



Resurrection Our Lord Church

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The Baptism of the Lord: Jan 12, 2025

Baptism : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:35 am or by appointment.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 1/12: * Ann Sim by Quynh Nguyen
* Blessing on parents on their 50th wedding anniversary by their child
Mon 1/13: * Martha and Joseph by Khiet Loan
* Dominic, Ann, Peter, Joseph and intention by 1 person
Tue 1/14: * Francis and Vincent by b. Phan
* Intention by Phuong Nguyen
Wed 1/15: * Well-being for family 1 person
* Ann, Joseph, Lucia and intention by 1 person
Thus 1/16: * Ann-Peter by 1 person
* Thanksgiving and intention by Khanh Hien family
Fri 1/17: * Lucia and Peter by Ngan Nguyen
* Louis, thanksgiving & peace in the New Year by Muoi
Sat 1/18: * Lucia and Peter by Ngan Nguyen
* Andrew, Ann, Thomas and all souls by Luan Bui family

Today's Gospel: [Luke 3:15-16, 21-22](#) The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Baptism of the Lord:

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life.

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1-800-553-3321

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Holy Father's Intention for January: For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

The Baptism of the Lord: Of the hundreds of Jews who had flocked to hear John the Baptist's message, and who were present when Christ insisted on going through John's baptismal rite and who had probably heard the words from heaven proclaiming him to be the expected Messiah, only two left the Baptist and followed him. One of these was Andrew and the other was most probably John the Evangelist. Later in that day Andrew told Peter, his brother, that he had found the Messiah and Peter joined him, too. What was wrong with the hundreds of others? We are told they were all agog about the Messiah and were wondering in their hearts if John was not he. Yet when the real Messiah was pointed out to them they did nothing about it. John had told them the Messiah would baptize them, not with water as he did, but with the Holy Spirit of God, and with fire. As Jews they must have understood that this meant he would make of them a holy people, a spiritual people, a people close to God and cleansed from all earth attachments.

Was it this that held them back? Were their hearts so centered on the things of earth, the things of this life, that they had no time for the things spiritual? Were they so anxious for a king, a messiah, who would set them free from the hated pagan Romans and give them once more a powerful earthly kingdom, that talk of the kingdom of God and of a spiritual life made no impression on them? Their dealings with Christ during his public mission amongst them, their disbelief, their opposition, their persecution, which led eventually to the death on the cross answer these questions for us. The vast majority of the Jews of that day did not want a spiritual Messiah or kingdom. They were interested in a heaven of the future, they wanted their heaven, their happiness, and prosperity here on earth.

Before we pass any judgment on such folly let us have a look into our own hearts today. We are Christians, we are followers of Christ, we know he was God, we believe his word. We are convinced that getting to heaven is more important than getting all the treasures and pleasures this earth has to offer. But do we always live up to these convictions, are we true Christians the seven days of the week? In our work, in our speech, in our dealings with others, in our family life are we truly following Christ and his teaching?

Second Collection: There will have a second collection on next Sunday Jan 19, 2024 for Affordable housing. **Please be prepare!**