

## Daily Readings For The Week

### Monday January 15th

Reading 1: 1 SAMUEL 15: 16-23

Responsorial Psalm: P S. 50{49}: 8-9,16-17,21,23

Gospel: MARK 2: 18-22

### Tuesday January 16th

Reading 1: 1 SAMUEL 16: 1-13

Responsorial Psalm: PS. 89{90}: 20-22,27-28

Gospel: MARK 2: 23-28

### Wednesday January 17th

St. Anthony, abbot.

Reading 1: 1SAMUEL 17: 32-33,37,40-51

Responsorial Psalm: PS. 144{143}: 1-2,9-10

Gospel: MARK 3: 1-6

### Thursday January 18th

Reading 1: 1 SAMUEL 18: 6-9;19: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: PS 56{55}: 2-3,9-14

Gospel: MATTHEW 3: 7-12

### Friday January 19th

Reading 1: 1 SAMUEL 24: 3-21

Responsorial Psalm: PS. 57{56}: 2-4,6,11

Gospel: MARK 3: 13-19

### Saturday January 20th

St. Fabian, pope & martyr / St. Sebastian, martyr.

Reading 1: 2 SAMUEL 1: 1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27

Responsorial Psalm: P S. 80{79}: 2-3,5-7

Gospel: MARK 3: 20-21

## Announcements

1. A warm Welcome to all our visitors who are worshiping with us for the first time.
2. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to those celebrating their special day this week.
3. Church Council will meet TODAY after Mass.
4. All groups are reminded to submit their calendar of activities

Have a Blessed  
Week

Welcome to the Roman Catholic  
Community of St. Elizabeth's Church  
"A Catholic Community in the Passionist Tradition"



## The Baptism of the Lord

January 14, 2018

Theme: The Servant of Yahweh.

On the Epiphany we spoke of light and the radiance of love. Today we speak of water and being immersed in the Lord. The mystery of the Epiphany and the mystery of the Baptism of the Lord are the same mystery with perhaps a stronger focus on God's action toward us in the Epiphany and a focus on the need to die on our part in the mystery of the Baptism.

### Celebrating the Eucharist

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Tue, Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m.

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### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Office is closed on Saturdays & Sundays.

Pastor is available during office hours and by appointment.

Die? Yes, the Baptism is about dying to ourselves so that we can live in Christ Jesus. The first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, just as it was on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The focus of the Epiphany was on God's light coming to us and today the focus is on our being called to the Lord and the necessary inner transformation that would allow us to be caught entirely up in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

Come to the water! But we will only come to water if we are thirsty! Are we thirsty? Probably not always! Only as we begin to recognize the brokenness of our world and the craziness of it all do we begin to look and wonder whether there is not something better and more stable and with less bent to darkness and evil.

The second reading today is from the First Letter of Saint John. It is so clear that our belief is only true if our lives begin to reflect the love of God, both for others and also for ourselves. We must love. We are invited to love. We are told that love is all that really matters. We come to understand that love is not about feeling good but about serving others and looking for their good. When we love others in this way, our lives and our world can become transformed!

The Gospel today is Saint Mark's account of the Baptism of Jesus. The first thing to notice is that the heavens are opened and a voice is heard: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Father wants us to recognize His Son and also the presence of the Holy Spirit. We can spend our whole life without paying much attention to God. Perhaps at some point we begin to recognize that there is a God and then perhaps, we recognize that God wants us to believe in Him and to come to understand Him more and more.

The world is transformed in the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus has taken on our flesh and goes into the very depths of our humanity. God seeks us out and looks for us. Do we look for God and seek Him out? God gives His life for us. Do we give our lives for Him and for His people?

Baptism is death to ourselves and life in Jesus. We must be taken over entirely by God and by His love—and that will be reflected in the way we live. May our baptism be strengthened today so that we can die for others and so gain our own lives.

Let us walk the way of the Lord.



# The Order of Mass

Gathering: *No. 19 "All The Ends Of The Earth"*

Lord Have Mercy

Gloria

Opening Prayer

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

{Jasmine Whittaker}

Responsorial Psalm: Is. 12: 2-6

Response: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-9

{Daniel Ainsworth}

Gospel Acclamation: John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11

Homily

Universal Prayer

Greeting of Peace

Preparation of Gifts: *No. 174 "I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky"*

*Hosanna*

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion: *No. 214 "Let us Enter Into Covenant With Christ"*

Meditation: *Youth Choir*

Sending Forth: *No. 445 "Too Much Hurt And Frustration"*