



SOME THOUGHTS ON THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

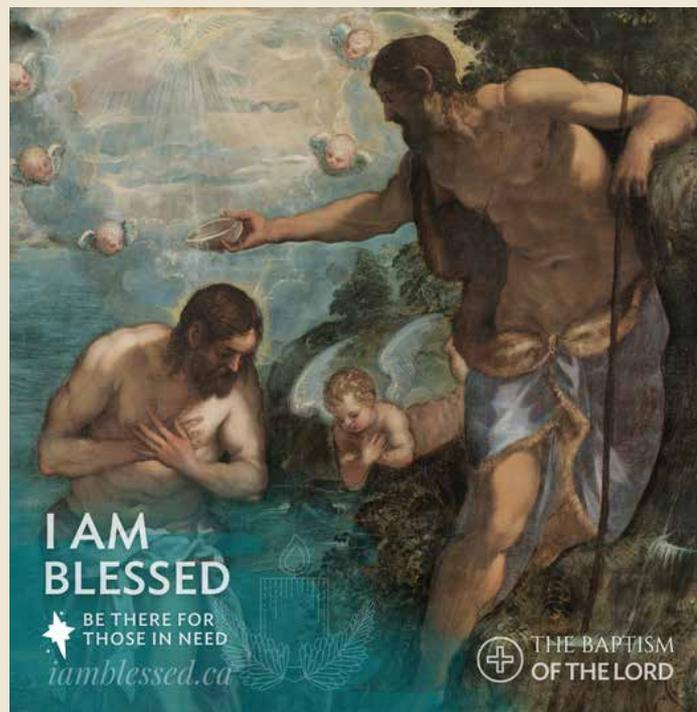
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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WEEKLY PRAYERS

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-1

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-1

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: **The Baptism of the Lord**

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Thursday: St. Hilary

Friday:

Saturday: **Our Lady**

Next Sunday: **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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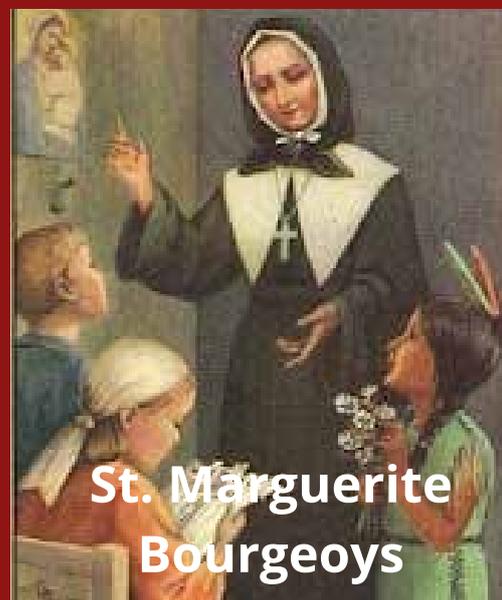
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading: Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel: We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

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Marguerite Bourgeoys, founder of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame de Montréal (born at Troyes, France 17 Apr 1620; died at Montréal, on 12 Jan 1700).

In 1640 Marguerite Bourgeoys joined a noncloistered congregation of teachers attached to a Troyes convent directed by the sister of Governor Maisonneuve of Ville-Marie (Montréal). She sailed for Canada in 1653.

In order to meet the needs of the colony and her community, she crossed the Atlantic Ocean seven times, despite all the risks these long trips entailed. During these journeys, she cared for the sick and comforted the dying.

She founded one of the first communities of unclioistered women, who went to the people in order to be close to them and meet their needs. She lived with the Filles du Roy (King's Wards) and helped them adapt to their new country. Like Mary, who helped the first Christians build a New Church, Marguerite wanted to participate in the foundation of a society that reflected the same ideal as that of the first Christian community.

Working alongside Monsieur de Maisonneuve, she dedicated her life to building "a New Church in a new world" and creatively met the challenges of her time. A pioneer in education, she opened the first school in Ville Marie, where she provided scholastic and religious education and taught homemaking to mothers and their children. A woman of action, she served as a social worker, mentor, councillor and mediator in order to meet the needs of the colony. She entrusted the education of young Amerindian girls to two Iroquois young women who shared her great dream.

On October 31, 1982, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a saint. She is the first Canadian woman to be canonized.

