

Lectio Divina

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- **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)
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June 24th 2012

Feast of Birth of John the Baptist – Year B – Mark 4: 26 - 34

In this week's gospel we celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist. He is the only Saint that we celebrate both his birth and death. He experienced the grace of God while still in his mother's womb. It is the humility of John the Baptist that is very striking and empowering. People were coming for miles to see him but he always pointed to the one who is more powerful than him." He must increase and I must decrease". Do we take the opportunity through our good deeds to point to the One who has enabled us and who is the greatest of all.

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the people of God who go about their task of bringing your love to all with great humility and kindness. We thank you for all volunteers who help in any way to make our world a better place.

Forgive us for the times that we let our ego get in the way and enjoy the admiration of all rather than letting them know it is through your power that we do good.

Help us to be aware of the needs of your people and help them in a gentle humble way just like John the Baptist.

