

Renewal by the Holy Spirit

We have all received baptism, but why don't the amazing fruits and graces received then always show themselves powerfully in our lives?

Titus tells us what has already happened for us in baptism. We were saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit" (3:5). Yet this renewal accomplished by the Spirit needs to be fully embraced by us for it to reach its potential. We know we have been renewed, but how do we keep renewing? This happens by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit.

In Titus, Spirit is capitalized because it's the Spirit of God. Renewal by the Holy Spirit is a renewal in which God, not man, is the principal protagonist. "Behold, I" (not you) "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

We often think that to be renewed and grow, we have to do something. God tells us it is something he does. "I, the LORD, make you holy" (Leviticus 20:8). We have to give him back the power he already has. Or better yet, we need to recognize God's power and let him use it in us.

A revolution needs to happen in our minds and hearts where we recognize that without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. So ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you in a real baptism of fire. Then all those baptismal gifts will spark into a flame and help you set the world ablaze with his love!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*When was the last time I prayed to the Holy Spirit?
He is a real divine person; talk to him.*

*Am I courageous enough to ask the Holy Spirit to
come down and touch my soul with his fire?*



Piece: *Baptism of Jesus*, 1956
Artist: Publio Morbiducci
Location: Vatican Museums

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*[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water,
but...he will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."*

Luke 3:16

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

JANUARY 13, 2019 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased". Isaiah 42

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance. Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7). Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17).

The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25). That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33). In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.



1/6 Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,375.00

1/6 Children's Offering: \$4.57

1/6 Building Fund: \$370.00

Thank you for Your Generosity!

Bulletin Information: MARAK: Patsy Gaines (254-482-0570) - Email—pagaines2002@yahoo.com

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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for January 20

Rosary: Volunteers

Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Prcin

Offertory: KJZT JRS.

Lector: KJZT JRS.

Ushers: KJZT JRS.

Altar Servers: Addison Dach, Tessa Vaculin and Bailey Anderle

Sanctuary Light : January 14th –20th—Mary Ann Plachy by St. Anne's Altar Society



Prayer Chain...Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and the following: Albina Vrazel, Julius Dubcak, JoLeen Cayhill, and Ethel Marak. Prayers are powerful and with God nothing shall be impossible.

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—January 13—20, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today— 1/13	10:15am	In Honor of Laddie & Emily Dohnalik 60th Wedding Ann.
1/16—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Annie Mae Jochec by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa
1/20—Sunday	10:15am	+ Deceased Members of Henry Litzman, Sr. & Frank Plachy Families by Lynne Hornung

CYCLONE MASSES— January 13—20, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 1/13	8:15am	+ Patricia Eixman by Barbara Eixman & Family
1/14– Tuesday	7:00am	+ Lucille Bruggman by Bradley & Rebecca Marek
1/17— Thursday	7:00am	+ Alton Moraw by Bernadette & Darwin Bruggman
1/18—Friday	7:00am	+ Robert Dach by Fritz & Betty Hodde
1/19– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Pauline Wilde by Bea Brenek & Daniel Wilde
1/20— Sunday	8:15am	+ Dolores Motl by Raymond & Gayle Schmiedekamp

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY:** Cemetery Board Nomination ballots will be passed out. Please place ballots in the ballot box at the church entrance. Raymond Jochec and Carl Hubnik will be going off the board and cannot be re-elected.
- **JANUARY 13:** End of the Year tax donation reports will be passed out stating the amount of Sunday Offerings, Holy Days, Special Collections and Building Fund for the year of 2018. If you donate or have donated to the building fund, a separate letter of the updated cumulative amount that has been donated from the start of the collections will be included.
- **JANUARY 14:** Parish Social and Pot Luck—Marak Parish Hall—6-9pm.
- **JANUARY 15:** KC Meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall—7:30pm.
- **JANUARY 16:** Altar Server Training after Mass.
- **THANK YOU:** The St. Anne's Altar Society thanks all parishioners who donated Floral memorials for loved ones beautifying the Altars this Blessed Season of Christmas. Also would like to thank all who assisted with all the beautiful decorations throughout the church before and after this special event of celebrating Christ's Birth. May God Bless each of you.

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

Heb 1:1–6
Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

Heb 2:5–12
Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

Heb 2:14–18
Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

JANUARY 17

*St. Anthony,
Abbot*

Heb 3:7–14
Mk 1:40–45

Friday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 4:1–5, 11
Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 4:12–16
Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

JANUARY 20

*Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 62:1–5
1 Cor 12:4–11
Jn 2:1–11

Dear Padre,

My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

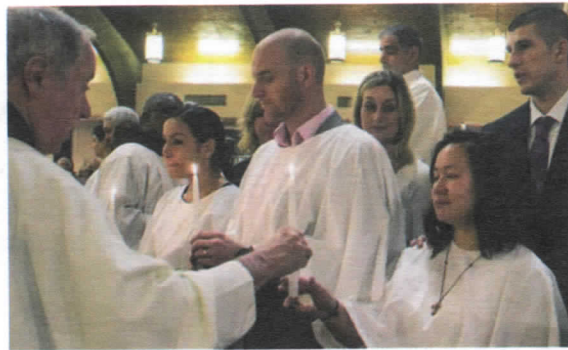
A person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: first, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; second, flowing water; and third, the intention of the “minister” to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church.

However, baptisms performed by Christian communities that don’t believe in the Trinity—Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons, for example—are not recognized by the Catholic Church as valid. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don’t have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

Being holy is not a privilege for the few, as if someone had a large inheritance; in baptism we all have an inheritance to be able to become saints....Thus we are all called to walk on the path of holiness, and this path has a name and a face: the face of Jesus Christ.

—Angelus, November 1, 2013