

Divine Savior & Our Lady of the Lakes Baptism of the Lord Sunday Prayer and Reflection

Start by the sign of the cross: +

Place yourself before the presence of God by being still.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-6, 6-7

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Gospel of Mark 1:7-11

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011021.cfm>

You can get the readings from: The Daily Bread Booklet, Missalettes, Bible etc.

Fr. Gideon's Reflection: Renewing our own baptism

Baptism is the first sacrament we receive. It's a sacrament that cleanse us of our sins, and welcomes us home—the church family. In our gospel today, St. Mark describes Jesus' baptism that takes place in the Jordan river. Unlike our case, Jesus baptism is not for the repentance/cleansing of sin—He is God. His baptism is a divine affirmation to us that he is **the** Messiah and our savior.

Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry. His baptism was like a send-off to engage in the mission of building up God's kingdom. A mission that entails being faithful to the will of God in praying, healing and nourishing those around us. As we celebrate this feast, we are being reminded and invited to continuously renew our own baptismal commitment so as to carry on with the mission given to us—building God's kingdom in our families and communities.

Creed: Pray the Creed

Intentions: Offer your personal prayers and those of your family, pray for healing and unity of our country, pray for an end to abortion, pray for all the families afflicted by Covid-19, for their healing, pray in thanksgiving for our parish school.

Conclude the prayers with a Hail Mary

Pray the Lord's Prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to
be separated from You.

Amen.

Conclude with the sign of the cross: +

A few things to keep in mind:

-Second Wednesday of the month Adoration and Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Lakes,
Random Lake. Adoration 4-6pm, Reconciliation 5-6pm at the parish center.