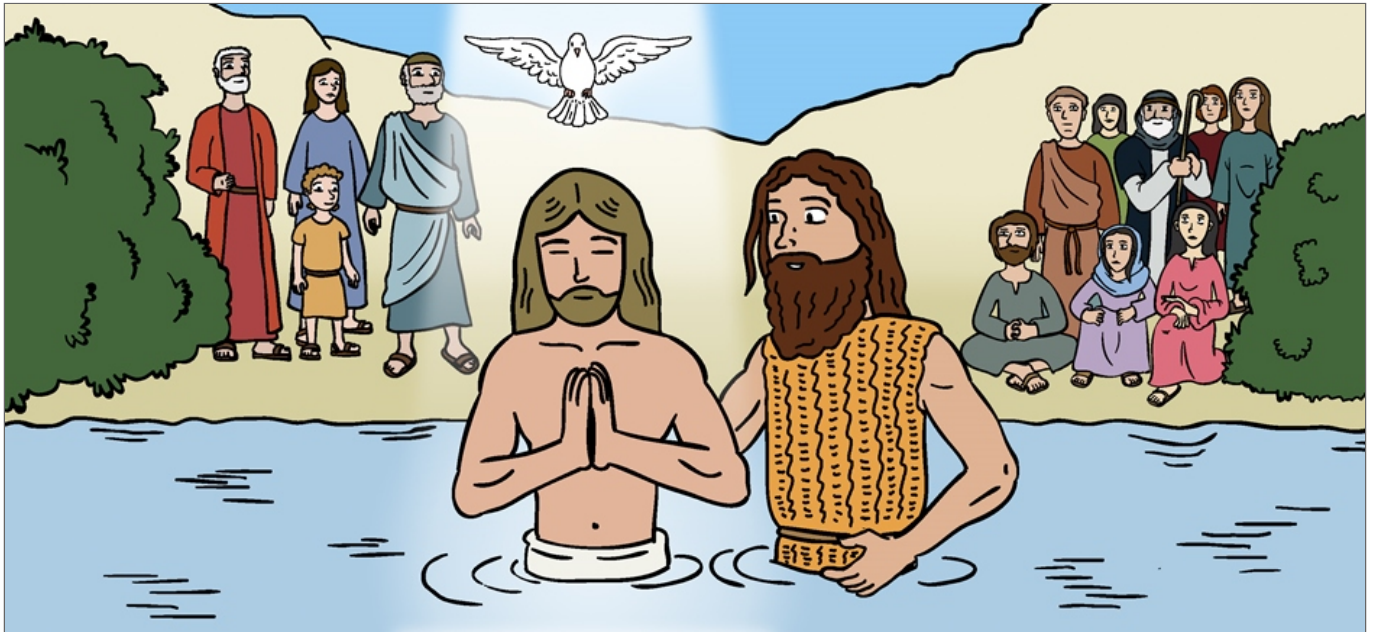


# The Baptism of the Lord (C)

**Gospel text (Lk 3:15-16.21-22):** John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”



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Today, again, St. John the Baptist repeats that he is not Christ (Jesus-Savior). And announces that Jesus Christ will bring us a more powerful baptism. It is the sacrament of Baptism, by which God forgives us the original sin and adopts us as His children and members of His Church.

- Holy Spirit and fire! The Love of God is holy and burns. Jesus loves us so much that he wants us as his brothers and children of his Father.