

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

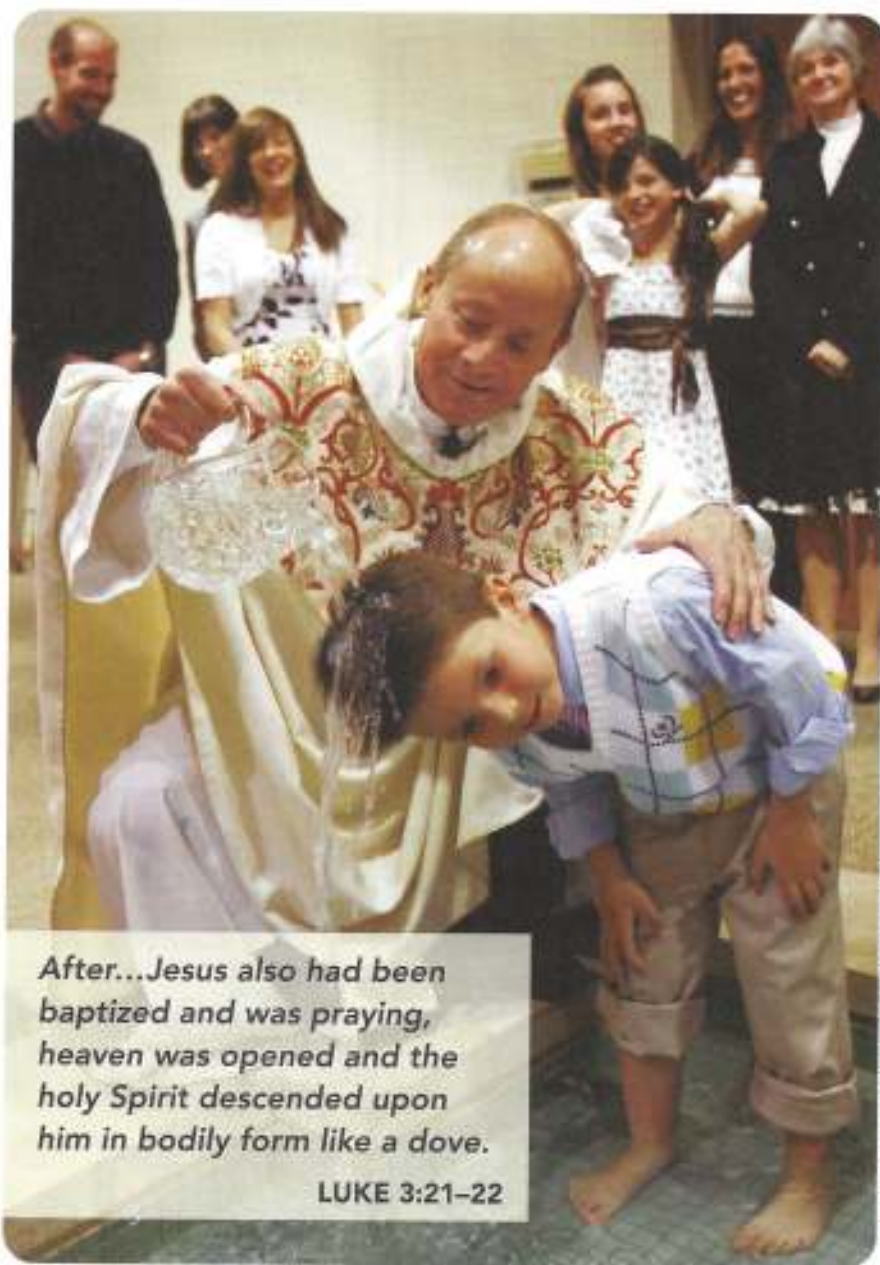
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Taking Up Christ's Ministry

Before the Second Vatican Council, *ministry* was considered by many to be a Protestant word, and the religious leader who did it was called a *minister*. Catholics had priests and bishops who received and administered sacraments. Religious women did the Church's work in schools and hospitals. The council turned our understanding of Church membership inside out. We've come to realize that with baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world.

Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples.

