

SUNDAY, Jan. 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: 1) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 2) Acts 10:34-38 3) Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

FOCUS: *The grace of God has appeared, saving all.*

All grace we receive – actual and sanctifying – comes through God’s kindness, generous love, and mercy. Nothing we do merits this gift, or the salvation it provides. Through the sacraments, first among them baptism, we are infused with the Holy Spirit and made *heirs in hope of eternal life*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks the Lord’s words for Jerusalem to take comfort because their *service is at an end*. In the second reading, Paul writes that *[Christ] saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit*. In the Gospel, after Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends upon him, and a voice speaks from heaven.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With trust in his kindness and generous love, we share these needs and petitions with our Lord.

- 1) That all members of the Church may grow in love and knowledge of God through his grace and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That the Lord may bless his people in all nations with harmony and good will, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That all who are burdened by physical or emotional difficulties may receive God’s healing touch and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That the Lord may always provide us with the grace for contrition and repentance, and an aversion to sin, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That all who have died in the light of faith may soon become heirs of eternal life with Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of Glory, you save us by your grace, not by our actions. Answer our prayers out of mercy and love, we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.