

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered;
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



An Act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in our daily battle; be our safeguard against
the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O
Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust
down into hell

Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl throughout
the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

✠ Our Lady of Lourdes ✠ Pray for Us

✠ St. Theresa ✠ Pray for Us

✠ St. Anthony ✠ Pray for Us

Confession
& Absolution

Confessions

Available after every weekday and
Saturday Vigil Mass or by advanced
booking.

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
30 minutes before Weekday Mass

Anointing of the sick
In cases of emergency only.

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ~Mark 1:9-11

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that?

Simply put, Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him.

By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

It was not only the Eternal Son Who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son. Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism liturgically, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of this new unity with the Holy Trinity. But we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. If we fully understood what happens every time we acknowledge our sins and repent of them, we would never grow tired of repenting. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven.



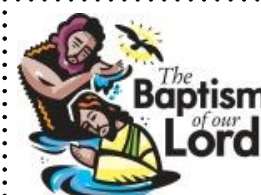
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January Devotion: The Holy Name of Jesus

The Baptism of the Lord, Yr. A

11th January 2026

Psalter Week 1



Saturday, 10th January,

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes – World Peace

Sunday, 11th January,

8.30am, St Anthony's – Elizabeth Evans RIP

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – Shane

Chessum RIP

11.00am, St. Theresa's – Birthday blessings for
Sanctus and Benedict Daudu.

Monday, 12th January, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — The Sick & Housebound of Our
Parishes

Tuesday, 13th January, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — SVP Beneficiaries

Wednesday, 14th January, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday – Mr Finnegan RIP

Thursday, 15th January, 11.00am, St. Theresa's

Weekday – Catherine McGinty RIP (Anniversary)

Friday, 16th January, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday—November Memorial List

Next Weekend's Masses (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A)

Saturday 17th January

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes -
Willibald Hegewald RIP

Sunday 18th January

8.30am, St. Anthony's -

In Thanksgiving (MM)

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes -

Mary & James Foley RIP

11.00am St. Theresa's -

The Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially those
with no one to pray for them.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Lady of Lourdes: The Holy Souls in
Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

St. Anthony's: Sandra Rawlings RIP

Sponsor: Irena & Bob Hunt

St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in
Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish



Sunday Readings:

1st Isaiah 42:1=4,6-7.

2nd Acts 10:34=38.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17.

Responsorial Psalm: 29.

*The LORD will bless his people with
peace.*

Gospel Acclamation, Cf. Mark 9:7.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*The heavens were opened and the
voice of the Father thundered: "This
is my beloved Son; listen to him".
Alleluia.*



