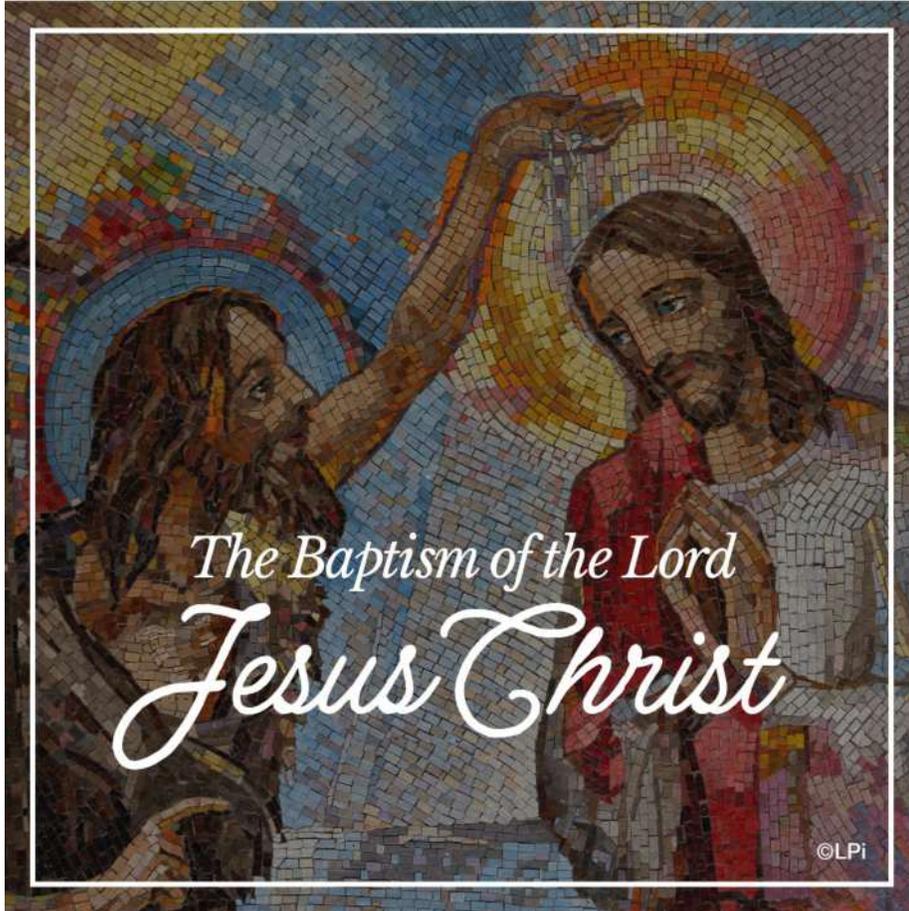


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The Baptism of the Lord

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## SACRAMENTS

### Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

### Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

### Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

#### Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

#### Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)  
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)  
11:30am English (organ & cantor)  
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

### Weekdays

#### Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

#### Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

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# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

JANUARY 11, 2026

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Acción de gracias al Santo Niño  
 12:00 p.m. Margaret Grossenbacher (D), Cirilo Abrea, Elena Abrea, Cresus Abrea (D)

### Tuesday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Oraciones para la Familia Rodriguez  
 12:00 p.m. Maria Ninh & Gioanbaotixixta Linh (D)

### Wednesday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Marco Peguero (D), Carmen Marquez (D)  
 12:00 p.m. Fernanda, Andreita Reyes (D), Carmen Urena de Castillo (D)

### Thursday, January 15

8:30 am San Anthony Negron (D), Felix Antonio Hernandez, Maria Olinda Ramirez, Keren Hernandez, Juan Bautista Hernandez (D)  
 12:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Alejandro Colon (D)  
 12:00 p.m. Frankly & Merle Morris (D)

### Saturday, January 17

7:45 a.m. Vinhson Nhi, Ana Tho, Maria Xian (D)  
 7:00 p.m. Grace Archibald (D), Jesus Paulino, Pablo Mercedes, Leonor & Luis Saxon (D), Maria Franco, Manuel Baez, David Baez (D), Santo Martinez (D), Miriam Gonzalez (D)

### Sunday, January 18

8:00 a.m. People of SNT,  
 9:30 a.m. Lillie Jones (L)-cumpleaños, Manuel Jose Barbecho (D)  
 11:30 am Thanksgiving—Kasongo Family, Cirilo Abrea, Elena Abrea, Cresus ABrea (D)  
 1:30 pm Gluse & Ana (D)

## READINGS

### First Reading:

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,  
 I have grasped you by the hand;  
 I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people,  
 a light for the nations. (Is 42:6)

### Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

### Second Reading:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” (Acts 10:34-35)

### Gospel:

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
 “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Mt 3:17)

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## Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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## The Baptism of the Lord Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac – Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their Mac-Books. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

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**Pilgrimage of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish  
Following St. Augustine's footsteps in Italy:  
Rome, Cascia, Assisi, Florence & Milan  
Sept. 21st- Oct 1st, 2026 Spir. Dir.: Fr. Luis Vera, OSA**

**21-Sep** NY -Rome  
**22-Sep** Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls  
**23-Sep** Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi  
**24-Sep** Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica  
**25-Sep** St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis  
**26-Sep** St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano  
**27-Sep** Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio  
**28-Sep** San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia  
**29-Sep** Cassago Brianza  
**30-Sep** Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.  
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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

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