



January 13, 2019 – The Baptism Of The Lord– Year C

Here and Now

When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying “This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there?

But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are *there then*. What about everybody else? Surely it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God’s beloved Son.

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And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were *there then*. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn’t Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?

And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, *God shows that he is committed to the good*

of particularity. God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But where the Lord is concerned, you stand out as the particular person you are. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him.

But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but *you*—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, *here and now*.

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Songs for The Epiphany of Our Lord— Year C

Gathering: 44 - A Voice Cries Out

Offertory: 604 - Come to the Water

Communion: 338 - Behold the Lamb

Post- Communion:

Sending Forth: 405 - In Christ Alone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13 January 19

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES ARE NEEDED:

Altar Server, Eucharistic Ministers, and Choir. Please contact Isaac Gusman and Mary Gusman for details. Volunteers please don't forget to log your volunteer hours to the chapel you can do this at the website or at the Log book located in front of the Chapel's Office.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! Time to record your 2018 hours in VMIS!! Either enter the hours directly, or contact Howard James, Chapel Volunteer POC (301-619-3860; hjames@ncmi,detrick.army.mil <<mailto:hjames@ncmi,detrick.army.mil>>). Questions? Call or visit Daphnie Freeman, Fort Detrick Volunteer Coordinator, phone: 301-619-3171; daphnie.l.freeman.civ@mail.mil <<mailto:daphnie.l.freeman.civ@mail.mil>> ; Community Support Center, Bldg. 1520

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are offered at 0830 to 0900 before Sunday Mass or after Mass by request and availability of the Priest.

ROSARY GROUP: Meets every Tuesday Evening at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Rosary will also be said every Sunday after Mass in activity room #1 during the CCD season.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION: 301-619-7611, 1-800-256-7621 and Hearing Impaired 301-619-2293 or

CCD REGISTRATION: The Registration for this coming CCD Year is ongoing. Please get registration forms at the entrance table or get with Mary Gusman for more information.

COUNCIL MEETING: The next Council meeting will be on 13 January 2019 at 12:00 PM. All are invited to participate.

HOLY FAMILY NOVENA: The Novena for the Month of the Holy Family will start on February 16, 2019 and will end on February 24, 2019 when we will celebrate the Patronal Feast in honor of the Holy Family. The Novena is for a family devotion and can be said before supper. The last day of the Novena we will say it as a Community Family before we start our celebration. Novenas will be available in print a week before 16 February and there is a copy in the homepage of our website.

THANKS FOR HELPING WITH THE DECORATIONS: Those that participated yesterday helping taking down all the Christmas decorations Many Thanks and may God Bless you always!

SCHEDULE

Date	Priest	Greeters	Altar Servers	EM	Lector	Children Liturgy
13 January 19 0915	Msgr Cummings	Bedard Family	Jayden H. Jared H.	L. Muniz J. Kelly R. Debes	L. Cazares	
20 January 19 0915	Msgr Cummings	Corpuz Family	Joseph M. Faith M.	I. Gusman R. Casillas V. Bonilla	M. Stubbs	
27 January 19 0915	Msgr Cummings	Kuhens Family	Jayden H. Jared H.	L. Muniz K. Bedard	L. Debes	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

Sunday, 6 January 2019 \$742.00
Attendance 80

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS FOR FY19:

The following are the Regular Designated Offerings for FY19 for the Archdiocese for The Military Services and The Mustard Seed:

- 7 OCT 2018 – AMS – Done**
- 20 JAN 2019 – AMS
- 17 MAR 2019 – MUSTARD SEED
- 21 APR 2019 - AMS
- 21 JUL 2019 - AMS

You also have the choice of contributing to the Regular Collection or to both. Now during collection time there will be two marked plates one for Designated Offerings and one for Regular Offerings during the time for designated offerings.

The Lectors will announce this before Mass starts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Busch Family – Traveling mercies for those on the road during this holiday season. Prayers for my brother, Sonny, as he goes through some medical issues. Remember Jesus is the reason for the Season

Regina Vanessa Kelly – Chris had knee replacement surgery. Pray for complete recover. Chris II is graduating from Frostburg State Univ. on 12/19/18. Praise the Lord

Howard James – Praise – Steve Millward – retirement. Prayer – travel mercies over holidays. Prayer – Lee Family – support & guidance. Praise – Renewing friendship rom college 31 years ago

Pam Sardelis – Prayers of healing for my brother-in-law who is experiencing chest pains.

PRAYER FOR SICK IN THE COMMUNITY

Helen Lauritano Isaac Gusman

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED TROOPS



SAINT OF THE DAY

Feast: **13 JANUARY**

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS



This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor

to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Father, keep us from vain strife of words.
Grant to us constant profession of the Truth!
Preserve us in a true and undefiled faith
so that we may hold fast to that
which we professed when we were baptized
in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
that we may have Thee for our Father,
that we may abide in Thy Son
and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



Bringing Home the Word

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Telling Our Christian Stories

By Mary Katharine Deeley

When we were growing up, my siblings and I would often ask our grandmother to tell us stories about our mother when she was young. We liked listening to our mother tell those same stories from her perspective. The stories varied in some details, but it always felt like a veil was lifted on the past and we had some sense of where we came from along with some insight about our mother's personality.

