

"With You I Am Well Pleased"
The Baptism of the Lord

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." [Luke 3:21-22](#)

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism? First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "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.'"

This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism was a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world. As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

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St. Francis of Assisi Harrington, WA

Saturday: 5:30 pm Mass *Confession @ 5:00pm

Mary Queen of Heaven Sprague, WA

Corner of North B & Alder, Sprague, WA

Sunday: 10:30 am Latin Mass *Confession @ 10:00am

12:30 pm [English Mass](#)

Immaculate Conception Davenport, WA

1310 Adams Street, Davenport, WA

Sunday: 8:30 am Mass

St. Agnes Ritzville, WA

404 E. 5th Avenue, Ritzville, WA

Sunday: 9:30 am Mass

St. Joseph Odessa, WA

208 N. Alder Street, Odessa, WA

Sunday: 8:00 am Mass

Sacraments

Penance (Confession):

St. Anne: 30 minutes before EVERY Mass

Mary Queen: Sunday 10:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi: Saturdays 5:00 pm

Baptism and Confirmation:

Contact Parish Office

Marriage:

Contact Parish Office

(requires preparation for at least 6 months in advance)

welcome
to our church



January 14-22
Novena to Mary Undoer of Knots

Please Help Save the Parish Money
 Move away from envelopes, which the parish spends money on every year. It is safe, secure and easy! To give online with the secure service we use: RebelGive. Go to: <https://bit.ly/StAnneGive>
 (This link is also for St. Francis of Assisi.)



Hail Holy Queen
 Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary.

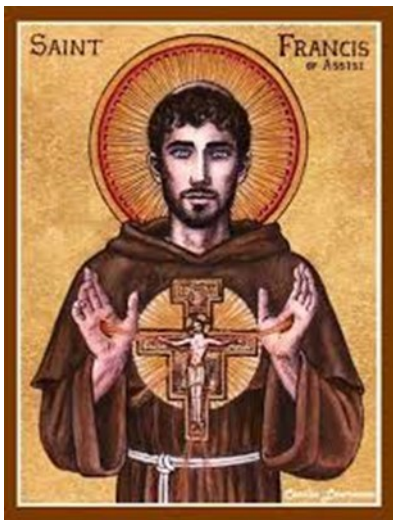
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 January 23 @ 12:00 noon at Riverfront Park
 We look forward to seeing you at Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers
 ... for all those we hold deeply in our hearts, may they be remembered...
St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!
St. Anne, pray for us!



Welcome

To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones.

January at a glance:

Sunday	M	Tuesday	Wednesday	Th	F	Saturday
9 10 Mary Queen of Heaven <i>Sprague, WA</i> 10:00 am Confession 10:30 am Latin Mass 12:30 pm English Mass Baptism of the Lord		11	12	13	14 PRO-LIFE 12:00 (noon) @ Planned Parenthood St. Francis of Assisi <i>Harrington, WA</i> 5:00 pm Confession 5:30 pm Mass Novena to Mary Undoer of Knots Jan. 14-22	15
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