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Baptism of the Lord

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Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am
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Saturday:.....8:30 am

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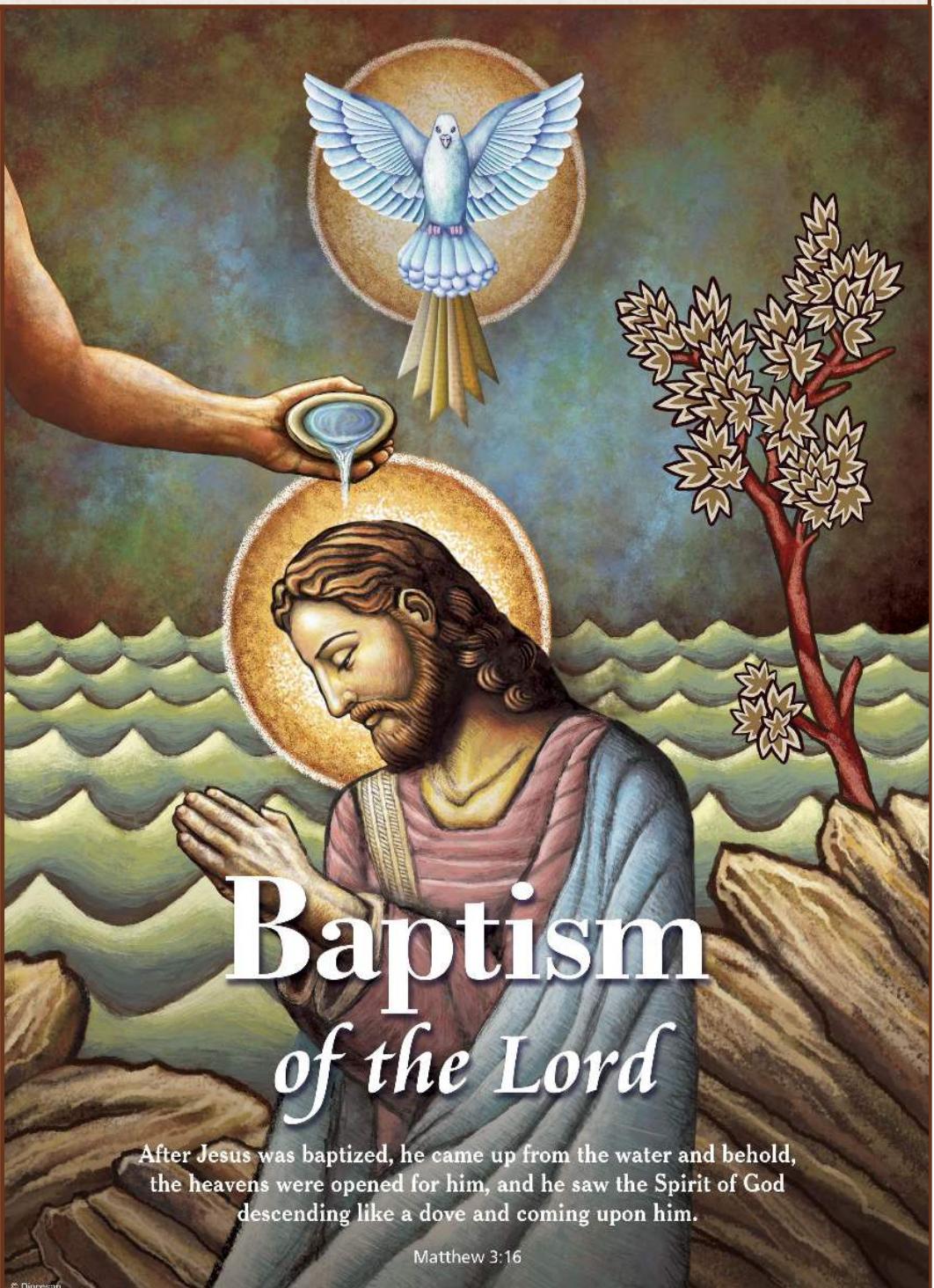
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January 11, 2026

