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The Baptism of The Lord

And a voice came from Heaven, “*You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased.*”
– Luke 3:2

witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. – *Pope Francis*

Pray the Rosary for the Priests in Your Life



When praying the rosary, offer the first decade for the priest who baptized you, the second for the priest who gave you first Communion, the third for the bishop who confirmed you, the fourth for the priest who witnessed your marriage or the bishop who ordained you (or will do so in the future), and the fifth decade for the priest who will anoint you at your death. Priests may be the leaders in our faith journey, but they welcome and need our prayers also.

What is scandal?

Scandal is an attitude or behavior, deed or omission, which leads another to do evil; and will be responsible for the evil he has encouraged. It can be provoked by laws or institutions, by fashion or opinion. It leads to the decline of morals, corruption of religious practice, and disobedience to the commandments. (CCC 2284-7)

STEWARDSHIP



Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to Mass on Sunday. We volunteer for events at St. Michael's. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe in God? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.



The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

350. Why is the Christian family called a domestic church?



The Christian family is called the *domestic church* because the family manifests and lives out the communal and familial nature of the Church as the family of God. Each family member, in accord with their own role, exercises the baptismal priesthood and contributes toward

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making the family a community of grace and of prayer, a school of human and Christian virtue and the place where the faith is first proclaimed to children. FROM USCCB COMPENDIUM OF CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parents! When was the last time you celebrated your baptism or your children's baptism - with them? While baptism doesn't save us - it did bring us into the family of God - as *Children of God*.

DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE MASS:

45. SACRED SILENCE, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the Opening Prayer, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a Reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; and then again after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him. Even before the celebration of Mass itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner. — *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*



The Eucharist

The next time you partake of the *Holy Eucharistic* - the *true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Risen Lord* - leave Mass expressing the true joy that resides within

you - "Jesus"! For our Redeemer lives within you. Thanks be to God!

"When we must do something we dislike, let us say to God, 'My God, I offer You this in honor of the moment when You died for me.'" - *Saint John Vianney*



Are you a Catholic Adult who has never received the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation?

If you are, please call Cecil, at (706) 869-7853, for information on what's required of you, to complete your *Sacraments of Initiation*.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR ADULTS Pleasing to God

Do you think that God was "well pleased" by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR CHILDREN

What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

Be Bold, Be Catholic!
Pray the Rosary, daily!

And,



Go Forth with Hearts on Fire

"Pax et Bonum!"

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