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BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Year B

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at the back of newsletter

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Mass Times

Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9:30am
Saturday	9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Holy Mass
and Wed 6:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays

10am-7.15pm Adoration
6.00pm Rosary
6.35pm Vespers
7.00pm Benediction

Contact for Adoration

Danica Rusov
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Meditation from Anawim Way

The readings today give us a renewed appreciation of the first Mystery of Light: the Baptism of the Lord. They draw us into the heart of two servants: Jesus, fully human and fully divine, sent to serve humanity through his life, death and resurrection, and John the Baptist, the man sent to serve humanity by preparing the way for Jesus. As Jesus comes to the Jordan to submit to John's baptism, we see how the lives of these two men intersect in order that Jesus' public ministry may begin and his messianic mission be fulfilled.



In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist humbly proclaim his role in the unfolding of this divine plan. Through the grace of God, John understands his place and recognizes that his baptizing ("immersing") the people is only a prelude to what "One mightier than I" will bring. He realizes that the Messiah will bring an immersion in the Holy Spirit – far greater than the immersion in water that was only a sign of repentance. John rightly sees himself only as a predecessor, not even worthy to perform the task of a slave in loosening the thongs of Jesus' sandals. He is very clear about his role, and this clarity helps him get out of the way so he can make a way for Jesus.

We might wonder why Jesus would need to go through this symbolic purification. After all, he has no sins to wash away. Jesus' submission to John's baptism shows us that he too has humility. He humbly submits to a baptism of repentance not because he needs it but because he is uniting himself totally with us sinners. Jesus shows that he is with us, he understands us, and he is one with us.

Mark tells us that the heavens are "torn open" when Jesus comes out of the water. It is a sign that the barrier between God and man has been removed. When the Spirit descends upon Jesus, we learn that Divine Love has come upon the human family. The voice of the Father announces: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This passage is a revelation of the beauty of the Trinity in action. God the Son is baptized, God the Father speaks from heaven, and God the Holy Spirit descends like a dove. It is the moment of a new creation. In Jesus, the Father is once again well pleased with man, just as he was pleased at the creation of man and "saw that it was very good" (Gen 1:31).

The Baptism of Jesus sanctifies the waters of creation, opening the way for the Sacrament of Baptism. In Baptism, we become a new creation: we are cleansed; the heavens are torn open for us; we are filled with the Holy Spirit; and the Father accepts us as his own beloved children. We only receive Baptism once, but the grace of Baptism is continually at work in us. We need to renew our baptismal commitment again and again as we journey and grow in faith. Each time we enter a church and bless ourselves with holy water, we call to mind our Baptism "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We renew our commitment to the Lord as his obedient servants.

In light of the powerful grace we receive in Baptism, we can see ourselves in this description of those whom Jesus, the Servant of the Lord, has come to save. He saves us from our mental and spiritual blindness, from the confinement of our disordered emotions, from the dungeons of our fears and addictions, from the darkness of our sins. Jesus, in doing the will of the Father, unceasingly serves us every day through the power of the Spirit. We can be absolutely confident in his constant love, care, guidance, and intercession in our lives. He is our model in the call to live as servants of the Lord.

What is my role as a servant of God? How can I grow in true humility? Do I renew my baptismal commitment as the Lord's obedient servant?

Excerpt from The Anawim Way, Volume 14, no. 2.

PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

NOTICES

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: Steve Brennan, James Stewart, Leighton Crabb, Gerald O'Keeffe, Saphia Williams-Barrios, Mikela, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth McNulty, Pat Carey, Clare Dobozy, Carmel Rusack

ANNIVERSARIES: Daphne Dedoncker, Constance Pereira, Ron McInerney, Albino Pestrin, Monica Davids, James Foley, Hugh Forde, Malcolm McGeever, Mary Adams, Makai Ninonuevo, Antonio Bogna, Stan Satanek, Stephen Mabarrack, Immesi Baggio, Joseph Daly, Con Bradley, Antonio Orsillo, Lesley Sullivan, Myrtle Brady, Arthur Burns and relatives and friends of the Vinsentin, Mansell, Burns, Hill, Murphy and McNulty families.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, please contact the Parish Office.*

FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

We invite you to send your expressions of interest to enrol your child/children for the St Anthony's Parish Family Sacramental Program. This program is a family and community-based program that values the role of parents as the first educators of faith and family as the basic building block of communities.

Please send your expressions of interest to the Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator - Grace Juanta, email - parishteam.stanthony@gmail.com

Please note that commencement of the program will depend on sufficient number of registered participants.

PLANNED GIVING

Choose one of the following options that suits you best-

1) Contact the Parish Office to receive a Stewardship number unique to you for easy reference of your contribution.