Mass Intentions for the week of January 11th to January 18th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM For the people of the Parish	7:00 AM Jean Ruesewald † by the Ericson	7:00 AM For the ill members of the parish	7:00 AM For the Special Intentions of Father Chris
9:30 AM James Webster † by the family	8:30 AM Matthew Amato †	8:30 AM Kimberly Clearly †	8:30 AM Mary Hirsch †
11:30 AM Louis Ragosta by the Eriksen family	<i>God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power</i>		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thinking about the Readings

1. When was I baptized? Do I know who my Godparents are? Am I anyone's Godparent?
2. What memories do I have of baptisms I have celebrated?
3. Have I ever felt overcome by water?
 How have I experienced God's favor

Readings for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

From my mother's womb, I am God's servant

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Greetings to you, a holy people of Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Behold, the Lamb of God!

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)
 Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.
 Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.
 Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm
 Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.
 Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)
 Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm
 Fatima Sundays – Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from May through October, 3-4:30pm.
 Litanies – After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

Each week we lift our voices with praise and thanksgiving over these gifts.

As the new year unfolds, let us renew our commitment to bring what we receive here to our hungry world.



Today's good news

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany. The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM For Peace on earth	7:00 AM Peggy Heaslet †	8:30 AM John Hackimer † by his wife, Debbie Hackimer	7:30 AM For the people of the parish
8:30 AM For the Caregivers of our parish	8:30 AM Special Birthday Blessings for Agnieszka	5:00 PM Marjorie Hale † by the family	9:30 AM Luis J Alfano † on behalf of beloved friends & family
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for the Special Intentions LoRubbio family † by the Ericson family			
11:30 AM Wendy Marie Lussier † by her parents			

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "... there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God's service in and through the Church."

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$17,194 (12/25) and \$11,069 on (12/28), (1/1) \$4,957 and (1/3) \$14,559.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

SCHOOL NEWS



Right before Christmas, our PK students had an amazing time decorating cookies with our 8th graders. Moments like these truly show the heart of our school—older students leading with love and our youngest learners joying every sweet moment.



Spirit Day at El Heredero



QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Has the church experienced an epiphany of God?
How has this influenced the life of the parish?



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration on **January 8th from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm**.

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)
Religious Education Classes (CCD) this
Wednesday in the school at **6:15 pm.**



OCIA
OCIA meeting will be held this Sunday, **December 11th**, at **1:30pm**, in Avila Hall!

“O”ur Catholic Nugget
A Quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta “We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmastime, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.”

Adult Bible Study
Winter Bible study will begin January 2026.

Monday morning and Tuesday evening classes will be, *The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy*. This session will run for 10-weeks. Classes will begin **Monday, January 19th** or **Tuesday, January 20th**.

Wednesday mornings class will be, *The Chosen Season 5, The Last Supper*. This session will run for 8 sessions. Classes will begin **Wednesday January 21st**.

All classes will be held in Avila Hall. If you have any questions or would like to register contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. Space is limited.

Breakfast Buffet

Save the Date for our next Breakfast Buffet **January 18, 2026** after each Mass in the Parish Center. Omelets made to order, pancakes, as well as Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy! Suggested donation: Adults: \$12, Children 5-12 \$6.

Proceeds will be used to reduce the cost of the Youth Travelers on our Italy Youth Pilgrimage 2026.

Italy Pilgrimage 2026, Fund Raisers

For information please contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

Fund Raiser	Dates
50/50 Raffles	Monthly, ticket sale after each Mass, Drawing at the end of the month
Breakfast Buffet	Monthly, see announcements and Bulletin for dates.
Restaurant Spirit Nights	Culvers 5:00pm – 8:00pm ; January 5 th , February 2 nd , April 20 th , June 1 st
Tacos	January 10 th and 24 th Parish Center
Italian Dinner Night	TBD



Please join us
on
January 10th
and
January 24th after Mass
for tacos in the Parish Center
for freshly made tacos.



Bereavement /Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating.
You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.



Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM**.

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets



The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly**: Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6pm**

There will be a Pot Luck dinner on **02/09/26**

Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.



Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church

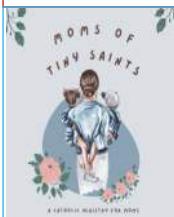
Food Pantry Cor Jesu

The Food Pantry is in need of Tuna and Hamburger Helper, mac & Cheese and canned pork & beans.



