

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

HE SAVED US THROUGH THE BATH OF REBIRTH  
AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

TITUS 3:5

JANUARY 10, 2010

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p><b>MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT</b></p>	<p>The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism. The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6)</p>
<p><b>BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AND H1N1 VACCINES AVAILABLE TODAY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">—————</p> <p><i><b>WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT OUR DEDICATED PARISH NURSING MINISTRY!!</b></i> Today, January 10th, in classroom #2 between the hours of 11:00a.m. and 2:00p.m. we have a limited number of swine flu vaccines available to adults of all ages and to children over 4 years of age (children receiving the vaccination must be accompanied by a parent). You are encouraged to take advantage of this free program to help protect your health. We thank Lucille Sevigny and her wonderful staff for all the health support that is offered to our parish.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—————</p>
<p><b>CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS THE BEST</b></p> <p><b>VISIT THEIR OPEN HOUSES</b></p>	<p><b>ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL</b> will be hosting an Open House from 1-3p.m. today, January 10th. All prospective students and parents are invited to attend. Tour our renovated campus, meet our teachers/staff, participate in activities, meet our college counselor and coaches and get admissions information. For more info, please call 562.435.1217 or visit our website <a href="http://www.LongBeachSaints.org">www.LongBeachSaints.org</a>. (FYI: High School Placement Exam will be Saturday, January 30, 8a.m.-12Noon).</p> <p>The families and staff of <b>OUR LADY OF REFUGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b> invite you to their annual Open House between the hours of 10:30a.m. and noon on Sunday, January 31st and again on Thursday, February 4th between the hours of 6:30-8:00p.m. OLR offers full-day kindergarten, a secure campus, a curriculum fully aligned with archdiocesan and state content standards, music, interscholastic sport teams, academic decathlon team and extended day care before and after school hours. More information is available from Shirley Wilcox at 562.597.0819 or <a href="mailto:admin@olrs.org">admin@olrs.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>LITURGY MEETING</b></p>	<p>We are planning the Lenten Season which begins on February 17th. Members of the Liturgy Committee, please attend our meeting this Monday, January 11 at 7:00p.m. in the Rectory.</p>
<p><b>ADULT CONFIRMATION</b></p>	<p>Are you a Catholic who has not completed initiation; that is, you need to receive communion or be confirmed? Or have you wondered what you need to do to become a baptized Catholic? Call Sr. Sharon at 439-0931 ext.5 to find out about our meeting times.</p>
<p><b>NEED A TAX STATEMENT?</b></p>	<p>If you need an end-of-year contribution statement for tax purposes, we ask that you please email or call the parish office to request one. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT... REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD.</b></p>	<p>We encourage all parishioners to treat yourselves to some quiet time each and every week throughout this year... open your bible to read and reflect on next Sunday's readings. The readings are listed below along with a question to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your personal life.</p> <p><b>THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:</b> First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel: John 2:1-11. Reflection: <i><b>When have I experienced the outpouring of God's generous response in my life? What needs might I place before Him?</b></i></p>