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Fr. Danny Murphy – Baptism of the Lord 2020

Would you raise your hand, please, if you know the date of your birth? Now, please raise your hand if you know the date of your Baptism! Not really as many hands went up then, including mine, but the day of your Baptism was one of the most important days in your life. On the day of his baptism, Jesus heard God say these words: "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus heard those words, believed those words, understood those words, remembered those words. It seems to me, those words sustained him throughout his life, especially during the tougher times in his life. God his Father said those words to Jesus: "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, " on the day of Our Lord's baptism, the very beginning of his public ministry, before any of his powerful

preaching, before any of his big miracles, before any of his salvific suffering, "You are my beloved Son," not for what you've done, because you haven't done anything! "You are my beloved Son," for who you are, "I am well pleased with you because you are my beloved Son." And the same is true for us. St. Paul teaches us, that at the day of our Baptism, we are baptized into Christ Jesus. So, what God our Father said to Jesus on the day of his baptism, God the Father said to me on my baptism. "You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased." Just as with Jesus, his Father didn't say those words to him because of anything he had done, but because of who he was. So too with me, on the day of my baptism, God said to me "You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased." Certainly, not for anything I have done, in fact, I shouldn't have done some of the things I did and certainly God the Father is not well pleased at all with some of the things I did. But he's always well pleased with me, because I am his beloved child and so are you! And so is each of us – always was, always will be, no matter what! We can hold on to those words said to us on the day of our baptism, by God our Father, "You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased." If I can hold on to that as did Jesus, especially during the tough times of my life. Jesus was able to remember those words throughout his life, the words his Father said to him on the day of his Baptism. Dear Jesus, please help each of us to always remember the words that God our Father said to Jesus on the day of his baptism, "You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased."