



December 11, 2025

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



Announcements

- 1) All Certificates, Sponsor Forms & Saint Forms DUE January 8, 2026
 - 2) Potential Sponsors will be here next week
 - 3) Faith Formation Story Due January 23, 2026
 - 4) Men's Retreat: January 30 - Feb 1, 2026
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Blessing of the Wine

**Feast of St. John, Apostle and
Evangelist**

December 27th, 6:30-9 pm

Blessing of Wine at 7 pm

Home of Dcn. Joe & Debbie Nowak
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Jesus Christ Son
Of God Our Lord

“But when the time had fully come, **God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**” This is “the gospel of **Jesus Christ, the Son of God**” God has visited his people. He has fulfilled the promise he made to Abraham and his descendants. He acted far beyond all expectation—he has sent his own “**beloved Son.**”

We believe and confess that **Jesus of Nazareth, born a Jew of a daughter of Israel at Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and the emperor Caesar Augustus, a carpenter by trade, who died crucified in Jerusalem under the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of the emperor Tiberius, is the eternal Son of God made man.** He “came from God,” “descended from heaven,” and “came in the flesh.” For “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. . . . And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace.”
CCC 422-423

1. Apostles Creed – I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord.



1. Nicene Creed – “I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God.”



Jesus

- Hebrew for “God Saves”
- Expresses Identity and Mission
- *The name “Jesus” signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son, made man for the universal and definitive redemption from sins. It is the divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke his name, for Jesus united himself to all men through his Incarnation, so that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” CCC 432*



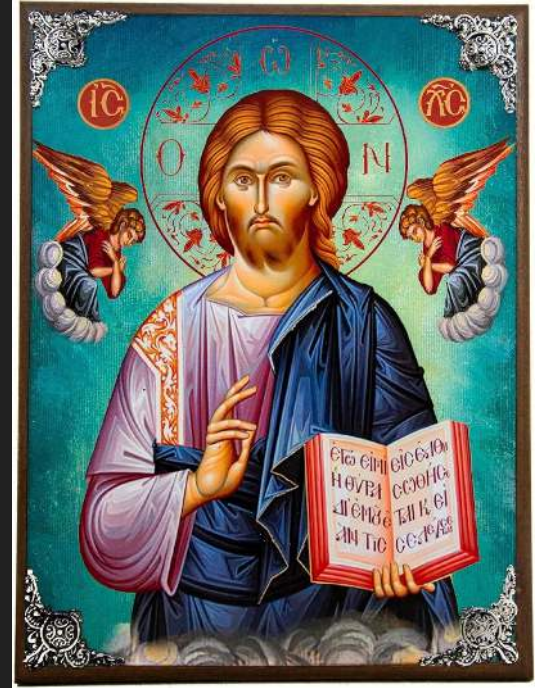
The Power of the Name Jesus in Christian Prayer

- All Liturgical Prayers
- Hail Mary
- Jesus Prayer
- Last Word of Martyrs



Christ

- Greek Translation of the Hebrew Word Messiah
- Messiah means “anointed”
- Anointed = Set aside for God’s Purpose/Mission



Anointing In Salvation History

- Temples
- High Priests
- Kings
- Davidic Covenant



Only Son of God

- Old Testament titled used figuratively
 - Angels
 - Israel as Chosen People
 - Kings



Only Son of God

- Jesus becomes the literal meaning of Son of God
- Saint Peter and Saint Paul know this to be true
- God Explicitly Calls Jesus His Son Twice



