, John the Baptist. This raises the question why was Jesus baptized? After all, as we have celebrated during this Christmas season, Jesus was God made man, the second person of the Blessed Trinity. He certainly had no need to be baptized. As the Catechism tells us, this baptism was a manifestation of Christ's "acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's Suffering Servant" (CCC 536). Jesus became one of us and descended into the waters of baptism in order to sanctify those waters and open the way to heaven for us. He humbled himself to share in our humanity so that we may share in his divinity.

Can you imagine standing on the banks of the River Jordan and witnessing the baptism of Jesus? What a sight it must have been! The Holy Spirit descends like a dove. The waters are sanctified by Jesus and by his Spirit. Jesus is "sealed" or anointed by the very presence of the Spirit. As if that weren't enough, the heavens (once closed by Adam's sin) are now opened up and a voice calls out *You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*

As spectacular as that scene must have been, we can relate to it - for a similar scene plays out every time one of God's children is baptized. As each infant, child or adult is brought to the waters of baptism, the Trinity is present. We do what Jesus commanded us to do - to baptize in his name and in the name of the Father and the Spirit. We encounter Christ, the indelible seal of the Spirit is conferred, and the Father is pleased with his beloved child. From that moment on, we get a glimpse of what heaven must be like.

As Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading, *the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope.* Christ redeemed us and claimed us as *a people as his own, eager to do what is good.* Similarly, Isaiah prophesied that our guilt would be expiated and that the Shepherd would gather the lambs in his arms. We belong to Christ!

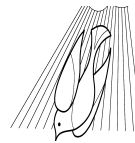
Today, let us not just reflect on the baptism of the Lord but let us also recall what happened to us when we were baptized: the cleansing water, the presence of the Trinity, the rejoicing in heaven, and the strength of the grace that still abides with us. Most important, let us be reminded of the great responsibility that comes along with that baptism. God claimed each one of us as his own, and gave each of us the grace to overcome the sin and evil in the world.

As we celebrate this Eucharist today, let us be transformed by our partaking of Christ's body and blood as we go forth and fulfill our baptismal mission.

YOURS IN CHRIST,
REV. EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR

Fr. Mac

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE is back! We will meet on Monday, January 28th at CA DEL SOLE RESTAURANT. Come enjoy fine Italian fare and the good company. The restaurant is located at 4100 CAHUENGA BLVD, in Toluca Lake. Their phone number is 818 985 4669. If you would like to attend, please call Pat Kane to make a reservation. P:818 784 4414



CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY The First Year students will have their next meeting on **Sunday, January 13th** at 9:45 am in the Parish Bungalow. The Second Year students will have their weekend retreat, beginning **Friday, January 18th** through **Sunday, January 20th.**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **SEE'S CANDY** fundraiser for Youth Ministry. The money generated by candy sales helps keep our program costs low and available to all interested youth.




Register Now to participate in our fifth annual **WALK FOR LIFE** on **JANUARY 19th, 2019!** 35,000 people came together last January in downtown LA to celebrate life and promote the beauty and dignity of every person from conception to natural death.

ONELIFE LA challenges participants to actively build a culture of life through small and large works of mercy in our own neighborhoods. Join us this January 19th for our family friendly celebration!

Volunteer with our Community Partners who serve women and families, care for the poor and homeless, assist the immigrant and refugee and visit the sick and elderly. **ONELIFE LA** invites you to build a civilization of love the entire year, not just for one day. ONELIFE.LA.org/register.

VIRTUS **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES** to attend a VIRTUS training session are on **Wednesday, January 16th at 6pm**, hosted by Our Lady of Grace in Encino. Please call (818) 344-4126 to reserve a spot. And on **Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30pm**, hosted by St John Eudes in Chatsworth. Please call Martha Garcia at (818) 341-3680, ext. 110, to register. *If you plan to volunteer for any school or parish events where young people are present, you will need to complete VIRTUS training. If you have questions. Please contact the Parish Office.*



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One of the most common responses to stories from abuse victims who suffered in silence for years is, "Why did you wait so long?" For many children, they wait because they have no one they trust to talk to about what's happening to them. Many victims feel ashamed and guilty. Take steps to become a trusted adult to the children in your life. Tell them you will listen without judgment or punishment, even if they are scared to talk about something. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Safe Adults: What to Say and Do", contact us.

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FULLY RELY ON GOD (FROGS) is our 'little church' program for ages 4-7, which meets during the 10 am Mass. They will meet Sunday, January 20th and February 3rd. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this program, please contact the Parish Office.



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP will meet Monday, January 14th, 21st & 28th at 7pm in the Blessed Mother's chapel near the west doors of the church. All are welcome to join this special devotion to our Lady.



CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATE
AS OF DECEMBER 23RD, 2018

177 GIFTS

PARISH GOAL	\$ 1,000,000	100% OF GOAL
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$ 1,249,681	151 % OF GOAL

WE WILL SOON BEGIN SECURING CONTRACTOR BIDS FOR THE NEW HEATING/AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH SO THAT WHEN ADEQUATE CAMPAIGN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT PROJECT. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR PROGRESS.

THANKS TO ALL OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN.

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH**
 4:00 pm - Margaret Harrington, *RIP*
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH**
 8:00 am - Dorothy Burke-Rumer, *RIP*
 10:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
 12:00 pm - Richard Clark, *RIP*
- MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH**
 7:30 am - Susan Borchard, *RIP*
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH**
 7:30 am - Dorothy Rumer, *RIP*
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH**
 7:30 am - Sorby Family, *SPEC. INT.*
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH**
 7:30 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH**
 7:30 am - Joe Alibrandi, *RIP*
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH**
 7:30 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*

ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM PARISH STEWARDSHIP
January 6th

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" (Luke 3:16)

Envelopes (Egive incl.)	\$ 13,714
Loose cash	\$ 816
Total	\$ 14,530

Thank you

Sunday, December 23rd	\$ 11,218
Christmas, December 25th	\$ 36,341

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself in **Stewardship** to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GROTTO FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER THE 8 AND 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEKEND. COME MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

Pray For



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SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	4:00 PM
Sundays	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (MON-SAT)	7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

HOLY ROSARY

Daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of each Month at 2:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Open Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of each Month after the 7:30 AM Mass



Respect Life Corner

The Trump administration finalized robust religious and moral exemptions to the Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate, a move that offered a long-awaited reprieve to Catholic and other religious employers who fought the 2012 law all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. "We are grateful for the administration's decision to finalize commonsense regulations that allow those with sincerely held religious or moral convictions opposing abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization and contraception to exclude such drugs and devices from their health plans," said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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JOIN THOUSANDS AS WE PRAY
FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN LIFE.

JANUARY 14-22, 2019

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to join!



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4 WAYS TO JOIN



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