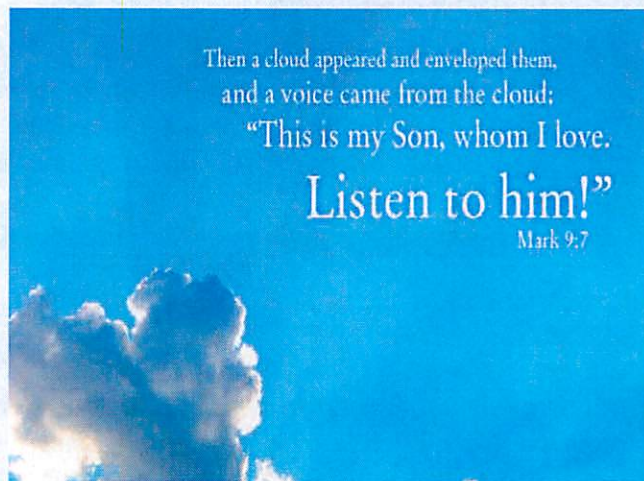


"Young man, I say to you, arise!" Lk 7:14

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Reading 1: IS 42:1-4, 6-7
- Responsorial: PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
- Reading 2: ACTS 10:34-38
- Alleluia: MK 9:7
- Gospel: MT 3:13-17

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### A Bit About...

# Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

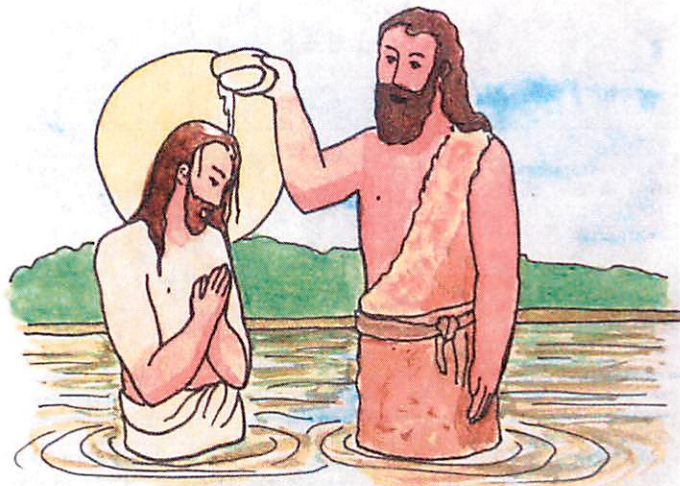
Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1.John  
6.heavens 7.me 8.water 9.Son 11.is  
12.after 14.until 16.Jordan 19.oid  
Down: 1.Jesus 2.need 3.show 4.Baptist  
5.heard 10.out 11.into 13.river 15.God  
17.at 18.no

## The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord  
Sunday January 12th, 2020



What did Saint John the Baptist see  
that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God?  
Connect the dots to find out!

## Background on the Gospel Reading



The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In

Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though

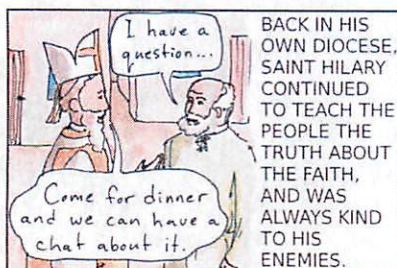
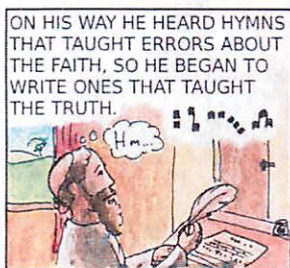
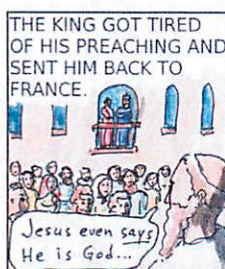
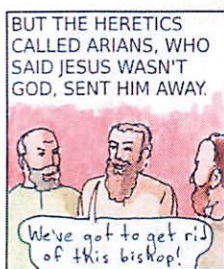
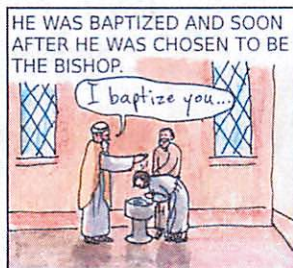
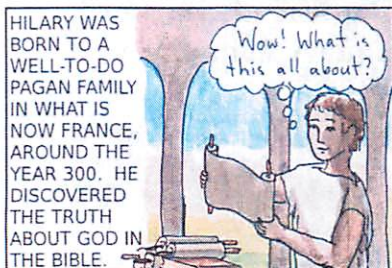
he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

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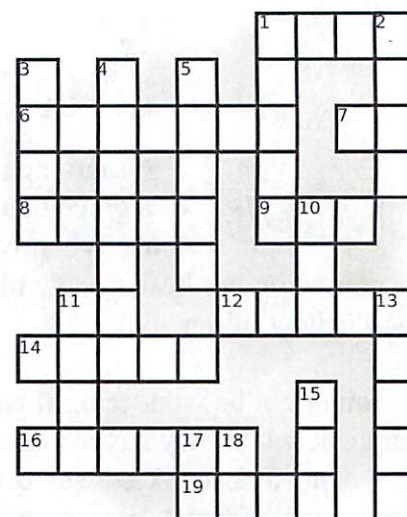
## Saint Hilary of Poitiers January 13



SAINT HILARY DIED AROUND THE YEAR 368. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT IT IS GOOD TO STUDY THE FAITH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD IN HARD TIMES. WE CAN ALSO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER OR PERSECUTE US BECAUSE OF IT.

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## Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

Across:

1. What was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
7. John said to Jesus, "You should baptize \_\_\_\_\_!"
8. John baptized with \_\_\_\_\_.
9. "This is my beloved \_\_\_\_\_ with whom I am well pleased."
11. "This \_\_\_\_\_ my beloved Son..."
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
14. Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to \_\_\_\_\_ His sandal!"
16. What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
19. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.

Down:

1. Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
2. John said, "I \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized by you!"
3. Jesus did this to \_\_\_\_\_ us how important baptism is.
4. The John in this story is called John the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ a voice from Heaven.
10. John came \_\_\_\_\_ of the desert to preach and baptize.
11. When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes \_\_\_\_\_ our soul.
13. Jesus was baptized in a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The Heavens opened and the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ appeared.
17. Jesus came from Galilee to John \_\_\_\_\_ the Jordan.
18. Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ sins even before He was baptized.

