



Ignite the F.I.R.E.



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BAPTISM

This weekend we celebrated the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus didn't need to be baptized in the way that we experience baptism these days. For us, baptism has 3 effects on us. It removes the guilt of original sin. Jesus was without sin because He was God. The second is that it puts an indelible mark on us, which means that baptism creates a spiritual mark on our soul that cannot be removed, that impacts us forever, whether we know it or not, and that we are brought into the Christian community. The third effect is that the Holy Spirit is breathed into our soul. We are shown this at Jesus's baptism, and it is the first time in Scripture that the Trinity is fully introduced to those present. God the Father speaks out regarding His Son, and the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. Father Zach noted in his homily that Jesus didn't need to be baptized, but rather we needed Him to make the water holy and an important part of our baptism. It is through His blessing that the water "washes" away our sins at baptism, and why we find importance of blessing ourselves with holy water and the sign of the cross as we enter church...to remind us of our baptism and our belonging to Christ and His kingdom because of it. During this week, may you be reminded of your baptism and those in your family.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS *More Saint information can also be found on www.catholic.org.*

- Jan 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot
- Jan 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Jan 24 - St. Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Jan 25 - Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
- Jan 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Jan 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

F.I.R.E. is a desire to involve more families in the investment of teaching our children to live and love the Catholic faith, through education, family events and opportunities to build up our relationship with Christ and His Church.

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" ~ St. Catherine of Siena

