

Baptism of the Lord ***January 11, 2015***

La Historia y Usted: El Bautismo del Señor.

Me imagino que hay cosas que nos llevan cerca de la bienaventuranza del cielo. Un buen libro y una llama de fuego en una noche fría tienen que ser un resquicio del cielo. Hundiendo a ti mismo en el río Jordán para el arrepentimiento de los pecados que nunca cometer es otro encuentro con lo Divino.

¿Eh? Bueno, no es que lo que ha pasado? Jesús, el que era sin pecado, se permitió ser bautizado por Juan, de arrepentimiento del pecado. En lo humilla y teniendo en nuestra forma humana por completo, Jesús salió del agua y directamente a la visión beatífica. Él vio los cielos abiertos y el Espíritu descendiende sobre él. Y oyó la voz del Padre que lo reclame como el Hijo Amado. Un vistazo de los cielos, de hecho.

A veces, cuando el sol está brillando y estoy en el porche con un libro, estoy bastante seguro de que el cielo y la tierra han tocado. Pero mi marido, que visitó recientemente la India, informa que vio el cielo y la tierra se encuentran cuando una mujer de morir en la calle se acercó a tomar el pan que le ofreció. Ella lo miró a los ojos y encontró a su corazón, deseando ser conocido.

Nunca ha sido testigo de la miseria de los demás tan agudamente. Él nunca ha experimentado la cercanía de Dios tan profundamente. En ese momento, se abrió el cielo, el Espíritu descendió, y oyó una voz que decía: "Este es mi hija amada. Mantenga su mirada".

Todos los días tenemos la oportunidad de dividir el velo que parece dividir el cielo y la tierra. A menudo es nuestra comunión con otro que lleva el cernido Espíritu, y la voz de Dios en nuestros corazones nos nombrando como amada.

¿Cuándo ha experimentado el encuentro entre el cielo y la tierra?

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The Story and You: The Baptism of the Lord

I imagine that some things take us close to the bliss of heaven. A good book and a blazing fire on a cold night have got to be a glimpse of heaven. Plunging yourself into the Jordan River for the repentance of sins you will never commit is another encounter with the Divine.

Huh? Well, isn't that just how it happened? Jesus, the Sinless One, allowed himself to be baptized by John, for repentance of sin. In so humbling himself and taking on our human form completely, Jesus came out of the water and straight into the Beatific Vision. He saw the heavens open and the Spirit descend upon him. And he heard the Father's voice claiming him as the Beloved Son. A glimpse of heaven, indeed.

Sometimes, when the sun is shining and I'm out on the porch with a book, I'm pretty sure that heaven and earth have touched. But my husband, who visited India recently, reports that he saw heaven and earth meet when a dying woman in the street reached out to take the bread he offered her. She looked him in the eye and found his heart, longing to be met.

He has never witnessed the misery of others so keenly. He has never experienced the nearness of God so profoundly. In that moment, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and he heard a voice say, "This is my beloved daughter. Hold her gaze." Every day we have the chance to split the veil that seems to divide heaven and earth. Often it's our communion with another that brings the Spirit hovering, and God's voice in our hearts naming us as beloved.

When have you experienced the meeting of heaven and earth?

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Rally for Life—On Saturday, January 17, the Respect Life Office will sponsor a Rally for Life. It will begin with Mass at the Cathedral at 11:30am. Then a Rally at the west steps of the Capitol at 1:00pm, with Archbishop Aquila, Chris Stefanick, Lynn Gordon, and Biff Gore. All followed by a march around Civic Center Park at 2:30pm. Join them for this important witness to life.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Faith Atencio, Joseph Gomez, Sharon Kissell, Joseph Garcia, Calista Pugh, Germaine Kunz, Irene Suaszo, Steve Esparza, MariLou Foley, Le Rhynard, Marty Sanchez, Patricio Sáenz, Clarita Rubio, Rosi Cervantes, Blanca Estela Velez

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION

1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a parent meeting for parents of students preparing for 1st Eucharist on **Sunday, February 8 at 9:30 am** in the Community Room. All parents should plan to attend this orientation meeting. Our first preparation session will be on Thursday, February 12 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room. The format will be the same as it was for First Reconciliation. If your child still has not made the sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact Laurie Lopez at the parish office or Mr. Moo at the school.

FAD (Family Academy of Discipleship)

Our next FAD will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Our topic is *Forgiveness in the Family*. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for this special night. We will end by 7:30 pm. If you have questions please contact Mr. Moo at the school office, Laurie Lopez or Father Jerry at the parish office.

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next baptism class will be on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 12:30 pm. This for all parents and godparents. Anyone interested in registering for the class should call Laurie at the parish office.

Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **Egg Noodles** for the month of January. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

The Benedictine Nuns of St Walburga are sponsoring a Women's Discernment Retreat for Women 16 to 35 years old. Contact Sr Maria-Gertrude at 970-472-0612 or walburgavocations@gmail.com

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	January 10
4pm	+Anne Huynh
Sunday	January 11
7am	People of the Parish
8:30am	+Giacobé Nguyen
	+Anne Pham by family
11am	+Donald Oberosler by family
Monday	January 12
8:30am	+George Espinosa
	+Mary Mees
Tuesday	January 13
8:30am	Communion Service
Wednesday	January 14
8:15am	Communion Service
Thursday	January 15
8:30am	Communion Service
Friday	January 16
8:30 am	Communion Service
Saturday	January 17
4pm	+John & Ann Long
	by Linda & Gary Carpenter
	+Joseph Nguyen
	+Maria Huynh
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8:30am	+Giacobé Nguyen &
	+Anne Pham by family
11am	+Frank Raisch by family

Readings for the Week of January 11, 2015

Sunday: Is 55: 1-11 //1 Jn 5: 1-9//Mk 1: 7-11
Monday: Heb 1:1-6//Mk 1: 14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2: 5-12//Mk 1: 21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2: 14-18//Mk 1: 29-39
Thursday: Heb 3: 7-14//Mk 1: 40-45
Friday: Heb 4: 1-5, 11//Mk 2: 1-12
Saturday: Heb 4: 12-14//Mk 2: 12-17

KNIGHTS KORNER

The SRL Knights of Columbus Council will be holding their Annual Youth Free Throw Championship next **Saturday, January 17**, at the SRL Academy Gym. All boys and girls aged 9 to 14 are welcome to come any time from 8am to 3pm. Please come on out and shoot some hoops!

The Knights will have their January meeting this Thursday, January 15. The business meeting will start at 6pm—all members are welcome, but officers are required to attend. Rosary will be at 6:45pm, followed by the General Meeting.