

## The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



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GALILEE	HEAVEN	VOICE	LOVE	JESUS
OPENED	DOVE	JOHN	PLEASED	SON
JORDAN	WATER	FULFILL	BAPTIZED	SPIRIT

## WEEKDAY READINGS (PSALTER WEEK 1)

### 12 Monday - Ordinary Weekday

First Samuel 1: 1-8; Mark 1: 14-20

### 13 Tuesday - Ordinary Weekday /St. Hilary Bishop & Doctor

First Samuel 1: 9-20; Mark 1: 21-28

### 14 Wednesday - Ordinary Weekday

First Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mark 1: 29-39

### 15 Thursday - Ordinary Weekday

First Samuel 4: 1-11; Mark 1: 40-45

### 16 Friday - Ordinary Weekday

First Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2: 1-12

### 17 Saturday - St. Anthony, Abbot

First Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1; Mark 2: 13-17

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

### For prayer with the Word of God

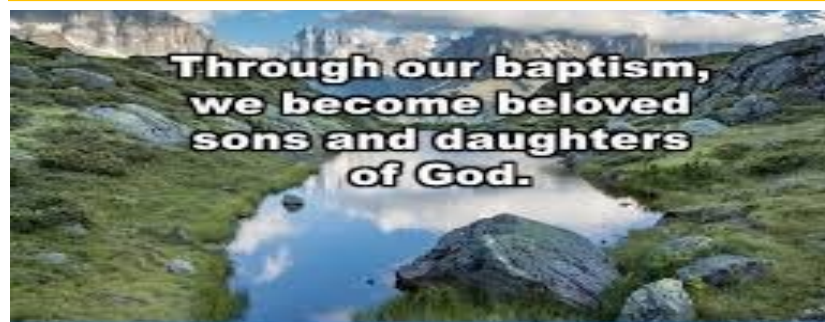
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

In today's Gospel, Jesus travels from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. As Jesus emerges from the water, the heavens suddenly open, the Spirit of God descends like a dove and rests upon him, and a voice from heaven declares, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased." This profound moment unveils Jesus' divine identity as the beloved Son of the Father, inaugurating his public ministry with the fullness of the Trinity revealed—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in harmonious unity.

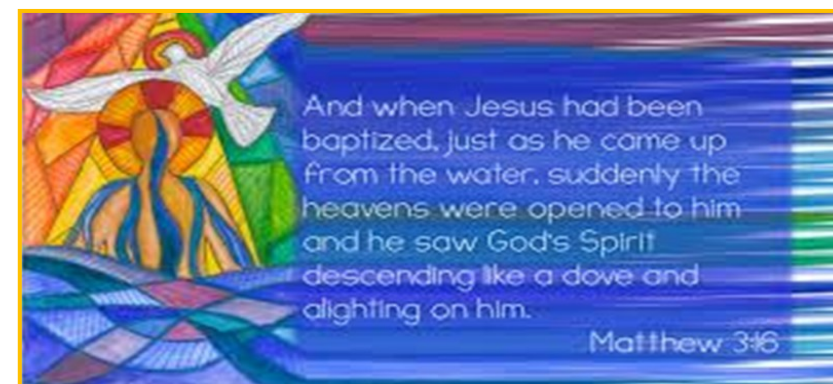
This event transcends a mere historical account; it serves as a mirror for every Christian's own baptismal journey. Jesus, though sinless, submits to baptism not for personal purification but to sanctify the waters for all humanity and to model humility and obedience.

The Father's words echo the prophecy of Isaiah's Suffering Servant, who brings justice through gentleness rather than force, inviting us to embrace our identity as God's adopted children. In our own baptisms, the same Spirit alighted upon us, calling us to live out that belovedness amid daily challenges—choosing love over resentment, service over self-interest, and mission over comfort. The Jordan's waters remind us that new beginnings are always possible, washing away old divisions and empowering us to proclaim God's reign through acts of mercy and justice.

As we reflect on this feast, it challenges us to renew our baptismal commitment. In a world often marked by division and haste, Jesus' deliberate step into the river urges patience and solidarity with the marginalized, much like John's prophetic call to repentance. The dove's gentle descent symbolizes the Spirit's tender yet transformative presence, encouraging us to foster peace in our families, communities, and beyond. Ultimately, this Gospel invites awe and gratitude: we share in the Son's pleasure in the Father's eyes, tasked not with perfection but with faithful witness to the light that scatters darkness.



- ♦ **First Holy Communion** class resumes this Monday 12th January, 2026 3:00 p.m. at Norton Hall.
- ♦ **First year Confirmation** class resumes on Tuesday 13th January 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral.
- ♦ **The Cathedral Parish** extends their gratitude to all who contributed towards the Holy Innocents Mass reception. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.
- ♦ **Baptismal Class** will begin soon, parents with a baby to be baptized please register at the Parish office.
- ♦ Next Sunday January 18th, 2026, the church celebrates the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.
- ♦ **Confirmation at the Cathedral**, will also take place next Sunday, Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:00.a.m.
- ♦ **The Catholic Charismatic Renewal** invites all to its Day of Renewal on Sunday January 25th 2026, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception starting at 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **The first Parish Pastoral Council meeting** for this year will be held on Monday 26th January, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at Norton Hall. Members please make a special effort to attend and to be on-time.



