

## *2008 Theophany Blessing of the Fraser River*

Langley, B.C. -- Members of St. Herman's parish gathered at Derby Reach Park near Fort Langley, B.C. to celebrate the feast of Theophany by blessing the Fraser River.



Choir & people are led by Dan S.



A young parishioner holds the cross while Fr. Lawrence & Dn. Kurt read the service

Clustered together in the chill on the pebbly shore of Edgewater Bar, we sang and prayed, casting the cross into the water three times.



The Mighty Fraser was calm as the cross blessed the waters

At 1400 km in length, the Fraser is the longest river in British Columbia, and is designated a Canadian Heritage River for its importance to both human and natural history. It shapes the landscape of the Greater Vancouver/Fraser Valley Area where members of St. Herman's live and worship.



Warming up afterward with hot chocolate supplied by Ana W.  
Seven months earlier, this area where the clergy are standing was covered by flood waters.

For a period of time last June, the spot where we stood on Edgewater Bar this Theophany was underwater, as water levels on the Fraser River rose to a height not reached since 1972. May God grant a peaceful year for the Fraser in 2008!

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