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THE SPIRITS IS WITH ALWAYS WITH JESUS

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The Gospel of St. Luke dedicates only two verses dealing with the episode of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate in the Church. John the Prophet has a very important role here, because in baptizing Jesus brings forth his public presentation to the people and so brings about the beginning of the mission as the Messiah. St. Luke brings to the fore the baptism practiced by John as a preparation for the baptism of Christ and not as a challenge to it. A baptism of water and the other of fire. Jesus is the stronger one and the fire represents the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Evangelist does not appear to give that much importance in and of itself to the baptism of Jesus. What does stand out is his attitude of prayer, which in this Gospel, appears in the most important moments of the life of the Lord. The baptism represents the high point of the work of John the Baptist and the passage of time in expectation of the announcement of the prophets of the new that Jesus Christ brought.

Luke employs the image of the heavens which open to show that thanks to Jesus the communication between heaven and earth, between God and all humanity is reestablished.

QueensCare Dental

QueensCare Dental Trailers will be here at St. Lawrence from January 9 through the end of March. QueensCare provides free dental exams and cleaning for children ages 5-18. Regular dental cleaning and exams are an important part of keeping your child healthy. If you would like to sign your child up to be seen by a dentist, please get a form in the church office and return it as soon as possible to get an appointment.

SUNDAY KITCHEN SALES

Please support the Marriage Encounter who are in the kitchen today.



MASS INTENTIONS

5:30PM +Maria Trinidad Rivas Porres, +Jose Olivares-2nd Anni., +Percy Greenhouse

7:30AM John Anderson-health, healing, Claudia Lucia McKinney-health, healing

11:00AM Rachel Armenta-for her conversion, +Jose Cruz Diaz, +Pablo Mendez Torres

NEW CRUCIFIX

This Crucifix from Mexico has been donated to our parish of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi to honor Fr. Jesus Vela, OFM Cap. With the express intention of being hung above the Tabernacle. We will do this on the weekend of the Presentation of the Lord-February 2, 2019. The Pastoral Council and the Mesa Hispana will be consulted as to where the old Crucifix will be hung.

MISSALS

We have the Missals on sale for \$5.00 each. Buy them on Sunday after mass.

CALENDARS

We have the African American calendars for only \$4.00 each, buy them for your family & friends.

CONFIRMATION DATES for 2019

Confirmation dates will be Friday, May 17, Friday, May 24, Friday, May 31, 2019 at 7:00PM.

M.L.K. Jr. PRAYER BREAKFAST, January 19th, 2019 at 8:00AM. Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., L.A., CA 90045. For tickets call the office (323)567-1439 or Delia (310)420-2216. Cost \$25.00 for ticket \$25.00

PLEASE NOTE CALENDAR MEETING DATE CHANGE

Calendar meeting Thursday, January 24, at 6pm in the St. Martin room. All groups please send a representative.