

**The Baptism of the Lord****Year A**

Sunday, January 12, 2014

Readings: 1) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2) Acts 10:34-38

3) Matthew 3:13-17

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass Jesus is that the beloved Son of God, is revealed to be the one sent by God to bring salvation.

The first reading from Isaiah tells of the servant of God with whom God is pleased and upon whom God has put His Spirit. God is well pleased with him, whom we know as Jesus. Acts tells the story of how God revealed that the good news was to be preached to all people, not just the Jews. Matthew tells of the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS****PRIEST:**

**Gracious God, we place our faith and trust in you as we offer our prayers of petition.**

**For all leaders of the Church, that they remain open to the power of the Holy Spirit as they assist the people of God in transforming their lives to be more Christ-like,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the leaders of the world, may they guide the country with integrity and keep the welfare of all the people as the focus of their leadership,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the newly baptized,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the poor, sick and suffering**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all our faithful dead,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For students in our schools and religious education programs, may they grow in the knowledge of and love for God,**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause),**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Father, we are your children and we know that you love us. We present our needs to you with faith that you will hear them. Through Christ our Lord.**