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12TH JANUARY 2025 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

Readings for today: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

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Dear friends,

From this weekend, we enter a new liturgical season, called "Ordinary Time". During this season, we do not celebrate any particular mystery of the life of the Saviour, but together contemplate Jesus in many aspects, as He carries out His messianic mission, proclaiming the Good News of Salvation.

This first Sunday, like the beginning of the journey of following God for believers, the Liturgy wants to introduce Jesus to us. Who is he? The answer comes from the Father himself: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." (Luke 3:22) These are the words of the Father from heaven, not only to Jesus, but also as an introduction to the people, so that they would recognize Him as the Messiah, and at the same time open their hearts to receive His teachings. Luke's account shows us that this was a "theophany", that is, God revealing Himself to humankind. In this account, we see the image of the Trinity: The Father manifested through his words, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove; the Son, Jesus, solemnly presented by the Father. This theophany is even greater than the manifestation to the three wise men that we solemnly celebrated last Sunday.

Who is Christ to us? He is the Son of God, the One announced by the prophets from ancient times. In Jesus, all that God the Father wanted to say to humanity is summed up, because He is the Word of God made flesh. Following the teachings of Jesus means gradually approaching the meeting with the Father, because "whoever sees me sees the One who sent me". (John 12:45) A true Christian is someone who listens attentively to and follows the teachings of Jesus, so that he/she can gradually become conformed to Him, even while still living in this world.

The baptism of Jesus today also reminds each of us of our Baptism, that we have been reborn to become children of God. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, each of us has become a new person, and loved by God.

"You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." (Luke 3:22) These are the words the Father said to Jesus. May these also be the words the Father says to each of us, today, and especially during this Year of Jubilee.

Happy New Year!

Fr Michael Tran

MASS TIMES

Cathedral



Mon - Fri
8am; 10am; 12:30pm;
5:10pm (Chapel)
Saturday
11:30am
6:00pm Vigil
Sunday
8am; 10am;
12pm; 7:30pm

St Patrick's



Sunday
9am; 11am
Brazilian Community Mass (in Portuguese)
5pm

Villa Maria



No public Masses until further notice

RECONCILIATION

Cathedral

Mon-Fri
10:30-11:30am
1-1:30pm
4:30-5pm
Saturday
10-11am
4:30-5:30pm

EXPOSITION

Cathedral

Mon-Fri
10:30am-12:15pm

BENEDICTION

Cathedral

Mon-Fri
12:15pm



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

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MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Music at today's Mass is drawn from *Catholic Worship Book II*, with congregational hymn texts on this sheet.

All Masses are led by a Cantor.

Processional Hymn When Jesus comes to be baptised (CWBII 282)

When Jesus comes to be baptised,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound in justice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.

Our everlasting Father praise,
with Christ, the well-beloved Son,
who with the Spirit reigns serene,
untroubled Trinity in One.

Kyrie Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22a)

Gloria Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22b)

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

Bless the Lord, my soul, O
bless the Lord, my soul.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 3:16*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

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

Offertory *Organ music*

Sanctus Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22c)

**Memorial
Acclamation
(ICEL #1):** We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again. (CWBII 12a)

Agnus Dei Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22h)

Communion *Organ music*

Communion Hymn Baptised in water
(CWBII 99)

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Recessional Hymn Go to the world
(CWBII 496)

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day,
as servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia!

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