



- JANUARY 13, 2013 -  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**



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baptism in the Jordan second "epiphany," manifestation of his and mission. The voice reveals that Jesus "Son/Servant," the with the Spirit of the to "establish justice on

His mission will also entail taking upon himself the weight of mankind's sinfulness, as foretold in the last of the Servant's Songs.

Jesus' baptism reminds us of our own baptism when the Father pronounced over us the most splendid sentence we will ever hear: "You are my beloved son/daughter!" It is this unparalleled dignity which entitles us to participate in the Eucharist. Let us do so with gratitude and love.



**THE BAPTISM OF JESUS AND OUR BAPTISM**

❖ **The meaning of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan**



Jesus did not need to receive John's baptism. He needed no conversion or repentance, since he was absolutely sinless. He did not need to prepare himself to welcome the Kingdom either, since he was the one who had come to proclaim and establish the Kingdom. Actually, he himself was the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth! And yet we know that it was Jesus himself who insistently asked to be baptized by John. Why? Because he knew that the reception of that baptism was part of the Father's plan for him.

Jesus requested and received the baptism of repentance in behalf of the entire humankind because he had come to be "the Lamb of God who takes upon himself the sin of the world." While for all other people who have received it, John's baptism was a preparation for the Kingdom, for Jesus it was an inauguration of the Kingdom, the formal beginning of his mission of salvation.

The baptism received by Jesus, therefore, though externally similar to that received by thousands of others, was essentially different, actually unique. It had a saving dimension/effect, not for Jesus, but for all men.

❖ **The baptism of Jesus and our baptism**

The baptism received by Jesus, then, was also different from the one through which we have become Christians. All of us need to be baptized in order to be re-established in a filial relationship with God. Each of us needs to become by grace what Jesus Christ is by nature: a child of God.

The baptism of Jesus did not bring about any change or purification in him. It only manifested what he was: God's beloved Son. His baptism was a revelation, an epiphany. The sacrament of baptism that we have received, instead, has brought about in us a radical change: from sinful and unworthy creatures, it has made us adopted children of the Father, brothers/sisters of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit, thanks to the person and work of Christ himself.

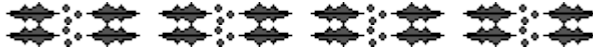
Our baptism, however, has also a fundamental similarity with that of Jesus in its commitment aspect. Jesus' baptism, in fact, was, on his part, a formal commitment to fulfill the Father's will/plan to the very end. Such a commitment is also part of our baptism. We have to remember this and live up to the commitment we undertook, with the same dedication and fidelity shown by Jesus.

Jess P. Balon



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the GLORY OF GOD and

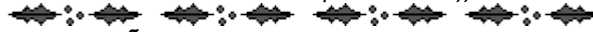
FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL RELATIVES AND FRIENDS offered by **MERCY PADUA.**



The feast we observe today, the **Baptism of the Lord,** also marks the end of the **Christmas season.**

And now that the star-dust is settling as this season draws to a close... We would like to reiterate our word of thanks to all who gave so generously to the Church at the Christmas collections and in the many gifts received at the rectory during Christmas time.

The generosity and thoughtfulness of so many is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for thinking of the FCMM and the priest and staff who work here!



**SEÑOR STO. NIÑO** – A Special Celebration of the Feast of the Sto. Niño will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. There will be the recitation of the Novena Prayers, Blessing of Children and Blessing of Images after the Mass. Devotees who would like to sponsor the Mass are requested to contact Mrs. Luming Silverio, Mrs. Susie Alejandro, or the FCMM Office.



A **pot-luck** reception and Fiesta Filipino Program will follow after at the Church Basement. Please contact Ms. Teresa Ambayec for details of the Food Assignments.



**YEAR 2013 ENVELOPES** – Year 2013 Envelope Boxes are still available from the Bookkeeper, Mr. Carmelo Villanueva and other Administrators after each Mass or at the FCMM Office. Please discard your Year 2012 envelopes and don't forget to complete all necessary information (NAME and ADDRESS) when using your new ones!

**NOTE :::**We encourage you to follow the minimum donation of \$ 5.00 every Sunday and \$10.00 for the monthly pledge. Thank You!

**WE URGE YOU AGAIN :: USE THE ENVELOPES!**

**GIVE MORE, GET MORE "TAX CREDIT" AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, BY DOING SO, YOU HELP THE FCMM.**



**IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION ON BAPTISMS IN THE FCMM**

**A. Baptismal Registration**

- ❖ NO DATE RESERVATION BY PHONE.
- ❖ RESERVATION MUST BE MADE THREE (3) MONTHS BEFORE DATE OF BAPTISM.
- ❖ RESERVATION WILL BE ACCEPTED ONCE THE REGISTRATION FORM IS COMPLETED.

**B. Requirements for Principal Sponsors (Godparents)**

- ❖ MUST BOTH BE ROMAN CATHOLICS and OF PROPER AGE (18 yrs. AND ABOVE )
- ❖ IF SINGLE: MUST PRESENT BAPTISMAL and CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES.
- ❖ IF MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: A PHOTO COPY OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE IS NEEDED.

**FOR MORE DETAILS: CONTACT THE FCMM OFFICE ( 514- 387 5292 )**



**STEWARDSHIP** - "John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?'" - Matthew 3:14



Each of us has received the Baptism that John sought – a Baptism into the Church of Jesus. Jesus immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God in this way, we will know in our hearts what else God might call us to do.



**Your Offerings for the week ending January 06, 2013 totaled \$ 1,293. 50**

Thank you for your continuing



generosity !

God bless you always!!!



- ❖ To the *new arrivals* from the Philippines;
- ❖ To the *visitors* from other places;
- ❖ To those who have *been away and are back*;
- ❖ We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of:

### Goodbye Nanay OSANG

Nanay Osang passed away in her sleep on Saturday, January 5. She had come down with a high fever Thursday, after Christmas, and had been showing signs of recovery. but our Lord was kind, and took her painlessly and peacefully at the age of 73.

Please say a prayer for Nanay and her family. Let us thank God for her long and full life, her peaceful and painless passing, and for the new angel who is now looking out on us, her family and friends, from a long-reserved, choice spot by His side.

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❖ Please join in writing up the special intentions of:

TERESA SUBONG, AILEEN DOROZA, MR & MRS. CRIS ESTOQUE.

❖ Your prayers are humbly requested for all the sick and suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones

especially: FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA, WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, TERESITA PLAMENCO, OLIVER MARTINEZ, PATRIA FEDERIZO, ANTONIO FOZ. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially CONSOLACION BACOSA, CARMEN WILWAYCO FERNANDO, RODOLFO JIMENEZ, BIBIANA PAJEMOLIN SERASPE, FELIX CAMBALIZA SR., EDUARD CAMBALIZA, CAROLINA and FEDRICO MIGANO, FAUSTA TABLANDA, ENRIQUE TABLANDA, FRUCTUOSA VELASQUEZ, LORDESO ABARQUEZ SR., MA. CLARA QUIRAPAS, SATURNINO QUIRAPAS, FELICITA RODRIGUEZ, PEDRO DIMACULANGAN, JOHN PHILIP GASPAY, EMELITA GASPAY, VIRGINIA CLEOFAS,

**GLORIA CALUMPIANO, MARINA, PONCIANO, ALEJANDRO, VALENTINO SILVERIO, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

***The Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 – 387 5292) during normal business hours and ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.***