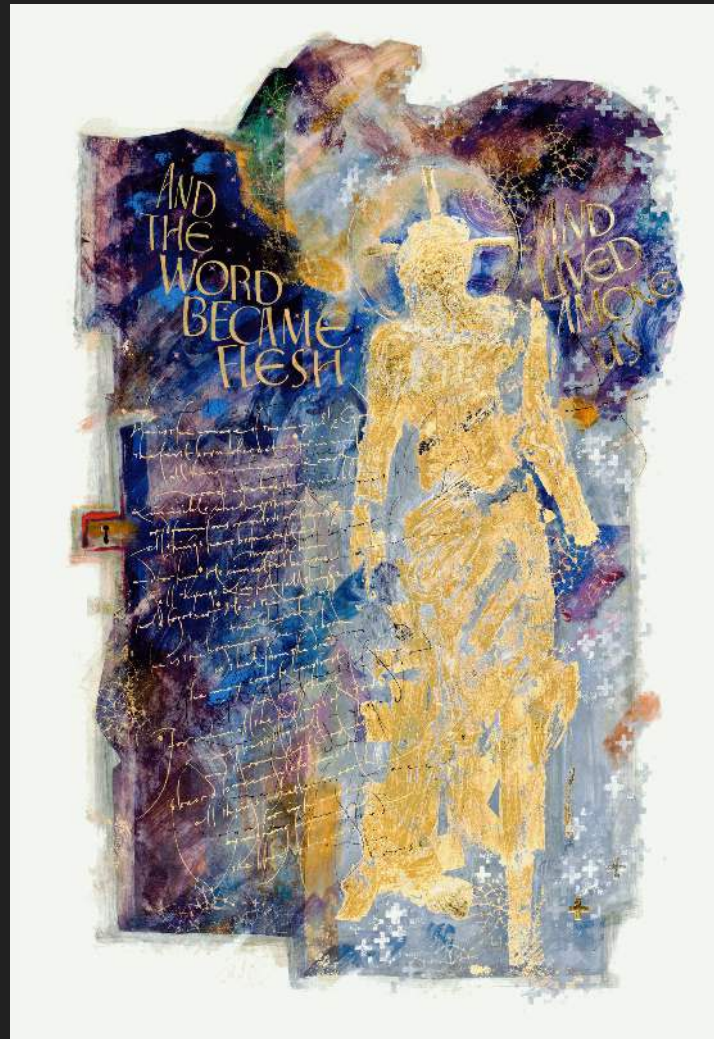
Lord

- Lord is the English translation of the Greek word “Kyrios”
- Kyrios is the Greek translation of the Hebrew YHWH
- New Testament use of Lord is an explicit connection between Jesus the Son and God the Father



The Life of Jesus - The Incarnation

- Incarnation - The mystery of the Catholic Church in which God takes on human flesh and becomes man
- “In the beginning there was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word Was God...and the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw His glory. The glory as of the Father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:1,14



The Life of Christ - The Incarnation

- “True God and True Man - The unique and altogether singular event of the Incarnation of the Son of God does not mean that Jesus Christ is part God and part man, nor does it imply that he is the result of a confused mixture of the divine and the human. He became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. During the first centuries, the Church had to defend and clarify this truth of faith against the heresies that falsified it.” CCC 464
 - Adoptionism - Declared Heresy at the Council of Antioch
 - Nestorianism - Declared Heresy at the Council of Ephesus
 - Monophysitism - Declared Heresy at the Council of Chalcedon
 - Docetism - Declared Heresy at Council of Constantinople

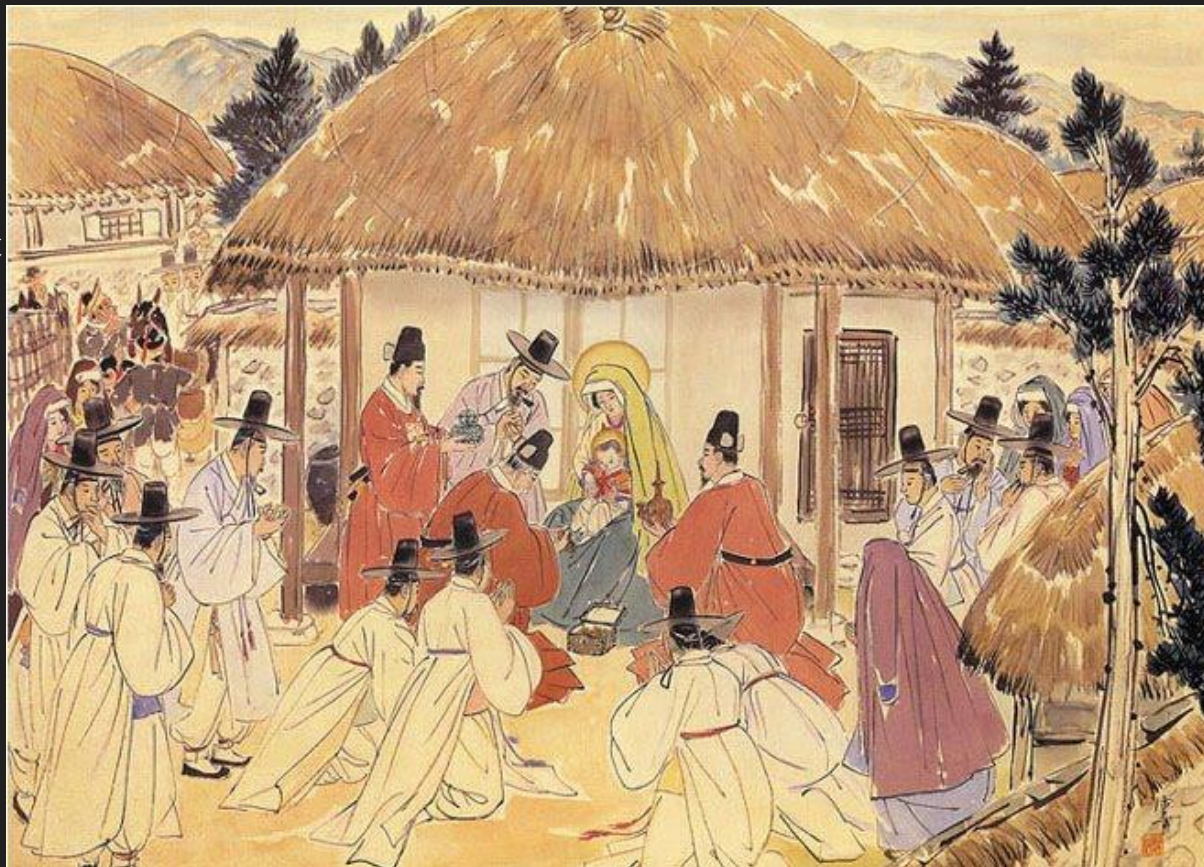
The Life of Christ - Born to a Virgin Mary

