



SAINT  
CHRISTOPHER  
CATHOLIC PARISH

## January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord



### Baptism of the Lord – Gerard de Lairese

*Welcome to St. Christopher Parish! We are blessed that you are here and have created this worship supplement to assist you in your prayer of the Mass. As we move into Ordinary Time we are greeted with a pivotal moment in the life of Jesus. No matter where you are at today, whether you come with heavy burdens or with great joy, there is reason for great rejoicing! For those who have been baptized you have been baptized into life with Christ! This is a gift that cannot be earned but rather freely received. For those that have not been baptized but want to learn more please ask! The Lord wants all to receive this great gift.*

Entrance Hymn: "I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY"

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest. Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream. My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked for Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

Entrance Antiphon: *Matthew 3:16-17*

**After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

Greeting

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*striking their breast*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Lord Have Mercy

*Lord, have mercy.*

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

*Christ, have mercy.*

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

*Lord, have mercy.*

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You, we give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive**

our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed Me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to Me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are My ways above your ways and My thoughts above your thoughts.

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; My word shall not return to Me void, but shall do My will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm: *Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6*

Refrain: *You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

1. God indeed is my Savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my

Savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

2. Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim His name; among the nations make known His deeds, proclaim how exalted is His name.
3. Sing praise to the Lord for His glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: *1 John 5:1-9*

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by Him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that He has testified on behalf of His Son.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *John 1:29*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:*

*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: *Mark 1:7-11*

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, *(all bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of The Faithful

*We pray to the Lord.*

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the ministers of the Word of God, that by their preaching and example God's word may not return to Him void but achieve the end for which it was sent: the sanctification of God's people, we pray to the Lord...

That the leaders and commanders of nations may seek the Lord while He may be found, forsaking power and greed for life, morality, justice, and peace, we pray to the Lord...

For all who are thirsty for fullness of life, that they may come to the divine bounty and delight in the rich fare that God wishes to give freely and fully to us all, we pray to the Lord...

That we, who have the Spirit's testimony to Jesus, may keep His commandment of love out of gratitude and praise, we pray to the Lord...

For the poor, the sick, the grieving, the oppressed and the homeless,

that they may come to believe that God is their Savior, their strength, and their courage through the love shown to them in His name, we pray to the Lord...

That Jesus may baptize with the Holy Spirit all our faithful departed, freeing them from all stain and making them worthy of a place in His heavenly kingdom, we pray to the Lord...

For all the prayer's we hold in the silence of our hearts, (pause) We pray to the Lord...

#### Prayer to Saint Michael

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Offertory Hymn: "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"

1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with new life, that I may love the things You love, and do what You would do.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with You I have one will, to love and to endure.

Refrain: *Breath of God, breathe on me. Breath of God, breathe on me.  
Breath of God, breathe on me.*

2. Breathe on me, breath of God, my soul with grace refine, until this earthly part of me glows with Your fire divine.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, so I shall never die, but live with You the perfect life in Your eternity.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

*The Lord be with you.*

**R. And with your spirit.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**R. It is right and just.**

Holy

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim Your Death, O Lord, until You come again.**

Doxology and Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...**

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil . . . as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**R. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever.**

Sign of Peace

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**R. And with your spirit.**

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2X)**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

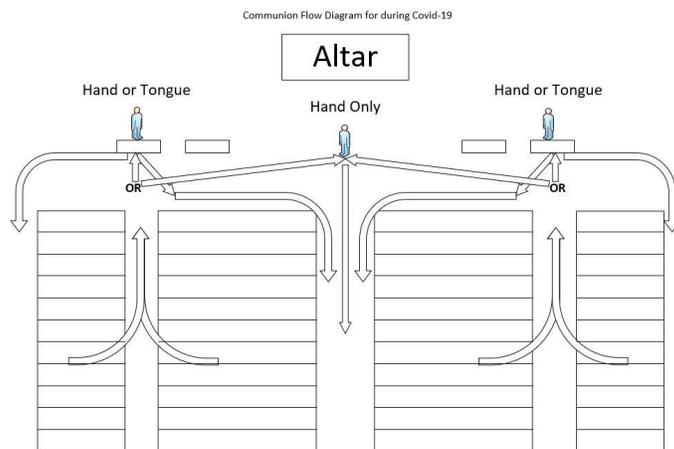
Communion Antiphon: Galatians 3:27

*As for all of you who have been baptized in Christ, you have put on Christ, alleluia.*

Psalm 29 (28)

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness.
2. The voice of the Lord upon the waters, the God of glory thunders; the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord full of power; the voice of the Lord full of splendor.
3. The voice of the Lord shatters cedars, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon;

4. The voice of the Lord flashes flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
5. The Lord sat enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will give strength to His people, the Lord will bless His people with peace.



