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The Baptism of the Lord

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Mark 1: 7-11

We are the Beloved

Finding a solution to almost any problem in today's world seems to take second place to finding somebody to blame for the problem anyway. Searching out a victim to blame is fast becoming a dominant "gossip" sport. Many of us take the lazy blame option rather than the more mature challenging one of unearthing the facts and thinking out constructive solutions. This lazy option happens not only in politics and in the media but in our ordinary everyday lives. Such a destructive approach undermines self-confidence and hinders the blossoming of community service. For most of us, engaging in voluntary local endeavours, requires at least some inkling of peer appreciation to underpin creative generous solutions to current problems.

We respond to acceptance, affirmation of relationship and to love. Such is our human nature. This is true of Jesus who shares in that nature as we see reported in this weekend's gospel story of His baptism. The Father claims Jesus as His Son, His beloved and assures Him that His Spirit will be with Him in all He is about to undertake.



We owe a similar reassurance to one another as Beloved of the Father.

We never walk alone.

Fr. Tom Clancy