2) Through the Adelaide archdiocese website- Go to <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation>. Follow instructions on the site. You will need to select EDWARDSTOWN PARISH. Then in the drop down box, choose General; for Parish collection (2nd Collection) and for the Priests of the Archdiocese. (First Collection).

3) Use internet bank for direct deposit into Edwardstown Parish bank account using the following details-

ACCOUNT NAME: CCES Edwardstown Parish

BSB: 085 005 Account: 48973 5300

If using direct deposit, please remember to add description. **Envelopes**—due to increasing printing costs and the decreasing number of parishioners using envelopes for their stewardship, we ask that you provide your own envelopes marked clearly with your **Name and Planned Giving Number**.

PARISH OFFICE TIMES

The Parish Office will be CLOSED from
Monday 21 Dec 2020—Friday 8 Jan 2021

And will RE-OPEN

Tues 12 Jan - Fri 15 Jan 9am - 12pm
(Temporary change of time for this period only)

As of 19 Jan 2021

Tuesday - Friday 1.45pm - 4.30pm

BOOKINGS FOR MASS NO LONGER REQUIRED

You simply need to register your name, contact number and time of attendance when you arrive
OR
register using the QR Code provided at the entrance.

The QR CODE is displayed at the church and hall entrance for those with smartphones. This assists greatly with contact tracing in the event of a coronavirus outbreak.

Please regularly check our website and FaceBook page for recent news and updates.

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MONDAY ROSARY GROUP

The Monday Rosary Group will resume on the 11th January 2021 at 6.20pm.



EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00PM: ROSARY,

6:35PM: VESPERS,

7:00PM: BENEDICTION

WE PRAY FOR A DIFFERENT
COUNTRY EACH WEEK

MORE INFO: GEOFF - 0419 810 590



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The Necessity of Baptism

(Catechism of the Catholic Church - CCC)

1257 The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

1258 The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament.

1259 For catechumens who die before their Baptism, their explicit desire to receive it, together with repentance for their sins, and charity, assures them the salvation that they were not able to receive through the sacrament.

1260 "Since Christ died for all, and since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers, in a way known to God, of the Paschal mystery." Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved. It may be supposed that such persons would have desired Baptism explicitly if they had known its necessity.

1261 As regards children who have died without Baptism, the Church can only entrust them to the mercy of God, as she does in her funeral rites for them. Indeed, the great mercy of God who desires that all men should be saved, and Jesus' tenderness toward children which caused him to say: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," allow us to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism. All the more urgent is the Church's call not to prevent little children coming to Christ through the gift of holy Baptism.



Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:29-31

www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism



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The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace Video duration 18m

One of the most profound aspects of the Catholic Faith is that Christ sent his Spirit to dwell in the hearts of the baptized. But who is the Holy Spirit, and how do we actively invite him to do what he was placed inside of us to do?



The Treasure of Our Soul: The Apostle's Creed

by Scott Hahn - Audio duration 1h 3m

Dr. Scott Hahn, internationally known theologian and author, explains the inestimable value of the Creed as a sure means of communicating the life-giving faith of the Apostles and as an indispensable source of unity for the Church. Dr. Hahn also brings to light how the Creed has

served as a time-tested wellspring of meditation by which a believer can deepen his or her relationship with Christ, making it, in the words of St. Ambrose, "the treasure of our soul."



Baptism & Confirmation Video duration 24m

Most of us are familiar with the word "sacrament." We participate in sacramental rites often as Catholics. But do we understand what a sacrament is—and what it means for us and our everyday lives?

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OU have loved justice and hated in-iq-uity; * there-
fore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of
gladness above your companions.

1. My heart overflows with noble words. †
To the king I address the song I have made, *
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

Glory Be to the Father...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You will draw wat-er joy-ful-ly from the springs of sal-va-tion.

OFFERTORY

VIII
B
lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *
We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord
God is our light, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1. Give praise to the LORD, for *he is good*; *
his mercy *endures forever*.
2. Let the house of Israel say, *
"His mercy *endures forever*."
Let the house of *Aaron* say, *
"His mercy *endures forever*."
Let those who fear *the LORD* say, *
"His mercy *endures forever*."

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Baptism of the Lord - 10 January 2021
Isaiah 55:1-11; John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 January 2021
1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

COMMUNION

II
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S for all of you who have been baptized in Christ,
you have put on Christ, al-le-lu-ia.

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers, *
ascribe to the LORD glory *and strength*.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory *of his name*; *
bow down before the LORD, majestic *in holiness*.

Glory Be to the Father....

COMMUNION HYMN

What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him praise, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's Son is here,
his love all loves exceeding;
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail, the Saviour comes, the Babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him,
the King of kings salvations brings,
let every heart enthrone him;
Raise, raise your song on high while Mary sings a lullaby,
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the son of Mary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When Jesus comes to be baptised,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of human kind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.