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Christ's Baptism brings us to His mission. How will we react to it? His travels on the roads of Palestine will enlighten us, but we have already learned about Christ from the prophetic words of Isaiah. To add more details at the outset, Sunday's liturgy evokes the strong images that accompanied our Advent services: *Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God ... Every valley shall be lifted up ... Here is your God! ... He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them ... And gently lead the mother sheep.*

This is Christ's mission: to console, lift up valleys and free humanity from its structural flaws which generate injustice and lead to wars. His prayer, as he mingles with the crowd, is to carry all of us whom he has come to save in his heart.

If Baptism enlightened us to the totality of Christ's mission, aren't we also called to fulfill our individual missions? To quote St. Paul in his letter to Titus: *He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the waters of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.* Our Baptism, through Christ, enables us to forge new solidarities in our world. And Jesus prayed ... for each and every one of us.

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Baptism of the Lord

The celebration of Jesus' Baptism concludes the cycle of festivities around the Nativity. It is a meaningful focal point. Each year, the liturgy offers us one excerpt from the four Evangelical Gospels. Each has its own character and this year, through St. Luke's Gospel, we recall these events.

St. Matthew tells us how John the Baptist felt unworthy and hesitated to baptize Jesus. St. Mark, as does St. John the Evangelist, wrote that John the Baptist baptized in the Spirit. St. Luke with his particular understanding provides a precise detail of his own: *Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying...*

While Jesus waited patiently with others, he prayed. This was his first messianic action and he displayed the humble attitude of someone who prays while standing in line. We acknowledge this fundamental union with us. Jesus is telling us that He receives everything from his Father, which is confirmed by the voice that comes from heaven: *You are my Son.* He is blessed by the Holy Spirit: *... the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.*

The Week at a Glance

Sat Jan 12 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Gilles Favreau**
 Sun Jan 13 9:00am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
 11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For †Andre Laforge**
 Mon Jan 14 Fr Travis' day off
 Tues Jan 15 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Paul Lacroix**
 Wed Jan 16 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For Blessing of Marriage Andre & Beth L**
 Thurs Jan 17 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Theresia Kuhn**
 Fri Jan 18 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park
 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Olive Marleau**
 Sat Jan 19 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Therese Simard**
 Sun Jan 20 9:00am Mass in Arborfield **For Theresa & Landon Grams & Family**
 11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**

Mass Times for Jan/Feb

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Mass Time	Jan Feb	Mar Apr	May Jun	Jul Aug	Sep Oct	Nov Dec
7:30 PM	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR
9:00 AM	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP
11:00 AM	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR

Announcements and Activities

Ministry	Jan 13	Jan 20
Commentator	Lisa	Joann
Reader	Pam	Mary
Cup	Beatrice, James	Neil, Sue
Hospitality	Brian, Pam	Liz, Guy
Offerings	Bob, Lisa	Neil, Lorraine
Sacristan	Pam	Mary

Cleaning Schedule

Jan 7 - Jan 13, 2019	Grant & Beatrice Thesen
Jan 14 - Jan 20, 2019	Randal & Joann Rusk

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