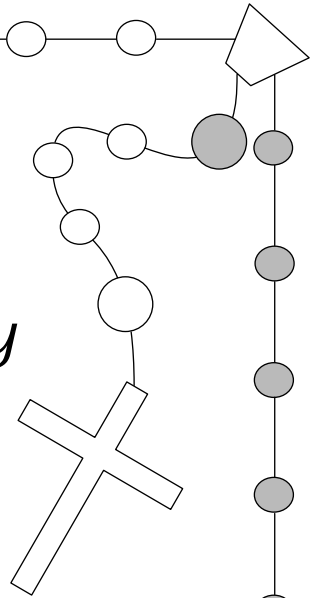


The First Luminous Mystery

Christ's Baptism

in the Jordan



Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22

John was the son of Elizabeth. He was Jesus' cousin. John called the Jewish people to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah. He baptized many people in the River Jordan

Then Jesus came to be baptized. John knew that Jesus was the Son of God and Our Lord. He said, "I should not baptize You, You should baptize me!" But Jesus answered, "Let the people see that I obey the commands of God too."

When Jesus was baptized a great light shone down on him and a voice from Heaven said, "This is my Son. I am very proud of Him."

What a great light has come to us! With his baptism, Jesus' divine nature is revealed and his mission on earth begun.

*Let this mystery teach us to honor
the promises of our baptism.*

