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Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16,21-22

MEDITATION

On his baptism day, Jesus went down into that muddy Jordan river a private person. He came up a public person, changed and ready to begin his life of ministry.

When we think of public people, we might first think of folks who are on television or whose names make the headlines. Maybe we think of the mayor, perhaps pastors, business leaders, principals, and teachers. Part of what goes with being a public person is accountability and leadership. And sometimes leadership is transitory—just taking responsibility when we see a task that needs doing, a niche that needs filling.

But notice...and this is important, I think...what event marked the beginning of Jesus' public life? Baptism.

We baptized are public people, acknowledged members of a community and called to play our part, to take responsibility for the good of all. We cannot point our fingers and whine and complain and accuse "them." There is no "them" among the baptized—only "us" and "we." We must take responsibility for each other, even and especially for our leaders. Leaders are like the point in a flying flock of geese. To bear the headwind, they must have the support of the flock. And sometimes they must exchange positions, resting for a while on the efforts of others.

There is a crisis of leadership in our church. Fewer people want to be pastors of our parishes or principals of our schools, and fewer are willing

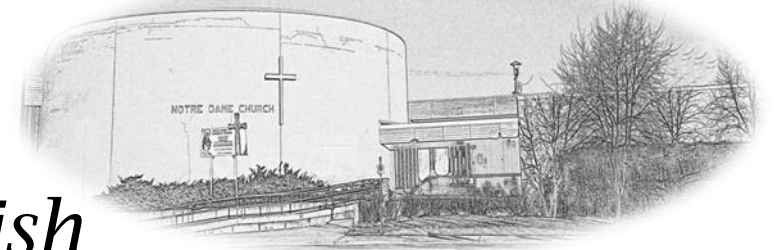
to take the leadership position because part of it is to become the target for those who think of themselves as "private."

Most Catholics were baptized as infants and did not choose the Church at that time of their own free will. But sacraments are not valid without free will. The two assumptions that support infant baptism are 1) that the parents are "substituting" their will for the child's; and 2) that when the child reaches adulthood, they will "supply their own will." That is, they will make the choice to be a disciple of Christ. And that choice is made over and over again. In public.

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Lead by doing, not dictating

One of the easiest ways to kill enthusiasm is to demand it. When we try to force our views on others, they immediately "shut down", hearing little and caring less. People want to be shown a path, not shoved down it.

How well Jesus knew this. He could easily have published a list of must-dos and expected His young flock to abide by them. Instead He simply lived. He manifested His faith in every action, living a true belief before whoever happened to be watching. And this simple manner of doing, not dictating drew people to Him. When Jesus stepped into the river Jordan to be baptized Himself, that simple act of faith taught more about humility and faith than any hundred sermons could.

As you carry your Christian witness into the world this week, ask yourself: am I living the faith I speak about? Can people see Jesus in my steps, hear Him in my words? Am I doing or dictating?

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tuesday	Kerry Skin
Wednesday	+Stephen Fraser
Thursday	+Armand Pouliot
Friday	+Lorraine Lagasse
Saturday	Ezzie Batura
Sunday	Intentions of Notre Dame Parish

Ministries – Jan 19, 2018 - 7:30pm	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	D. Blocka, M. & T. Gannon
Lectors	G. Macarat, E. Paulson
Servers	Y. Becotte, S. Kinnear, S. Pekrul
Ushers	R. & N. Roy, L. Gerwien
Greeters	H. Roland
Ministries – Jan 20, 2018 - 10am	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	CWL
Lectors	CWL
Servers	A Parsons, T. Skin, T. Williams
Ushers	CWL
Greeters	CWL

Children's Liturgy: Caitlin

Church Foyer Cleaner: G. Stanek

PARISH INFORMATION

Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism preparation for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

RCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office



Jan 13 Baptism of Our Lord
9:20am Rosary
10am Mass
11:15am Parents' Sacramental Prep. Mtg.



Jan 15 10:20am - CTW Bible Study
12:10pm - Mass
6:30pm ND School Council Mtg.

Jan 16 10:30am Mass – Rotary Manor
3:15pm Confirmation Prep Classes
6pm Choir Practice

Jan 17 12:10pm - Mass
3:15pm - 1st Eucharist Prep Classes

Jan 18 10:30am Seniors' Mass and Luncheon

Jan 19 10am Divine Mercy Stations of The Cross and Rosary
6:30pm - 7pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Mass

Jan 20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:20am Rosary
10am Mass

PARISH SICK LIST: Please pray for....

Gerry York, Rose Palfy, Carol Dufour, Margaret Lowther, Cathie Carver, George LaJeunesse, Pat Willich, Violet Thomas, Bill Thomas, Isabel Ong, Fr. Eric Swearigen, Mary Irene Redies, Bernadette Redgate, Christine Waller, Tracey Lee Woodcox, Melina Hamilton, Vicki York, Mel Palfy, Jane Spent, Ray Richardson, Laureen Harrold, Jerome Reschny, Larry Stone, Fran Papp, Graham Carson
(Names will be removed after 1 month unless contacted)

Food Banks

Please remember that food banks are always in need of donations. There are baskets in the foyer for anyone wishing to drop off their food items to the Food Banks

Seniors Mass and Luncheon

Friday, January 18th, 2019

at 10:30 am

Luncheon: 11:00 am - 12:00 noon
If you need a ride, please contact the Parish Office by Thursday, January 17



Ladies, CWL January is Membership Month.



Their membership remains at \$36.00, and there will be a CWL member in the lobby, after all weekend masses for the next three weekends, to collect your membership fees.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm in the meeting room at the Church.

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Email Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca

OR TEXT "pgd" TO 514-900-0130 to join **Flocknote** – it is an email and text messaging tool created for churches, ministries, teams and other community organizations. It helps to communicate with the people by sending a simple text message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.

Vocations Live-In

On the weekend of February 8 - 10, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

Baptism: Covenant, Call, Commission

Jesus' baptism reminds us of the meaning of our own. Baptism helps us remember that we are part of the whole family of Christ. It begins a close personal relationship with God, but it doesn't end there. Because of our baptism, we are called to reach out to other people in our congregation, and beyond the walls of the church. Baptism not only draws us in toward God, it sends us out to care for God's people around the world. In our baptism, we are called beyond ourselves, just as Jesus was called beyond His heavenly home to seek us here on earth.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT VOCATIONS?-- BY DONATING AIRMILES/AEROPLAN POINTS!

This coming February, two young men will travel to the Seminary and experience what life is like in the seminary. One is from Moberly Lake, BC and the other is from Prince Rupert. Thanks to a local donor, two airline tickets were purchased using their air-miles.

If you would like to donate Airmiles or Aeroplan miles to the Vocation Advisory Committee, please contact Fr. Terry Brock, Vocation Director at Vocations.pgdiocese@gmail.com or tbrock@pgdiocese.ca or call 250-624-3095

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT

SCHOOLS- Prince George Diocese
Teacher Positions – Continuing and Limited Duration

Details of these positions and application process can be found at:

<http://cispg.ca/cispg/careers>

This is my
Son
In whom I am pleased