

Dear Padre,

Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring



that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus' baptism. First, the skies opened above

Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer "locked up" in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?... Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.

ANGELUS, BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 10

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

JANUARY 11

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 12

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 16

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

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a question
for the Padre?**

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Jan 8th 4pm Int of Donor

Jan 9th 9 am Parish

Jan 9th Sun 6pm Int of Donor

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Both
before Mass and by Appointment**

Mon 8am Int of Donor

Wed 6pm Int of Donor

Thurs 8am Int of Donor

Fri 8am Int of Donor

Jan 15th 4pm Int of Donor

Jan 16th 9 am Int of Donor

Jan 16th Sun 6pm Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Jan 9th Sun 7:30 am, Donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

After...Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. LUKE 3:21-22

Taking Up Christ's Ministry

Before the Second Vatican Council, ministry was considered by many to be a Protestant word, and the religious leader who did it was called a minister. Catholics had priests and bishops who received and administered sacraments. Religious women did the Church's work in schools and hospitals. The council turned our understanding of Church membership inside out. We've come to realize that with baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world. Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples. Today we maintain that by baptism we are all children of God. Vatican II has enlightened us as to what this really means. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see

Evangelii Gaudium, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.

- ❖ How does your life's work make the world better? If it does, then you are a missionary disciple of Jesus.
- ❖ Go out of your way to make someone's life a little better this week.

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$1,937.00 \$loose: \$267.00 Total: \$2,204.00 Children: \$ 11.00 Ach: \$ 675 spl coll: \$628.00 OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$570.00 Loose: \$68.00 Total: \$.638.00. <u>spl coll: \$98.00</u>

Welcome new parishioner: We welcome Cooper Allen Underwood to our community who was baptized and became a member of the St. Ann community. Thanks to Beau and Valeri Underwood for bringing their child into the church family.

Church Envelopes for the year 2022: are available in front of the church. Please pick up your own envelope which is labeled with your name and address. Don't leave it behind. If anything needs to be changed let Fr. David know. Thanks.

Year-end summary: If you would like to have a year-end summary of your donations to the church for the tax exception, let Fr. David know, he will send it to you as soon as possible. Thanks.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Jan 8 th 4pm	Mile West		
Sun Jan 9 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Jan 9 th 9am	Kim wood		
Sun Jan 9 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		
Sat Jan 15 th 4pm	Mile West		
Sun Jan 16 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Jan 16 th 9am	Eddie Duran		
Sun Jan 16 th 6pm	Patricia Garret		

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing

Need of Kidney Donor: A 47-year-old man needs a kidney donor. The donor must have type B positive or Negative blood. Want to save a life by donating a kidney? Call Fr. David Milton at 228-346-3578 or 228-834-2560. Thanks

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive preparation for marriage. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic pre-nuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Duke) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaise, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shampo, Glinda Gardman, Timmy & Paula Lizana , W.C. King and Brenda Page and Sr. Anna Louise.

Lizana Light: On alternate Saturdays from 9am to 9:30. If someone is need of food, please refer them. Thank you.

First Friday Adoration: There will be Adoration on the first Friday of the month from 8:30 to Noon and 6pm to 7pm. **There won't be weekly adoration.** Please make use of this opportunity to adore and praise the lord. Thanks