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 CATECHETICAL MINISTRY – FAMILY CATECHESIS
 Module 19 BAPTISM OF THE LORD CYCLE B
 Mark 1:7-11 Theme: Baptized in Christ, Sent for Christ

INTRODUCTION

Talk about what each one did as they waited for the New Year.

Perhaps nothing much happened in 2020 due to Covid 19 pandemic. The initial spread of Covid 19 with its effect is worthwhile remembering. It might tell us something the kind or person we are on the way we face it and how we go about it even now.

Most people usually look back and review what happened the past year. Remembering important events, good or bad, can help us to understand ourselves better. In looking back, we see the challenges and difficulties that we met. Some of them helped us to become better persons. In this Sunday's Gospel, we will learn about an important happening in the life of Jesus that tells us about the person of Jesus. Let's see who really Jesus is, as the Gospel today tells us.



OPENING PRAYER

(Sign of the Cross)

Holy Spirit, you breathed life to all creation.
 You guided the steps of our great fathers.
 You spoke to Abraham to move to another land.
 You guided the journey Moses in the desert
 Come upon us today and live in us
 so that our mind and heart be directed
 toward Christ as we listen to his Word.
 Enlighten us to the truth of ourselves and to knowing
 Christ who saves us and makes us one with the Father.
 Amen (pause)

Glory Be.



**PHASE ONE
 REMEMBER THE STORY OF JESUS**

1.1 Proclamation of the Gospel Story

(A moment of prayerful silence)



A reading from the Gospel according to Mark (1:7-11)

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:
 "One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord

All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

1.2 Brief Guided silent Meditation / Personal Prayer

What picture came to your mind upon hearing the Gospel?

What happened as soon as Jesus was baptized? What was heard and seen?

1.3 Text in Context

In the last Sunday's Gospel reading, we saw the child Jesus in a manger adored by the wise men. The bible does not tell much of his childhood except for a few events: the family's escape to Egypt and return to Nazareth, His visit to the Temple in Jerusalem at age 12 and obedience to parents. All were *hidden as Jesus grew in wisdom and age* until he revealed himself to the public on his baptism at the Jordan River. All the four Gospels mentioned the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Baptism story of Jesus. Let us see how the baptism of Jesus is presented in the Gospel of Mark.

1.What does John the Baptist say about the one who will come after him? *He will be mightier than John; he will baptize with the Holy Spirit.*

2.Who does John the Baptist refer to in this line? *Jesus*

3. What happened when Jesus was baptized by John? *The Spirit descended upon Jesus, like a dove; a voice from heaven spoke, calling Jesus God's beloved Son.*

4.What does John the Baptist say will be different about the baptism that will be initiated by Jesus? (John baptized with water; those baptized in Jesus' name will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.)

5. Who are three persons mentioned in the Gospel?

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We call them the Holy Trinity- the three persons in one God.

**PHASE II REFLECT the Story
 of the Church
 (Teachings of the Church)**



Last Sunday we come to know who God is, in the Child Jesus visited by the three Wise men. God showed himself as the Savior of all Nations and the King of all the kings. Today's Gospel tells us another epiphany of God. Who is Jesus? What do we find out in his very person?

From the reading, John announced that someone was coming mightier than he, Jesus appeared. As soon as Jesus was baptized by John, a great miracle happened:

heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Jesus is the beloved and the Son of God, the Father. God is well pleased with Jesus who is true to his real self as human, born of the Virgin Mary and as the Son of God.

The voice proclaimed that Jesus is blessed with God. He is filled by the Holy Spirit. More than the affection of human father to his son is the deep bond of love between Jesus and the Father. The Father is well pleased with Jesus whose obedience to the cross, made us all saved from sin.

At your own time, draw the wonderful scene of the baptism of Jesus. Show the action of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. You may pray as you write your responses on your drawing:

- ✓ What is the Father telling you?
- ✓ What do you like to tell Jesus?
- ✓ What kind of help do you want to receive from the Holy Spirit

We found the same favor with God. Baptism made us children of God. God is also well pleased with us and we too are his "chosen ones". We also become the living temple of the Holy Spirit. Baptism makes us new persons. There are great things happening in us through baptism.

As baptized, we belong to a big family- the Church. Now we are all in one family of God- the Father, as our Creator, the Son, as our, Savior, and the Holy Spirit as our guide. The priest baptizes us in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit- the Holy Trinity.

- ✓ How often do I do the sign of the cross?
- ✓ Do I believe that the Father loves me?
- ✓ How do I experience this great love of God within me and around me?
- ✓ What can I do to respond to this love?

PHASE THREE RESPOND – with/ in my personal faith /community faith story

After Jesus was baptized, he started his mission. He healed all kind of sickness, raised the dead, comforted the lonely and showed the love of the Father through his words and actions to the people around him

We are celebrating our 500th anniversary of the Catholic Faith in the Philippines this year- 2021. It is the right time to join mission.

Baptism is a big gift to us. We have come to know the great love of God through the missionaries who came to our land. .

Shall we give back something in return to God. If you are baptized, you, too, even if in a small way can be missionary.

Be missionaries from home. Pray and support PMS (Pontifical Missionary Societies) Join the PMS. Help the mission work of the Church.

Here are the PONTIFICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES of...

❖ PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Makes known the good things mission is doing so that more baptized become missionaries themselves :

❖ SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

Helps put up seminaries and training programs for priests and sisters.

❖ MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

Helps children develop the missionary spirit and teaches them to help children of their same age around the world through prayer and small material sacrifices.

❖ MISSIONARY UNION

Invites all to arouse love for the mission in the Church, contribute to missionary formation, and encourage the Christian communities to cooperate and take active part in evangelization.

Note: we may join the any of missionary association and be its member through prayer, acts of love and monetary contribution.

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CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love and for making us your children through our baptism. We are happy that we have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May we always walk toward you, cleansed of our sins. May we allow ourselves be embraced by your loving arms. May we follow the examples of Christ your Son, guiding us to a holiness of life. And may we be filled by the presence of your Holy Spirit, sharing your hope and healing love to our wounded world sick with pandemic. Amen.

BACKGROUND FOR THE CATECHISTS

CCC 1265

Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and co-heir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

CCC 1269

Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to him who died and rose for us.⁷⁶ From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to "obey and submit" to the Church's leaders,⁷⁷ holding them in respect and affection.⁷⁸ Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church.

