

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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Vision

To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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The Baptism of the Lord

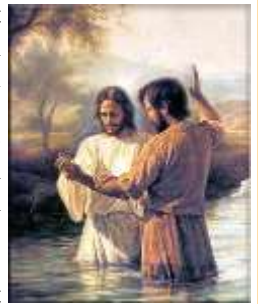
9th January 2022

In today's gospel, we see the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus and the voice of designation that comes from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

There is a very beautiful image in the Isaiah reading today. God says to the chosen servant, "I have grasped you by the hand." God does not just send us out on our own as we face the obstacles the world throws at us. Instead, like a loving parent with a little child, God takes us chosen ones by the hand. Isaiah's image seems to be what Luke tells us throughout his Gospel: we are anointed by the same Spirit as Jesus was. We are beloved daughters and sons. God takes us by the hand and leads us as we work to establish God's justice and peace in the world.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings about the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of "Ordinary Time" in the Liturgical cycle. The Scriptures and Liturgies of Ordinary Time will remind us of the ongoing implications of our Baptism: that moment when God seized each one of us, made us His own in a special way, anointed us with His Spirit, and commissioned us to continue the mission of Jesus. This will be a time when we are again seized by God, anointed by the Spirit, declared to be His beloved - to be light - to bring justice - to heal the bruised - to help keep flickering lights from going out...

At Christmas time, we are reminded again that God has entered our lives. Now it is time for us to decide, to choose, to realize, to act, to change our hearts. We are the ones to rearrange the manger scene in our personal lives, to allow the Spirit to lead us, and to accept the challenging commitment to live the difficult and demanding message of the Gospel.



Fr Baby

Special Notices:

We welcome all parishioners and visitors. We wish you every blessing for the New Year.

COVID-19: QR code sign-in and face masks are **mandatory**. Thank you.

Congratulations Fr Tomy

Please keep Fr Tomy in your prayers as he celebrates his Sacerdotal Anniversary today, Sunday 9th January. Congratulations on your 19 yr anniversary!

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Rove Varmin

Anniversaries: Brett Weller, Valerie Weller, Frederick Jurd, Colin McIntyre

Remembrances: Frank Costa, Greg Irvine, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Sick: Patricia Parker, Faye Roberts,

Lisa Hart, Elena Mabini, Lisa Hart, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner

Parish Office - Holiday Hours

The office **re-opens on Mon 10th Jan**. Open Mon & Fri only during January

Happy Birthday to St Mary of the Cross Mackillop on 15th January!

Volunteer needed to be our Parish Caritas Ambassador

If you are interested in this role, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Fr Baby will be away for holidays

from 15th Jan. We wish him a wonderful time with his family & dear ones.

January Birthdays:

John Van der Kroft, Eduardo Sedicol, Fr Baby

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch our the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf Luke 3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

First Reading - Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel - John 2:1-11