She, of course, did the same thing for my daughters, making them giggle at the story of my getting into her perfume bottle when I was three. Such

stories connect us with the people we know. Old friends trade stories of shared experiences; young companions learn about the world from the stories of their elders and even from the stories their friends tell them about their lives.

In Acts 10:36, Peter appeals to his listeners by telling the story they know so well. He even appeals to their shared experience as he says, "You know..." Stories connect us to one another and open the door to understanding each other a little more and a little better. In his story, Peter marks the baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his ministry. Our story in the Christian community begins with baptism as well. In verse 38, Peter records that Jesus went on "doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." What would the story of our lives after baptism tell people about us? Would someone like Peter tell people that we went about doing good and loving God and neighbor? +

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Sunday Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.

Acts 10:34-38

You know...what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming."

A Word from Pope Francis

Being holy is not a privilege for the few, as if someone had a large inheritance; in baptism we all have an inheritance to be able to become saints....Thus we are all called to walk on the path of holiness, and this path has a name and a face: the face of Jesus Christ.

—Angelus, November 1, 2013



REFLECTION
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- Can I proudly tell the story of my Christian life after baptism, or do I feel shame instead?
- If I can't take pride in the story of my life, what can I do to change the narrative?

Just Why Am I Catholic?

By Fr. Thomas Richstatter, OFM

What is it that makes one Catholic? I admit that I never really thought much about Catholic identity until I was asked to write about it. Why am I a Catholic?

The most honest answer? Because my mom and dad were. That's why I speak English, why I'm an American, why I like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches—and why I'm Catholic. But while I can't change my parents or my mother tongue, there are things (like my religion) that I can change. So why do I stay Catholic?

I'm Catholic and stay Catholic because of the Incarnation. While Jews, Christians, and Muslims all believe in the God of Abraham, Christians believe that “the Word became flesh” (John 1:14). And while all Christians believe in the Incarnation, for Catholics the Incarnation changes everything.

The Incarnation—God becoming one of us—gives Catholics a special insight into created things. We believe that creation is a window to God. I learn who God is through created things. This is the heart of what we believe about the sacraments.



The Things of Life

We believe that all creation is good. The Incarnation means that the very stuff of this earth has been taken up into the kingdom of God. “Things” are not a hindrance to prayer but are the very instruments of our salvation. We are not afraid to use things in

our worship: bread and wine, water and oil, candles and incense—even dust and ashes! We aren't afraid to drink alcohol at Mass (or at other times, for that matter).

The Incarnation means that God is not far away, shrouded in mystery. If Moses could say: “For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us?” (Deuteronomy 4:7), how much more we who believe in the Incarnation! We have a God who is very close to us, who experienced human pain, joy, work, and good friends.

Because I am a Catholic I am called to develop a spirit of wonder and awe in the presence of the ordinary things of life. Think of the grain of wheat falling into the ground and producing stalk and blade. As St. Augustine said, “Where can you find a greater miracle than that?” Catholics care for creation. Ecology, respect for all created things, saving the planet for our children—these are not peripheral to Catholic identity but at its very heart.

Ongoing Work

I have two parting thoughts. First: Although you might have been baptized Catholic as an infant, being Catholic is not something that happens all at once. We grow into it, and we have to work at it. It's like being married. You get married with the exchange of vows. But being married—growing into a married identity—happens over time. You have to work at it—or else, goodbye marriage! Similarly, we have to work at “being Catholic.”

Second: When I was ten, I decided to become a priest. I asked my pastor, a Franciscan, what I had to do. He directed me to the Franciscan seminary and I became a friar. I was a Franciscan before I even knew there were other kinds of priests: Redemptorist, Jesuit, Benedictine, and so on. Today, I wouldn't trade being a Franciscan for anything. And if I talk about how wonderful the Franciscans are, I don't mean to imply that there is something wrong if one is a Jesuit or a Redemptorist. And while I am proud of being a Catholic, I don't mean to judge others. One thing Catholics believe is that God loves variety. +



Lord, give me a shepherd's heart so that I can show your love and compassion to someone in need.


—From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 14-19

Monday, Weekday:
Heb 1:1–6 / Mk 1:14–20
Tuesday, Weekday:
Heb 2:5–12 / Mk 1:21–28
Wednesday, Weekday:
Heb 2:14–18 / Mk 1:29–39

Thursday, St. Anthony:
Heb 3:7–14 / Mk 1:40–45
Friday, Weekday:
Heb 4:1–5, 11 / Mk 2:1–12
Saturday, Weekday:
Heb 4:12–16 / Mk 2:13–17

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