



The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1

The Waters of Baptism

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit



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Today’s Readings

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or *1 John 5:1-9*.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

Let Us Pray for the Sick...

Irene Hammond, Martinez & Silva Families, Alice Blankenship, Gloria Villalvazo, Abel Martinez, Katherine Clark, Dan Edwards, Hermine Lees, Simone Brunschwiler, Bob Milla.

Parish Office

Due to state and diocesan regulations, the parish office remains closed. Please email us at admin@santarosaparish.org or call (805) 927-4816 and someone will get back with you. We are still here to serve you! Let’s all stay safe and healthy!

Weekly Mass Intentions

(Jan. 9-10)

Sat., 4 pm- +Maria Dolores Flores Bernal & Ricardo Huzar

Sun., 10 am- Int. Bobbi Doyle

Int. Tina Quaschnick

Int. Nancy Caver

Sun., 6:00 pm- Int. Juan Manuel Paz & fam.

With Sympathy

Long-time parishioner Jean Chinnici passed away suddenly last weekend. Services will take place at a later date. Please keep Jean and her family in your prayers.



Parish Support– Thank You !

(Dec. 29-Jan. 5) Operating Account

Weekend Masses: \$ 932.00

In-Office: \$1,274.00

Electronically: \$2,325.00

Total: \$4,531.00

Donations may be made by visiting our website at www.santarosaparish.org ; by mailing to 1174 Main St., Cambria 93428; or by dropping in the mail slot at the parish office.

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
~Amen.



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