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The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2008

A voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved son, with whom I am
Well pleased."

Matthew 3:17

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CCD

English - Mondays - 6:45pm to 8pm
Trixie 362-3827

Spanish - Wednesday & Friday—6:30pm to 8pm
Sr. Vicenta 368-9410

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr High Youth Ministry

7th & 8th Grades - 6:45pm to 8pm—Mondays

High School Youth Group—Sundays

7:00pm—8:30pm - The Hall

Renee Kwoka 369-8669

SJV SCHOOL Grades K-8

Ongoing applications.

For information - Julia Boen 363-4610 x100

RCIA Mon Evenings 7:00pm - 8:30pm - Hall

Joe 362-4847 Dolores 635-7751 Mary 638-5558

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

2nd & 4th Sundays—10am Mass

Children 4th grade and under.

NEXT BAPTISM Classes

January 6-7-8 Baptism Mass Jan 13 @ 12:00noon

Call Parish Office to register—362-1385

SPANISH BAPTISM Classes 2007

No classes in December

Next Class Jan 15 Baptism Jan 19

Spanish 368-9410

CHOIR PRACTICE For Masses:

5:30 Sat 8:00 Sun 12:00noon Sun

English—Monday—6pm—Parish Office Conference Rm.

Spanish—Monday—7pm—Parish Office Conference Rm.

New Members Welcome!

READING MATERIAL Spiritual reading / family prayer ideas in the
Book rack. Donation box next to book rack.

CARING CONNECTIONS Parish Outreach Ministry to new members
of the parish, to the sick, homebound and to the families of the
bereaved. Meets 2nd Mon-Sept thru June - 7pm Church Meeting Room.
New members always welcome.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Meetings 3rd Tuesday SW room of the hall

at 7:00pm. Information: Joan Dubois 363-2847

SJV MR & MRS CLUB We would like to have you as a member.

Won't you join us. Meetings - 2nd Saturday - 8pm - Hall

Socials - 4th Saturday. Info? Rolf & Dolores Lyons 635-7751

YLI-YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE-Immaculate Mary #238

2nd Wed of the Month—7:30pm-Hall

Information: Marilyn Walter 638-7905

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR -

First Sunday of the Month in the Parish Hall

After the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses—Sept thru June

FAMILY BREAKFAST Third Sunday of the Month in the Hall

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus after the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses.

Free Notary service.

GOD'S BELOVED

Only one week has passed since we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. No longer are we focused on the images of the child Jesus surrounded by his parents and the magi at the manger in Bethlehem. Today, it's as if the Church has pushed the "fast forward" button in the life of Jesus. Today we celebrate his baptism in the Jordan. When the Lord Jesus rises from the waters of baptism, the heavens open and a voice announces, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). This event sets the stage for the unfolding of Jesus Christ's life and work, which will become our focus for the rest of the year as we tune our ears to Saint Matthew's Gospel. As we prepare ourselves for this work, let us be reminded that we, too, were counted among God's beloved at the moment of our own baptism.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last year a rather eccentric quirk of the calendar hid this great feast on a Monday, but now it's here for our delight on a Sunday, as it should be. In the old calendar, it was the octave day of Epiphany, exactly as it is this year. It is the absolute end of the Christmas season, and tomorrow we enter Ordinary Time.

As we conclude the Christmas season, there is one more treasure from our tradition worth mentioning. Everyone knows the "Twelve Days of Christmas." British Catholics invented it to teach the catechism to their children at the time of the Reformation. The partridge in a pear tree is, of course, Jesus in the tree of the Garden of Eden. Each number is a clue to help children remember aspects of our faith: two testaments in the Bible; three Persons in the Trinity (or the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity); the four evangelists; and the five golden rings, the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. Then we have the six days of creation, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the eight beatitudes, the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, the ten commandments, the eleven faithful apostles, and the twelve points of belief in the Apostle's Creed. For persecuted Catholics, the beloved carol helped the faithful to stay under the radar and have some fun passing on the tradition to their children.

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

BULLETIN INFO DEADLINE: MONDAY

Question of the Week

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This is what God said when Jesus was baptized, and what God says about each of us, son and daughters of God, as we are baptized. How can you more fully embrace your baptism?

Question for Adults: Today's readings lead to a core question: As you follow God and do what he wants, how do you experience his loving words: "You are my own. My favor is upon you."?

CARING CONNECTIONS MEETING

Monday, Jan 14 at 7:00pm in the church meeting room.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30pm	Patrick Drumm †
Sunday	8:00am	Marge Schoenstein, ill Chris Schoenstein, ill
	10:00am	Eustachio Rodil † John Bian †
	12:00pm	Alvin Bunch, Sr † Catalina de Guzman †
	6:30pm	Julio Jimenez †
Monday	8:00am	Mary Rohrer † Milagros G. Quebral †
Tuesday	8:00am	J. Lorenzo Villegas, Birthday
Wednesday	8:00am	Ratnasari Sutisna †
Thursday	8:00am	Bret Cervantes †
Friday	8:00am	Irene Drouin †
Saturday	5:30pm	Antonio R. Banzon † Trinidad Go †

Beginning Experience of Sacramento has been offering special programs for more than 25 years to help divorced, separated or widowed persons put the past behind them and make a new beginning. "Encountering Life Alone" - a program of healing, hope and encouragement - 10 week program starts on Feb 21 at St. Michael's Episcopal church 2140 Mission Ave in Carmichael. The meetings are held from 7 to 9pm. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10 and a \$5 weekly fee. For more information call 916-835-2282 or visit our website at: www.sacramentobe.org

Sisters of Mercy

Interested in giving a year of service to the church in the United States as a Lay Volunteer?
Mercy Volunteer Corps Office (215) 641-5535 or
Sheila Devereux RSM (415) 751-9574

Knights of Columbus Crab Feed Saturday, January 26 SJV Hall



Doors open 6:30pm
Music 6:30pm
Dinner 7:30pm
Music North of Disorder (Live Band)
Donation: \$35

- Tickets on Sale After Mass -

Paul Labbe' 369-7054
Joe Galipeau 769-6549

Tickets Online - www.ranchoknights.com/crabfeed

ALTAR ATTENDANT SCHEDULE

Jan 12/13

Sat	5:30pm	Spencer Armlin & Ryan Cote
Sun	8am	James Avila-Ellington & David Beeskau
	10am	Isabella Houston & Kelsey Poeschl
	12noon	Erika Anda & Jacy-Anne Cesar

Jan 19/20

Sat	5:30pm	Sydney Barnard & Arianna Bender
	8:00am	Aaron Fuentes & Desiree Bonner
	10:00am	Steven & Peter Wajda
	12noon	Carlo Vasquez & Marco Oliveros

High School Youth Group

Start the new year by making some new friends. Come join the High School Youth Group Sunday nights at 7:00pm in the Hall. Justin M. says: "Youth Group is like playing a new football team; you don't know what to expect but you always end up having fun."

Questions call Mark at 635-6325

Christmas Ornament Pickup

The Youth Group would like to thank all of the parishioners that supported the Youth Group by purchasing an ornament for the tree this year. Your ornaments are available for pick-up in the front meeting room of the church.

High School Placement Tests— Saturday, January 26 Registrations

Christian Bros: 733-3690 or www.cbhs-sacramento.org
Jesuit High: 382-6060 x227 or www.jhssac.org
Loretto High: 482-7793 x103 or www.loretto.net
St. Francis High: 452-3461x195 or www.stfrancishs.org
Cristo Rey: 733-2660x2004 or
www.cristoreysacramento.org

Twenty Things to Remember

15. He who dies with the most toys is still dead.