ST. BEDE CHURCH

REFLECTION
The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week’s feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an “epiphany,” or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus – first in his birth, and now at his baptism. The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke’s account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter of Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was “richly poured out” on us also, through the “bath of rebirth” (Titus 3:5,6).

NEWS UPDATE
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - “If I can give you any advice, I beg you to grow closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist.” - Blessed Mother Teresa - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m in Convent Chapel. Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the church. Confessions available from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL SANTO NINO FIESTA CELEBRATION – will take place Sunday, January 17, 2016 with Mass at 2:00 PM. A novena of Masses began on Friday, January 8, 2016 in the church and will end Saturday, January 16, 2016. This week Monday through Thursday the Mass will be celebrated in the Convent Chapel at 7:00 PM. Friday, January 15, 2016 the Mass will be at 7:00 PM in the church. ALL ARE WELCOME!

WALK FOR LIFE – Please save the date! The Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco is set for Saturday, 23, 2016. Please take Bart to Civic Center. The Walk will begin at the Civic Center Plaza walking down Market Street (2 miles) ending at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. Information Faire: 11:00 AM – Rally: 12:30 PM – To register, volunteer or for further information: (415) 658-1793 or email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – In Fiscal Year 2015 your SVDP Food Pantry was visited by 661 families or individuals. We also were able to make 50 home visits. Through your continuous support we are able to assist our neighbors with food and financial assistance. Through this financial assistance we were able to help families remain in their homes, and continue receiving heat, electricity, and water. Through the Food Pantry and Home visits we were able to assist 1800 people. The parishioners of St. Bede join with SVDP so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours! Blessing, prayers, and love - Your SVDP

2016 DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL – The Diocesan Choir Festival is around the corner on Saturday, January 30; however, registration to perform ends on January 15. In keeping with the Jubilee of Mercy, the theme for this year’s festival is “Sacred Songs of Mercy” and parish choirs are invited to sing any liturgical music with references to mercy. Each parish is invited to register one choir, and the choir can consist of full SATB choir, unison choirs, small vocal ensembles, children’s choirs, youth choirs, adult choirs, senior choirs, etc. Each choir is allotted 3 minutes to perform. Parishes can register online. Email: ctlcathedral.org/ChoirFestival. Choirs will have the opportunity to reserve a 30 minute time slot for rehearsal in the Cathedral. Visit ctlcathedral.org/ChoirFestival for specific dates and times. To reserve times or request more information, contact Dense Kogler at (510) 271-1935.

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Manifesting the Spirit

The Baptism of the Lord
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He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
— Titus 3:5