

# Baptism

## MORNING PRAYER

**Monday**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### REFLECTION

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, a week after Epiphany, finishes the Christmas season.

From thinking of Jesus as an infant, we go fast-forward in time, and meet Jesus now as an adult on the banks of the river Jordan.

But although time has moved on, there is still an echo of Christmas:-

At Christmas, Jesus revealed his divine identity in having a humble manger for his crib, and so also at his baptism, he appears humbly amongst a crowd of ordinary sinners, queueing up to be baptised by John.

As Jesus is baptised, God the Father speaks from heaven identifying Jesus as his Son, just as at the birth of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Angels proclaim his identity to the shepherds and the wise men.

### PRAYERS

Let us ask God to help us recognise the approach of his Son in our ordinary day-to-day lives.

Lord, hear us...

Let us pray for those who promote the culture of abortions and refuse to recognise the human dignity of unborn babies.

May they be enlightened by the Word made flesh.

St John the Baptist: **Pray for them.**

**In the name....**

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**Tuesday**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## REFLECTION

When you were baptised, at the moment when water was poured over your head, the priest called you for the first time by your proper name...  
and then he said "I baptise you **IN** the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit".  
In the original Greek, that word 'IN' really means 'INTO'.  
So you were baptised **INTO** the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Its as if you, with your new name and your new proper identity were immersed in God.  
At your baptism, you were immersed in God...  
and God was immersed in you, soaking you, drenching you with his divine nature - his divine identity.

## PRAYERS

Let us thank Almighty God for the gift of life, and pray for our parents, who co-operated with Him bringing us to the font for our baptism.

Lord, hear us.... **Lord graciously hear us.**

Let us say together the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father...**

St John the Baptist: **Pray for us,**

*House Saint:* **Pray for us.**

**In the name....**

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## Wednesday

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### REFLECTION

From your baptism onwards, God has made you his own; He drenched you in the waters of the font with his divine identity. That shared identity is what makes all of you brothers and sisters of each other.

You are much more brothers and sisters of each other through Christ, than you are brothers and sisters of your siblings through your parents!

Because at your baptism, you were each born into a family of people who share a common destiny, all of them drenched in eternal life.

No longer are you living in isolation. From your baptism, you are journeying together with your Christian brothers and sisters, arm in arm, towards the promise of a bright future!

### PRAYERS

Let us ask God to help us recognise the approach of his Son in our ordinary day-to-day lives.

Lord, hear us...

Let us pray for all those adults who are preparing to be baptised this Easter; May they inspire us by their witness.

Lord, hear us...

St John the Baptist... *House saint...*

**In the name....**

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**Thursday**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Rosary intention for the unborn.*

***THE FIRST MYSTERY OF LIGHT:  
THE BAPTISM OF JESUS IN THE JORDAN***

*As Jesus was coming out of the water, he saw the heavens opened and the heavens torn apart, and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice from heaven said: You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.*

*1x Our Father, 10x Hail Mary In the name...*

**Friday**

**Remember that you can go to the Chapel for Confession this lunchtime.**

We pray together **THE PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

**R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created

**R. And you will renew the face of the earth.**

Let us pray.

**Lord, you have taught the hearts of your faithful  
by the light of your Holy Spirit.**

**In that same Spirit**

**help us to relish what is right**

**and always rejoice in your consolation.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**