

Lectio Divina

- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
- **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
- **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
- **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)

January 8th 2012 **Baptism of Our Lord – Year B – Mark 1:7-11**

The Baptism of Our Lord happens very early in the Gospel story according to Mark which was the first gospel to be written. This was a very important moment in his life when he accepted to be in fellowship with those who were receiving baptism from John. In the same way he is today in fellowship with us. When Jesus came out of the water he saw the heavens open and the Spirit like a dove descended on him. A voice came from heaven “You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you.”

These words tell us what is important between Jesus and God and they also tell us what is important between God and us. When were the times in our life when we really felt and believed we are precious to Jesus and we are called to be one with Him because his favour rests with us. Do we take enough time to try and understand the responsibilities given to us at Baptism to bring the love and care of Jesus to all with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

Lord we thank you for the gift of our Baptism and for the privilege of knowing that your favour rests with us when we put our trust in you.

Forgive us for the times that we were so full of our own importance and status that we lost out on great moments of grace you gave to us.

Help us to become more aware of the knowledge and truth that draws us closer to you when we live as baptised people of God with the Holy Spirit as our guide.