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Sisters of St. Benedict

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Bulletin**



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The Mission of the Sisters of St. Benedict is to give witness to the Gospel values and follow the Rule of St. Benedict by living the monastic life through the charisms of: Personal Prayer, Community Prayer, Hospitality, and ministering to the people of God.

Date: 1/13/2019 Baptism of our Lord

**What is happening at the Monastery:**

- **Sunday, January 13th**— Mass 10:15am
  - Posole pre-sales \$15 per container (with bread and fixings)
- **Friday, January 18th**—4:30 prayer, 5:00pm mass
- **Saturday, January 19th**—Oblate Candidates, 1-4 pm
- **Sunday, January 20th**—POSOLE fundraiser
- **Saturday, February 16th**—Oblates and Candidates, 1-4 pm

**From the desk of Sr. Linda.....**

*Today is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus...I remember standing at the Jordan River in Israel and picturing Jesus baptism. It was such an incredible experience to know that Jesus stood on that very river bank and walked into the water to be baptized.*



At the River Jordan in Israel.

*Experiencing the various places where Jesus lived put such a spin on reading and reflecting on the scriptures in the future beyond anything I could imagine.*

*Today, let us take time to reflect on what our baptism means. The sacrament of Baptism is not a mere formality; it is the very mark of a Christian because it brings us into a new life in Christ. Christ made it clear that baptism was necessary for salvation: "Amen, amen I say to you unless a person is born again of water and the Holy Ghost, you cannot enter into the kingdom of God."*

*Blessings always,  
 Sister Linda Campbell, OSB, Prioress*



**1/16 Stephanie Navarrete**

**1/18 Lorraine Diedrichsen Kubat**

***Remember to do an Act of Kindness each week!***

**Readings—The Baptism of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Act 10: 34-38

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

## Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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?

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 is 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. Amen.

**Please bring in your aluminum cans to the Monastery for recycling!**

**Place bags of cans in blue cans provided by Monastery. Thanks!**

Want to see something special in the weekly bulletins? Email Sophie Bejarano by Wednesdays to get in Sunday's bulletins.

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On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1: 10-11



*Women gathering in the Spirit to  
grow closer to Christ Jesus*

We invite you to join us in learning about the beginning of our Christian faith with William A. Anderson's **The Acts of the Apostles Good News for All People** & Mike Aquilina's **The Apostles and Their Times**.

We meet January 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> *Thursdays, 10:00-noon* at the Scholastic House and each month (September-May). Cost of the books is \$25.00. Scholarships are available.

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