If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for perishables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



Moms of Tiny Saints

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints. Join us at one of our upcoming events.



Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions.

Date	Time	Location	Event
Jan. 13	10AM	Fox Lake Park	Playground Meet Up
Jan. 22	7PM	OhVino	Just-for-Moms Night
Jan. 31	2:30 PM	Text Kasey for address	Family Rosary Potluck & Winter Olympic Games
Feb. 10	10AM	Taylor Park at Cocoa Village	Playground Meet Up

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End of the Christmas Season

How many days is Christmas? When should you finally take those lights off the porch, or remove the tree? Read on for some of the arguments for and against commonly agreed-upon end dates for Christmas.

Christmas is 12 days

We've all heard the Christmas carol "Twelve Days of Christmas." While it's unclear as to why someone would give someone 23 separate birds, a pear tree, and the services of 50 people over a 12-day period, there actually is a liturgical precedent for claiming that Christmas is 12 days long.

Twelve days after Christmas is the Feast of the Epiphany. This day marks when the Magi encountered Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and gave Jesus the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also in his baptism in the Jordan River and at the wedding at Cana.

In the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church, Theophany — as Epiphany is known in the East — commemorates the manifestation of Jesus' divinity at his Baptism in the River Jordan.

Christmas ends on Candlemas

Candlemas, or the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is on Monday, Feb. 2. On this day, many Catholics bring candles to the church to be blessed. They can then light these candles at home during prayer or difficult times as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Candlemas is the last day that the Alma Redemptoris Mater is the Marian antiphon appended to hours of the Divine Office. The Alma Redemptoris Mater is used from the beginning of Advent through Feb. 2, and so Candlemas has come to be associated with the close of the Christmas season.

O come, little children, O come, one and all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall



Children of the parish visit Baby Jesus

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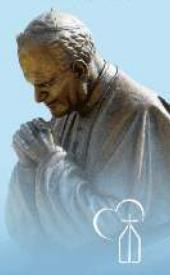
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The theme for the 2026 World Day of Peace is :
"Peace Be With You All: Towards an Unarmed and Disarming Peace."

Overview of the Theme

The Vatican has announced that the theme for the 2026 World Day of Peace, which was celebrated on January 1, 2026, is :

"Peace Be With You All: Towards an Unarmed and Disarming Peace."

This theme emphasizes the importance of rejecting violence and war, advocating for a peace that is rooted in love and justice.

This theme, according to a statement from the Vatican Press Office, "invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, to embrace an authentic peace, based on love and justice."

The statement continues: "It is a peace that is unarmed — that is, not based on fear, threats, or weapons; and disarming, because it is capable of dissolving conflicts, opening hearts, and generating trust, empathy, and hope. It is not enough to invoke peace; it must be embodied in a lifestyle that rejects all forms of violence, visible or structural."

"The greeting of the risen Christ, 'Peace be with you' (cf. Jn 20:19), is an invitation to all — believers, nonbelievers, political leaders, and citizens — to build the kingdom of God and to construct together a humane and peaceful future," the statement concludes.





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The Baptism of the Lord

Acts 10:34-38

New Beginning

Something happened at the baptism of Jesus. John had been using baptism as a way of ushering people into a new way of life. They turned down a new path on life's journey, and placed themselves completely at the service of God.

When Jesus accepted baptism by John, his public ministry began. He worked wonders. He preached about the reign of God. He acquired disciples. He foretold his death and resurrection. He prayed. He lived for God alone. When the evangelists searched out how this ministry began, they all turned back to the same moment: the baptism by John.

In Acts of the Apostles, Peter went to the house of Cornelius the Gentile, because Cornelius wanted to know more about Jesus. Peter began teaching by summarizing the life of Jesus. He did it the same way the evangelists did: God proclaimed peace, "beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached," where "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power."

Many of us can point to a moment when something happened in our lives, too. Perhaps there was one day when we started looking at the world a lot differently. We saw more clearly who we were and what God wanted us to be. We pledged to be faithful to the God who loves us, and ever since, we have striven to live out our commitment. No one did it as perfectly as Jesus, but we are all called by God for some purpose.

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The Baptism of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22



Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of **Ordinary Time**. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

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