- In Bethlehem Jesus of Nazareth, born a Jew of a daughter of Israel at Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and the emperor Caesar Augustus. Born impoverished in a stable surrounded by farm animals.
- Mary is Theotokos “God Bearer”



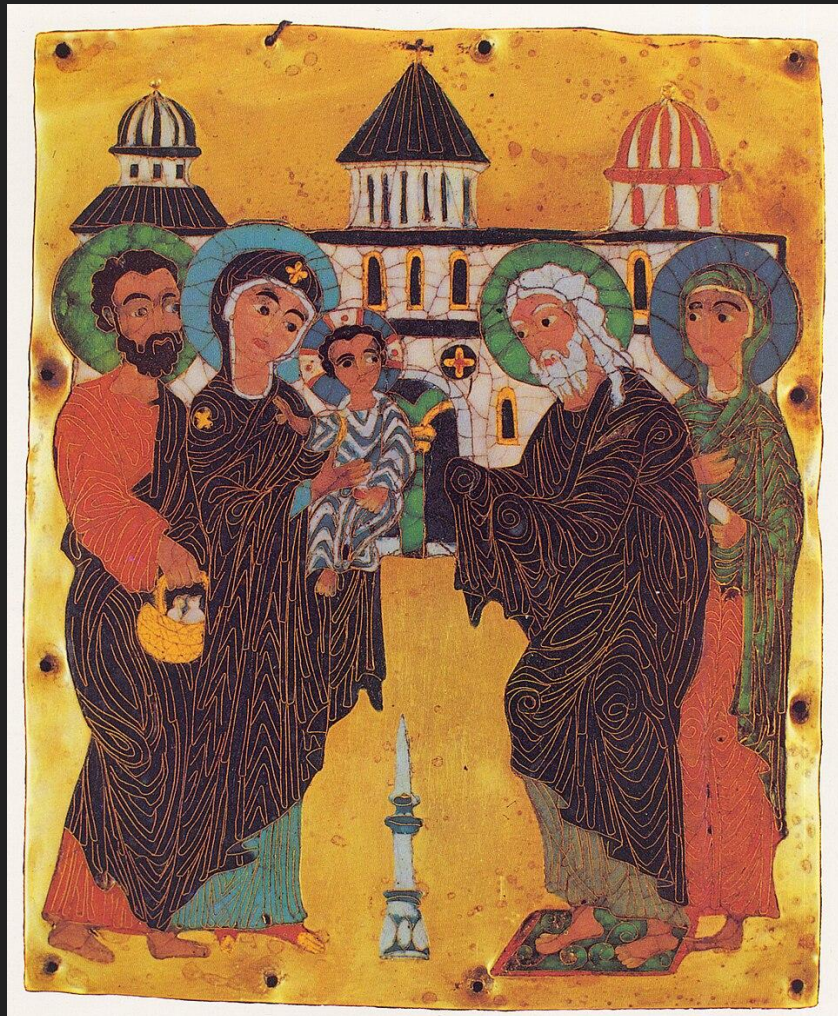
The Life of Christ - Epiphany

- Denotes the fact that Jesus came for all nations, not just the Israelites



The Life of Christ - The Presentation in the Temple

- Every male was to be consecrated to God and this consecration marks Jesus being consecrated totally into his mission
- The Canticle of Simeon



