

**January 8-9, 2022**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Isaiah 42:1-7**

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38**

**Luke 3:15-22**

Just two weeks ago, countless children in YOUR families were scampering about, opening presents (from Santa or yourselves), learning the newest electronic formulations to get their tech working properly, chowing down on cookies, holiday treats and enjoying a Southern California Christmas...as our SoCal children are accustomed to doing. While a few dads perhaps began to wonder if their son or daughter would excel in sports because of the way they handled the ball or racquet...your children's future is many years distant and you have a lot of experience between now and when they start to define their OWN future. With Jesus of Nazareth, with just the passage of two weeks, our Gospels now present the GROWN MAN (roughly 30 years old) JESUS being Baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist, in the Jordan River. Scripturally, the Christmas stories are ancillary precursors to the REST of the REAL STORY...the story of the ADULT Jesus. Today marks the beginning of the ADULT JESUS laying claim to his role as our MESSIAH, our SAVIOUR, our INSTRUCTOR...someone who will speak to our hearts and guide us to our HEAVENLY Father. These are good days in which to REMEMBER WHOM DID YOU USED TO THINK YOU WOULD BECOME? When did you begin to focus in on the livelihood by which you presently support yourself and your family? What have you learned about yourself along the way? What have been the frustrations? The Disappointments? The failures? The Successes? How did circumstances in the past impact the decisions you make today. While our Christmas decorations are all gone....with Baptism of the Lord, we OFFICIALLY end the Christmas season. NOW, on with life, on with our ADULT conversations with Jesus .

### **Glory to God**

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Responsorial Psalm Response:**

'The Lord will bless his people with peace'

### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

### **Our Father**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

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THANK YOU for sharing these first **NEW DAYS OF 2022** with our Santa Clara Community!! Please note that NEXT SATURDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Mary Chavez is leading a WOMEN'S STAY-treat...meaning a retreat here at Santa Clara...the women don't have to travel to get to it! Please make contact with Mary if you wish to participate: 714-970-7885 X231. A reminder that the pine trees we used for our decorating are available for you to claim and make your own. Take one or take five...we just want the trees to go to good homes! Enjoy these chill January days and **please, always remember, YOU ARE LOVED!** FKB