Sunday, January 8, 2023: The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Theme: “Faithful to Fulfill All Righteousness”

Collect of the Day:

Father in heaven, Who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into His Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

Old Testament Proclamation: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: 20-29

New Testament Proclamation: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel Proclamation: Matthew 3: 13-17

Gradual Verse:

It is the Spirit Who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the Words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Prayers of the People Option I:

You may use the following:

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church, and for the world.

Minister: Father, we pray for Your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Minister: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;

People: That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

Minister: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Bishop Craig and Bishop Ariel;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

Minister: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Minister: Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in Your sight.

Minister: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Minister: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Minister: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Minister: We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

Minister: And we lift before You this parish, in the manner in which You have given unto us:

*People: As we pray our Corporate Petition.*

*or the following alternative:*

Prayers of the People Option II:

Deacon: Beloved in the Lord, God anointed His Son Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power to establish His Kingdom. Let us give honor to the Servant-King!

Minister: Anointed and called in righteousness;

*People: Anointed and called in holiness.*

Minister: Anointed and called as a light to the nations;

*People: Anointed and called as a covenant to the people.*

Minister: Anointed and called to bring forth justice;

*People: Anointed and called to bring release to the captives.*

Minister: Anointed and called as highest of kings;

*People: Anointed and called as Lord of all.*

Minister: Anointed and called to heal blinded eyes;

*People: Anointed and called to heal the oppressed.*

*(Deacon prays for the sick here)*

Minister: Glory and honor and power to Jesus our King;

*People: Bringing forth His Kingdom of power and love in us.*

Minister: Manifest this anointing amidst our Project of Love, O God:

*People: As we lift to You our Corporate Petition.*

# The Concluding Collect:

Presider: Utter your voice among the nations, O God of glory, and bless Your people with strength and peace. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord. ***Amen.***

# Proper Preface:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For You have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, for when He appeared in our mortal nature, You made us new by the glory of His immortal nature.

And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Benediction:

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***