The Life of Christ - The Mystery of His Upbringing

- “During the greater part of his life Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labor. His religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God, a life in the community. From this whole period it is revealed to us that Jesus was “obedient” to his parents and that he “increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.” CCC 531



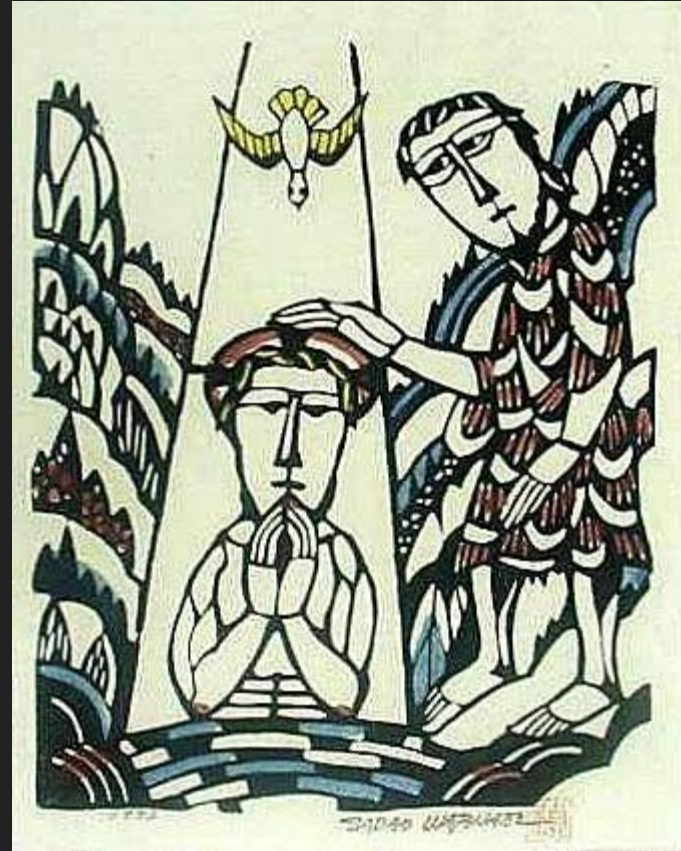
The Life of Christ - A Break in the Mystery - The Finding in the Temple

- We find Jesus listening to Rabbis in the temple
- Asking questions and answering them too
- “Why are you looking for me, did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”



The Life of Christ -The Baptism of Jesus

- The public adult life of Jesus begins at His baptism
- The first of two times we hear God refer to Jesus as “My Son”



