



# Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

LO: To know the story of Jesus' Baptism and understand that He is the light of the world.

## Light and darkness

Before we begin, I would like you to think about light and darkness.

How do they make you feel?

Can you create a mind map of words or phrases related to light?



## Jesus- the light of the world

In John 8:12 Jesus says:

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

He also uses the same phrase when he talks to his disciples in Matthew 5:14:

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

John also writes that God is light and there is no darkness in him.



Thinking about the extracts from the Bible, we may see Jesus, just like we see light-comforting, safe, ringing warmth and loving.

The scripture also shows us that Jesus is very special and is one with God. This is visible in many parts of the Gospel.

One of the moments when we see how special Jesus is, is the story of his Baptism in the river Jordan.



Please watch a short video about Jesus's baptism and read the Bible verses describing this very special event.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGMCA\\_aUY4c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGMCA_aUY4c)

Matthew 3:13-17

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

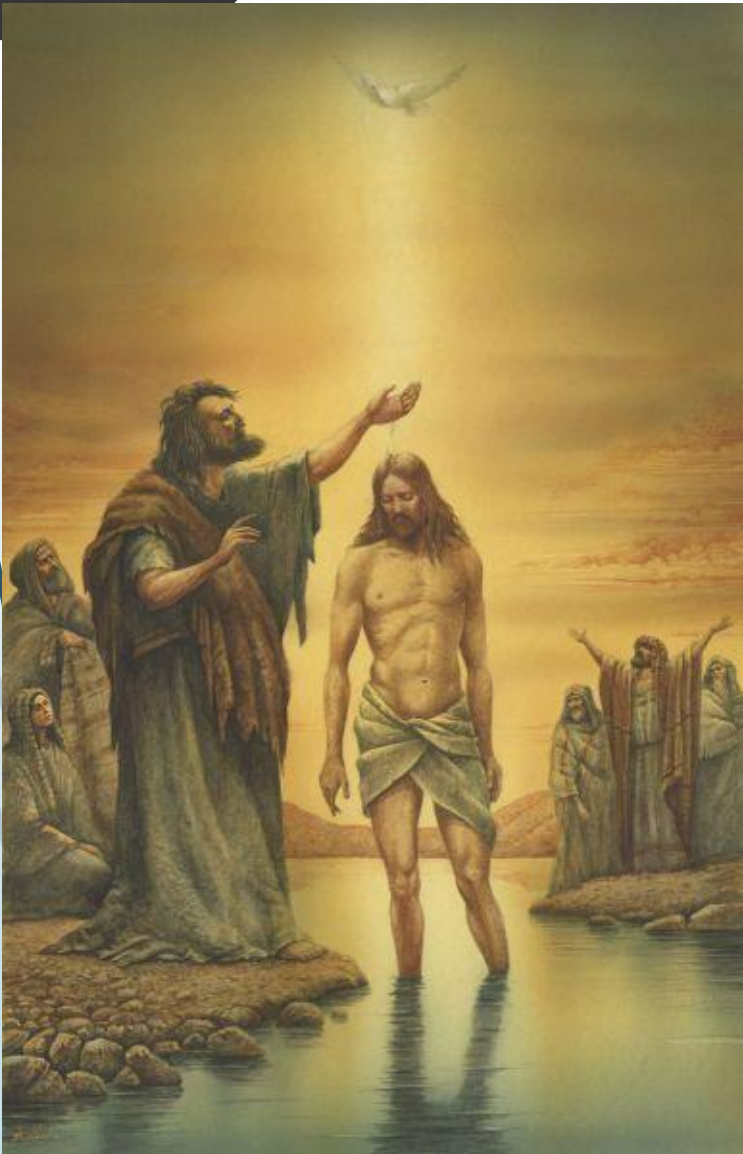
<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

What does the voice say? What does it tell us about Jesus' relationship with God?



Look at different representations of the Baptism of Jesus in Religious art. Look at the posture of the characters and their expressions. What do you notice?



Through Baptism, Christians become the children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus.



# Let's look at some signs and symbols used in the Rite of Baptism



## White Baptismal garment

Reminds us that we are clothed with God's life.

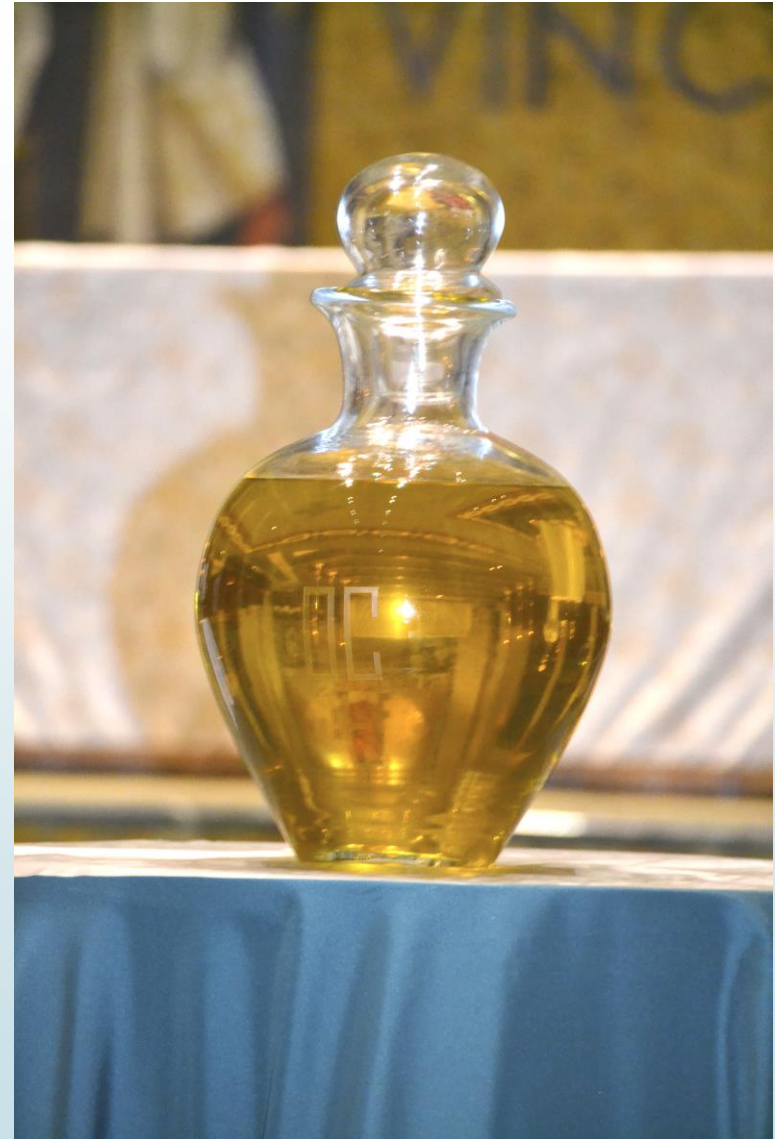
# A Baptismal candle

Reminds us that  
we live in the light  
of Christ.



# The Oil of Chrism

Reminding us that  
we are anointed  
to live like Jesus.



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## Your task for today:

If your Baptismal name is associated with a Saint, I would like you to research its meaning and find out more about your patron Saint life.