The Canadian Encyclopedia

LEARNING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



Question: What is the tradition behind dressing white for Baptism?

Answer: The beautiful white dress or white suit that many babies wear for their baptism has deep roots in tradition and in the symbolic meaning of the baptismal ceremony. Marking the child's entrance into the family of the Church, the baptism ceremony unfolds in four stages, each corresponding with a different symbol: water, the Holy Chrism, white clothing, and light. In the original rite, babies were brought to the church in normal clothes, and then changed into their white outfit during the

baptismal rite itself. Since white is a symbol of purity and innocence, the changed outfit signified the child's entrance into a new life, the life of the baptized. Today, many priests are more flexible about that tradition, mainly for reasons of practicality. But you can still incorporate touches of white during the ceremony if you wish.

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

Aleteia

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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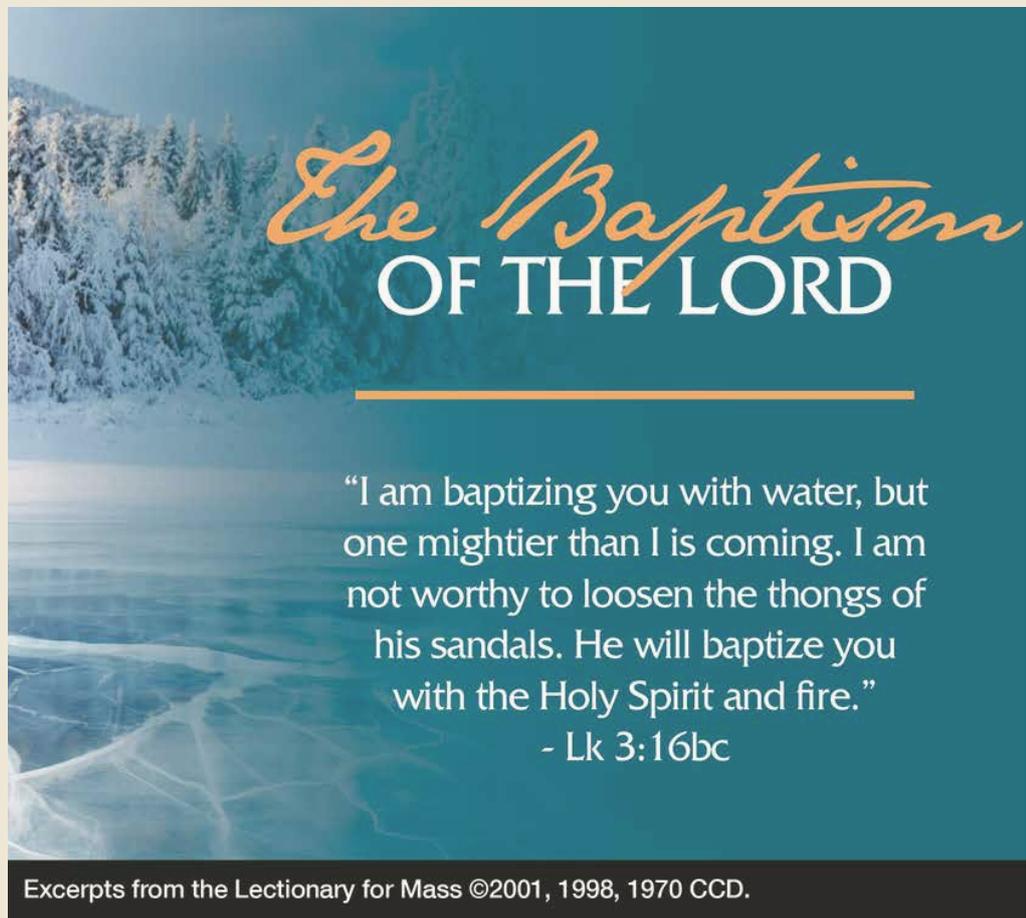
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The Baptism OF THE LORD

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”
- Lk 3:16bc

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MASS TIMES

Daily Mass:

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00AM

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 1:00PM



Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Friday:
10:00AM-12:00PM

Statutory Holidays:
Closed



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PARISH INFORMATION:



Sacrament of Reconciliation

We are happy to let you know that 163 children will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this week.