## Nutrition Tip for the week

Set **Nutrition goals** that can be a lifetime habit. Let it be personal that you can achieve and are motivated to accomplish.



# Catechesis Corner

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONT...

### THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT CON'T- You shall not steal.

#### Respect for the goods of others

Contracts are subject to commutative justice which regulates exchanges between persons in accordance with a strict respect for their rights. Commutative justice obliges strictly; it requires safeguarding property rights, paying debts, and fulfilling obligations freely contracted. Without commutative justice, no other form of justice is possible.

One distinguishes commutative justice from legal justice which concerns what the citizen owes in fairness to the community, and from distributive justice which regulates what the community owes its citizens in proportion to their contributions and needs. In virtue of commutative justice, reparation for injustice committed requires the restitution of stolen goods to their owner:

Jesus blesses Zacchaeus for his pledge: "If I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." (Lk 19:8). Those who, directly or indirectly, have taken possession of the goods of another, are obliged to make restitution of them, or to return the equivalent in kind or in money, if the goods have disappeared, as well as the profit or advantages their owner would have legitimately obtained from them. Likewise, all who in some manner have taken part in a theft or who have knowingly benefited from it - for example, those who ordered it, assisted in it, or received the stolen goods - are obliged to make restitution in proportion to their responsibility and to their share of what was stolen.

Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. the passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. The seventh commandment forbids acts or enterprises that for any reason - selfish or ideological, commercial, or totalitarian - lead to the enslavement of human beings, to their being bought, sold and exchanged like merchandise, in disregard for their personal dignity. It is a sin against the dignity of persons and their fundamental rights to reduce them by violence to their productive value or to a source of profit. St. Paul directed a Christian master to treat his Christian slave "no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother, . . . both in the flesh and in the Lord." (Philem 16).

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## Collections:

### January 5th, 2026 (Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord)

Cathedral 4:00 p.m.	\$1087.25		
Cathedral 8.00 a.m.	\$1713.85	Brizan	\$173.00
Happy Hill	\$1083.75	Fontenoy	\$111.00
Tempe	\$ 755.45	Mt. Moritz	\$303.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,227.50</b>		

Thank you for your generosity. God bless you always!

## Prayer for the Discernment of A New Bishop

O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unchanging care, grant to your Church in St. George's-in-Grenada a shepherd who will faithfully follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Give us a Bishop filled with wisdom and understanding so that, guided by your Holy Spirit, he may be a faithful pastor, a prudent teacher, wise in discerning the needs of our diocese and region. Strengthen him to uphold the gospel of truth, to lead your flock with humility and courage and to build up the Body of Christ in love and holiness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church, pray with us and for us. Amen.

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## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Limo Grant, Ann Bishop, Thelma Joseph, Michael Philbert, Dean Andrew, Clarissa Bain, Arnold Joseph, Ambrose Noel, Andrea Jessica, Veronica Thomas, Emma Joseph, Joseph Ross, Finley Gill

# CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Our Lady Queen of Peace, **BELMONT/SPRINGS**  
Saints Joachim & Anne, **BRIZAN**;  
Blessed Trinity, **FONTENOY**;  
Church of the Uganda Martyrs, **HAPPY HILL**;  
Our Lady Queen of the Universe, **MT. MORITZ**;  
St. Benedict the Moor, **RIVER ROAD/DARBEAU**  
Our Lady Lily of the Valley, **TEMPE**.

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## The Feast of The Baptism of The Lord - January 11th, 2026

### Sunday Mass Schedules:

Cathedral Saturday: 6:00 p.m.	Happy Hill Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Belmont Saturday: 6:00 p.m.	Tempe Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Brizan Sunday: 6:30 a.m.	Fontenoy Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral Sunday: 8:00 a.m.	Mt. Moritz Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses:

Cathedral: 6:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.  
Happy Hill - Wednesday - 6 pm

### CONFESSION:

Cathedral: Saturdays: 7.00 a.m. - 8.00 a.m.  
(Priests available at request)

Welcome, sisters and brothers in Christ. Today we gather at the close of the Christmas season to celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus stands in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice reveals him as the beloved Son. As we enter this liturgy, we are invited to remember our own baptism and to listen again for that same loving voice over our lives and over our world.

**The first reading** from Isaiah presents the Lord's servant: chosen, upheld, filled with the Spirit, bringing gentle justice and light to the nations without breaking the bruised reed or quenching the shouldering wick.

**In the second reading** from Acts, Peter tells Cornelius that God shows no partiality and welcomes anyone, in every nation, who reveres God and does what is right. He then says that after his baptism, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power and went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, because God was with him.

**In the Gospel**, Jesus comes to John at the Jordan to be baptized; as he comes up from the water, the heavens open, the Spirit rests on him, and the Father's voice declares him the beloved Son, marking the beginning of his public mission