

## Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

### First Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Our Lord

— Openness to the Holy Spirit - Matthew 3:1-2, 11-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him 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, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



**Our Father ...**

**Hail Mary** full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blest is the fruit of thy womb Jesus, *who was baptized by John.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Concluding Prayer:

Pray for us, Mary, star of the New Evangelization, *that we may be radically faithful to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.*