



January 12 2020 // The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord // Lectionary: 21 // Gospel MT 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Spiritual Reflection: Baptism is an amazing crucial sacrament that open heaven's door to everlasting life... Everyone beams with delight applause. This is why Christ chooses to be baptized by John. It is not solely to link Jesus with John, but to link Jesus with each beautiful act of baptism.

Spiritual Questions:

1. What is your reaction to seeing that a Baptism is going to take place at the Mass you are at?
2. What do you understand about the Sacrament of Baptism?
3. Why was Baptism the first thing Jesus did?
4. What are the obligations of someone who has been baptized?
5. How can you grow in your appreciation of baptism?