Today we maintain that by baptism we are all children of God. Vatican II has enlightened us as to what this really means. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.



After...Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

LUKE 3:21-22

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How does your life's work make the world better? If it does, then you are a missionary disciple of Jesus.*
- ★ *Go out of your way to make someone's life a little better this week.*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15

AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD In-Person @Hall

There will be NO In Person Classes
for January- Home Study Only



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 5:00pm

Adoration Room

TIME CHANGE

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.

- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Jan. 10, 2021

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1/11** 8:00AM **STM

1/12** 5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary

1/13** 9:00AM**HT

1/14** 8:00AM**STM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of Jan. 15-16, 2021

Saturday:

1/15 St. Thomas More 4:00PM

Sunday:

1/16** www.bureaucatholic.org- 8:30AM**HT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Offered For

† No Mass

† Clifford Sondgeroth

† Bernice Schneider

† James & Charlotte Martin

† Betty Newhalfen

Offered For

† Doug Samolinski

† Jerry Joiner

† Dorothy Stouffer

† For The Parishioners

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Weekend Jan. 1

Holy Trinity - \$585.00
St. Patrick - \$560.00
St. Thomas More - \$1032.00

2022 Church Envelopes

Please pick up your envelopes in back of churches. If you do not see your box and would like envelopes please let the office know.

Online Viewers please let us know if you need envelopes, your donations are greatly appreciated!

Contribution Letters

Parishioners who would like to request a 2021 contribution letter for tax prep should contact the office.

For those who would like to start the new year off using online giving contact the office for more info.

THANK
You
SO VERY
MUCH

To ALL who worked hard setting up and taking down Christmas Decorations at our parishes—We couldn't do it without you !!!

Fundraising Update

SP Sausage Fundraiser

On Sat. Dec 4th volunteers made 5,800 lbs of Sausage—Net \$8,436.84
Great Job! Look for next Sausage Sales in early March

IMPORTANT



Father Thaddeus will be traveling to Melbourne, Florida to officiate the traditional closure of 3 years of mourning of his mother's death. Due to the fact no substitute priests are available, the Vicar General recommended to have a Communion Service for the weekend of January 22nd & 23rd. Deacon Jack Kusek will be helping with the Communion Services.

Saturday Jan 22nd—4:00pm STM

Sunday Jan 23rd— 8:30am HT
10:30am SP

There will be NO 5pm at STM



Thank You for wearing a mask in Church.

It protects those who are praying when you are in church
It protects the clergy and staff of the church
Let's keep our church safe, healthy, open, and a respectful place for all!



Confessions

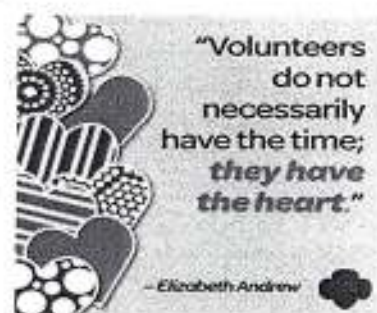
The next confessions will be Saturday - Jan 15th 10:30-11:15- at St. Patrick in the chapel

WEATHER ALERTS



With the uncertainty of winter weather

Be sure to be signed up to receive BCR Alert messages on your cell phone or email to alert you of any church cancellations or changes. Contact the office if you need help signing up.



We are so thankful and blessed for all our parishioners who help with the upkeep of our churches and to those who help with our masses. With the start of the new year we would like to add to our church list a few more volunteers to help out, in the event a volunteer is gone on vacation or becomes sick. Some duties may be to open or lock up churches, check on candles, decorating, maintaining fresh flowers or plants, be sure cleaning is being taken care of etc.. We are always looking for extra money counters, readers and Euch Ministers.. A training meeting will be coming in February for interested Euch Ministers.

Needed A Backup Organist

If you or someone you know would like to be an organist backup for all three parishes please contact the office.

Dear Padre,

Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring

that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above

Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?... Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.

ANGELUS, BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 10

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

JANUARY 11

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 12

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 16

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

**Do you have
a question
for the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and to learn more
about Dear Padre.