We ask you to please pray for the children as they prepare to experience the gift of God's forgiveness for the first time. These children will continue later this month with preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion early June.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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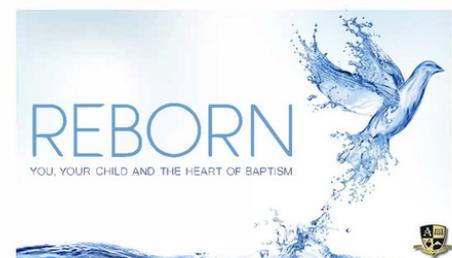
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



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DIOCESAN INFORMATION:

Synod Diocesan Phase - Updates

Bishop William T. McGrattan calls on all faithful, clergy, religious, and consecrated life in the Diocese of Calgary to join him in local synodal gatherings with a renewed commitment to follow the way Jesus has always journeyed with his beloved children, to become a listening Church and a Church of closeness where all can experience being at home and participate in building the Kingdom of God.

Starting January 2022 to May 2022, we will begin the consultation

process at the Diocesan and pastoral zone levels, followed by gatherings in parishes, religious communities, lay associations, institutions, and opportunity for online participation.

- *How do I participate? Diocesan level consultation has been taking place through the Pastoral Discernment Advisory Committee that includes representatives throughout the Diocesan community.*
- *Pastoral Zone consultations will include participants from all parish lay leadership and pastors.*
- *Parish and Community consultations will gather all members of Christ's faithful, particularly those at the margins or who feel excluded.*
 - *Information will be provided through parish websites and bulletins in February 2022.*
- *Those who cannot participate in local gatherings will be able to contribute via online platform.*

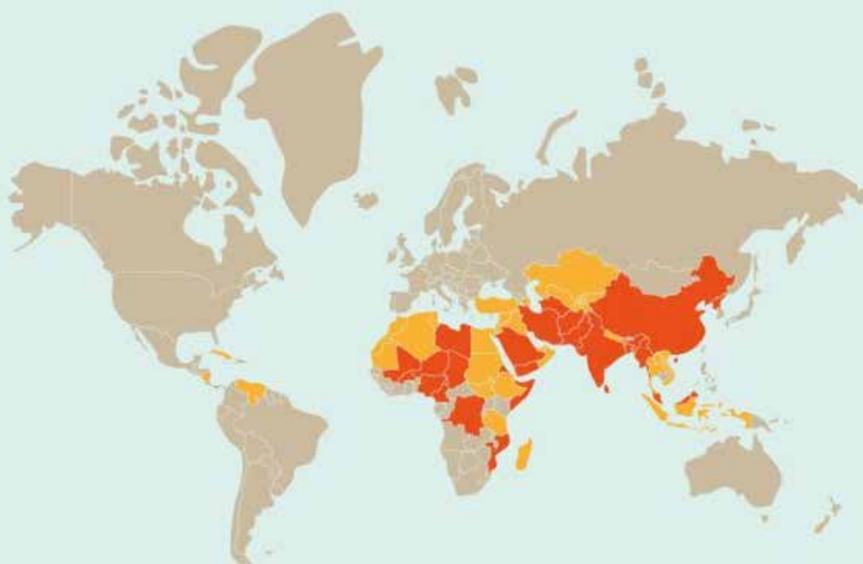
For more information, visit www.catholicyyca.ca/synod



How have you experienced
**WALKING
TOGETHER**
AS THE CHURCH?

People of God throughout the world are called by the Holy Father to begin a journey of listening, dialoguing, praying and discerning together the way in which we have carried forward our life and mission of holiness in the Church and in the world.

Religious freedom is severely violated in 62 countries worldwide, which are home to two thirds of the world's population.



● Persecution ● Discrimination ● Unclassified

Pope's Intention for January 2022

Pope Francis: "How is it possible that many religious minorities currently suffer discrimination or persecution? How can we allow that in this society, which is so civilized, there are people who are persecuted simply because they publicly profess their faith? ... As human beings, we have so many things in common that we can live alongside each other, welcoming our differences with the joy of being brothers and sisters."

- ***This month's attention: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.***

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN WATER HOLY SPIRIT
 MESSIAH POWERFUL FIRE
 BAPTIZING SANDALS JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N
 H O L Y S S P I R I T O
 E H A I T O S U F A M
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+ MISSION

Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.

GROWING + WITH THE Gospel CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





GOSPEL

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."



PRAYER

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.



DRAW

Draw a picture of God telling you, "Good job!"