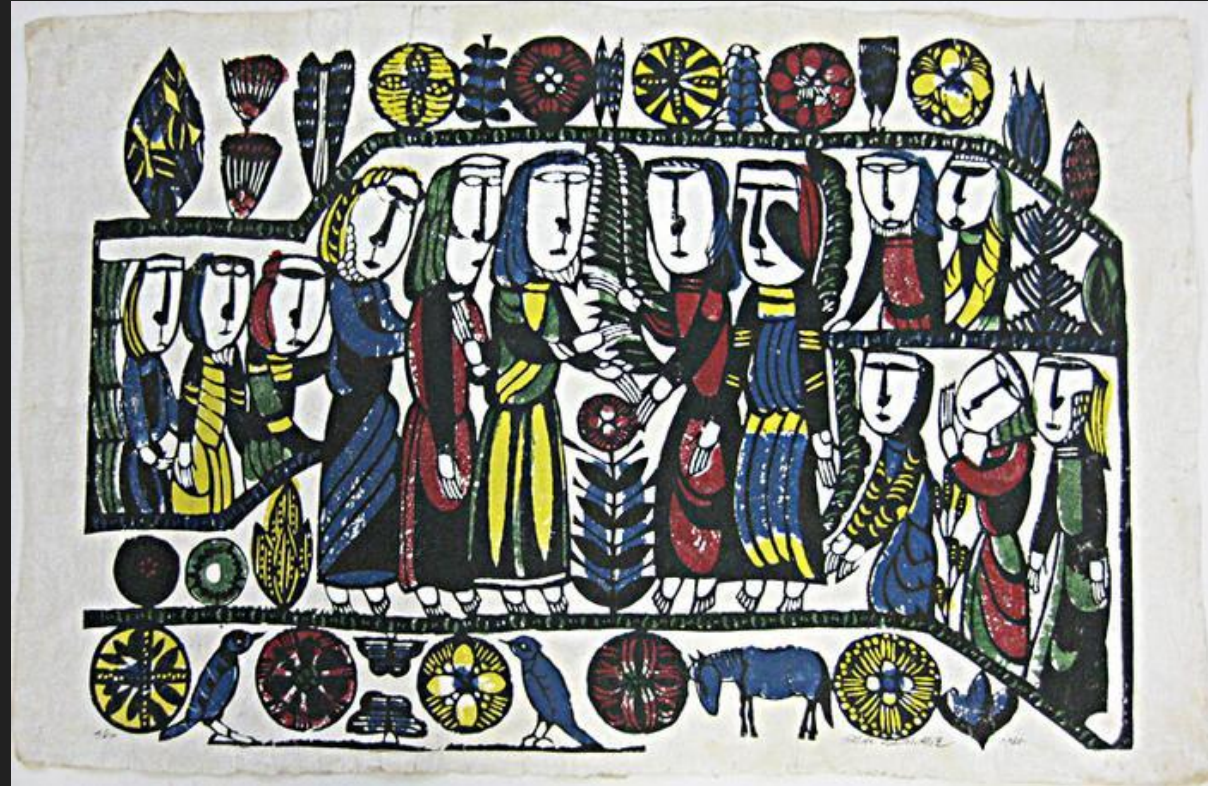
The Life of Christ -The Temptation in the Desert

- Immediately following baptism
- Tempted by Satan but becomes the new Adam by not giving into the temptation



The Calling of Disciples and Beginning of Public Ministry

- Three year period of Jesus performing miracles, preaching, and healing
- The meat of the Gospels





Small Group Discussion

- 1) How do you feel about the titles of Jesus as Son of God, Lord, and Christ?
 - 2) What is your relationship with Jesus and how can understanding these titles deepen that relationship?
 - 3) Jesus is both True God and True Man, what do you think of that statement?
 - 4) What would you like to know more about Jesus and why?
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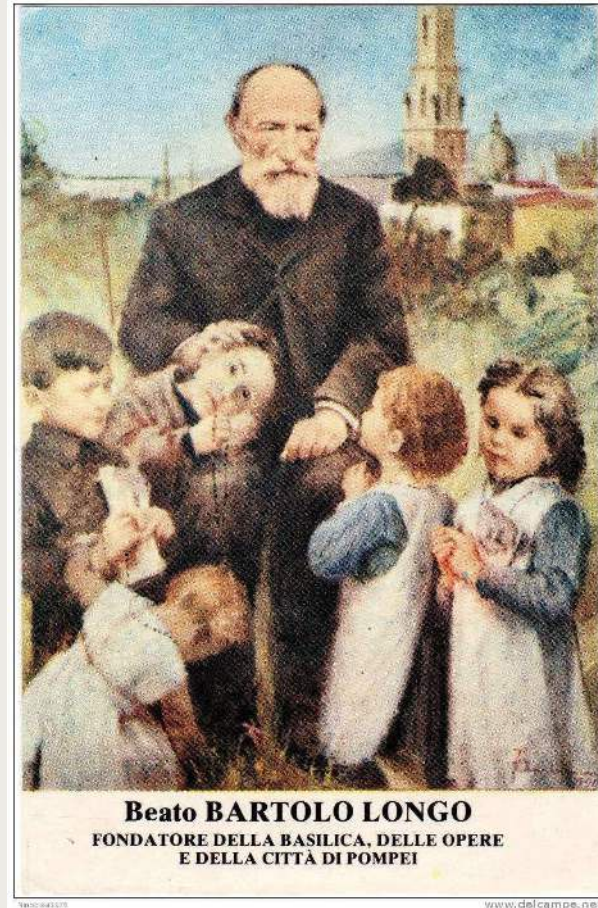
St. Bartolo Longo

Apostle of the Rosary

1841-1926

Feast Day: October 5

Beatified 1980 --- Canonized October 19, 2025



Closing Prayer