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

### Communion Hymn: "SOUL OF CHRIST"

Refrain: *Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, flood my senses.*

*Water from Thy side, strengthen me.*

1. O gracious Jesus, hear me calling; within Thy wounds hide me.
2. O gentle Jesus, never leave me; protect me from all evil.
3. O loving Jesus, call me to You, where I may praise You always.

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Final Blessing and Dismissal

*The Lord be with you.*

**R. And with your spirit.**

*May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**R. Amen.**

*Go in peace, and glorify the Lord by your life.*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn: "GO MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES"

1. "Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord, that comes from You, our Father, in Your eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer; and let our daily living reveal You everywhere.
2. "Go, make of all disciples." Baptizing in the name of Father, Son and Spirit from age to age the same. We call each new disciple to follow You, O Lord, redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.
3. "Go, make of all disciples." We at Your feet would stay until each life's vocation shows forth Your holy way. We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart, revealing in our witness the Master Teacher's art.
4. "Go, make of all disciples." We welcome Your command. "Lo, I am with you always." We take Your guiding hand. The task looms large before us; we follow without fear; in Heaven and earth Your power shall bring God's kingdom here.

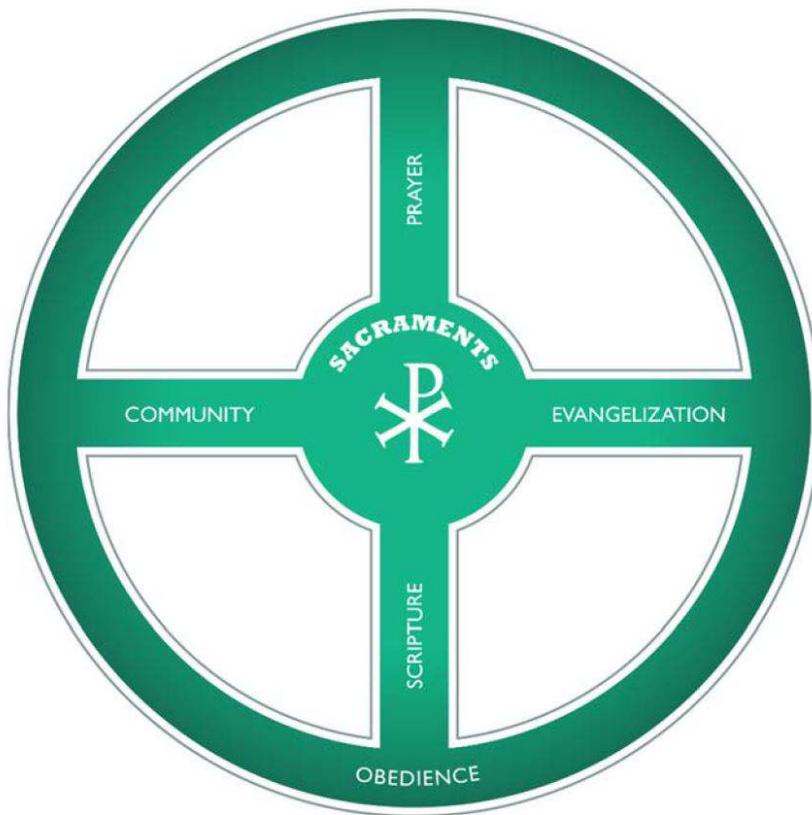
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## Starting off 2021 with Jesus

As the year 2021 begins, consider looking at the Discipleship Wheel and setting some spiritual goals for the year ahead. The Discipleship Wheel (taken from The Evangelical Catholic) shows all the aspects of the life of discipleship as laid out in the General Directory for Catechesis.

### Some suggested ways to use the Discipleship Wheel:

1. Take some prayer time to look at each of these aspects and jot down practices in your life that support these areas (ie. times that you pray, ways that you experience community, etc).
2. Take a little time to talk with the Lord about which areas are most life-giving and stable in your life as well as areas you would like to grow.
3. Set some very specific goals for the year (or for a few months at first). (For example, “I will spend 15 minutes of prayer in the morning before work.” Or, “I will plan to reach out to a friend/relative who is away from the Church and love them intentionally.”) Goals are best when they have as many details as possible and when they’re simple! You can always add more.



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### Some suggestions for your goals:

- The 1% Challenge (15 minutes of your day spent in prayer)
- Read a chapter a night of one of the Gospels

- Join a small group in Lent
- Come to confession once a month
- Abstain from meat on all Fridays
- Plan something spiritual every Sunday

*Meet Christ. Follow Christ.*  
BEAR CHRIST.