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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE SPIRIT OF GOD
DESCENDING LIKE
A DOVE.

— MATTHEW 3:16 —



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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Horario de Oficina

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Jueves: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Mass Schedule & Confessions | Horario de Misas y Confesiones:

Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del Sábado

Spanish/Español 5:30pm

Sunday/Domingo

English/Inglés 8:00am & 11:00am

Spanish/Español 1:00pm

Daily Mass/Misa entre semana

Tuesday-Friday 8:00am-English

Tuesdays/Martes 7:00pm-Español

Holy Days/ Días Santos

Usually /Usualmente 8:00am & 7:00pm

(Watch Bulletin for updates)

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración al Santísimo

Friday/Viernes 9:00am-6:00pm

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturdays/Sábados 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fridays/Viernes 9:00am-10:00am

Parish Mission Statement Misión de la Parroquia

"Here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we strive to create a Catholic Culture of Prayer, Teamwork and Discipleship through knowing Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Good, Beautiful and True."

"Aquí en St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, nos esforzamos por crear una Cultura Católica de Oración, trabajo en equipo y discipulado conociendo a nuestro Señor Jesucristo en lo Bueno, Hermoso y Verdadero".

"If you, a family member or a friend would like prayers for peace, healing or any intention, please call Mary Hylton at 503.649.3426. The Prayer Alert Ministry will include your confidential request in their daily intentions."

"Si usted, un miembro de su familia o un amigo desea oraciones por la paz, la curación o cualquier otra intención, por favor llame a la Sra. Mary Hylton al 503.649.3426 o a la oficina al 503-649-9044"

Parish Ministries Community Meetings |

Ministerios de la Parroquia

Grupo de Oración Carismática

Thursdays | Jueves - 7:00pm

Apostoles de la Palabra

Wednesdays | Miércoles - 7:00pm

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Fridays | Viernes - 7:00pm

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays | Martes - 4:30pm

Sundays | Domingos - 2:30pm – Junior Praesidium Meeting in the Chapel

Women's Bible Study

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month - 2:00pm

Jovenes y Adultos para Cristo

Fridays | Viernes - 7:00pm

Finance Committee Chair – Chris Darwin

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Worship & Meditation

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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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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 MacBooks. 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

**"Giving Our First Fruits to God"
Weekly Collection Recap**

Our Budget is based on the expected average expenses for the month of January \$55,926

How are we doing?

All Weekend Masses + Online Giving

Collection: Total: \$ 10,052

Other Services: Total: \$ 2,539

Weekend of 1/4/2026 Total: \$ 12,591

Weekend of 12/28/2025 Total: \$ 9,670

Other Masses:

Christmas Masses \$8,700

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God \$4,345

**"Dando Nuestros Primeros Frutos a Dios"
Resumen de la Colecta Semanal**

Nuestro Presupuesto se basa en los gastos promedios esperados para el mes de Enero \$55,926

¿Cómo vamos?

Todas las misas del fin de semana y

donaciones en línea: Total: \$ 10,052

Otros Servicios: Total: \$ 2,539

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Otras Misas:

Misas de Navidad \$8,700

Solemnidad de María, Santa Madre de Dios \$4,345

**+MASS INTENTIONS /
+INTENCIONES DE MISA**

Mon	Jan.	12	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	Jan.	13	8:00am	Special Intention
			7:00pm	Special Intention
Wed	Jan.	14	8:00am	Special Intention
Thu	Jan.	15	8:00am	Special Intention
Fri	Jan.	16	8:00am	Special Intention
Sat	Jan.	17	5:30pm	+Jose Ortega
Sun	Jan.	18	8:00am	Special Intention
			11:00am	Special Intention
			1:00pm	+Miguel Angel Lopez Gomez

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Blessing for Baptismal Graces

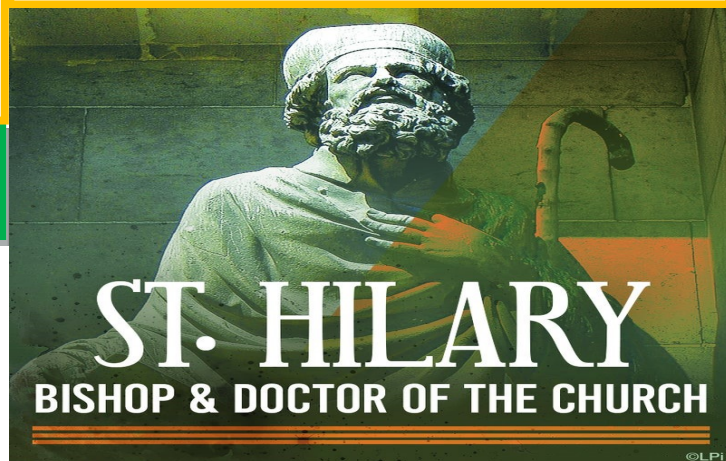
Dear God,

Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved. Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.

Plant Your identity in our hearts. Help us to live as Your beloved.

Amen.

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WorldWide MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on January 30 to February 1, 2026, in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply for your WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthepark.org. For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthepark.org



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2026 weekend dates:

February 20-22

April 24-26

June 26-28

September 11-13

November 6-8

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a nonprofit, volunteer ministry that helps engaged couples prepare to begin a sacramental, lifelong marriage. Founded in 1974, CEE presents weekend retreats throughout the United States and in dozens of other countries. This marriage preparation experience is open to people of all faiths.

HONORING OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton is hosting

Our Lady's Luncheon Tea and Silent Auction

Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 12 pm – 3 pm. Doors open for bidding at 11 am.

Cost is \$50.00 per person. Tables of 6 and 8 available for purchase. Please come, bring friends and family, men welcome! Help us raise funds for pew cushions and kneelers in the Convent Chapel and pew cushions in the Retreat House Chapel. For reservations: online at www.olpretreat.org or phone the Retreat House at 503-649-7127 and ask for Jossie. Reservations accepted beginning the Monday after Thanksgiving Day, December 1.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

11 de enero de 2026

EL Bautismo del Señor

Mateo 3:13-17

Las lecturas de hoy nos presentan al prometido por Dios desde el Antiguo Testamento. Al ser bautizado por Juan, Jesús asume su misión pública, nada fácil, por cierto. Sin embargo, no está solo. El Espíritu Santo lo acompañará a lo largo de su vida y misión. “En ese momento se abrieron los cielos y vio al Espíritu de Dios que bajaba como una paloma y se posaba sobre él. Al mismo tiempo, se oyó una voz del cielo que decía: ‘Este es mi Hijo, el Amado; en él me complazco’”. (Mateo 3:16-17). La liturgia de este domingo nos invita a descubrir la magnitud de nuestro bautismo. Desde ese día, el Espíritu Santo nos acompaña y guía en cada momento de nuestra vida. Solo basta con dejarlo actuar, y hará maravillas en nosotros. ¿Sabes la fecha y el día de tu bautismo?

¿Conoces el nombre del sacerdote que te dio el sacramento? “Los bautizados se han revestido de Cristo” (Gálatas 3:27).

“Por el Espíritu Santo, el bautismo es un baño que purifica, santifica y justifica” (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, #1227).

Gracias, Señor, por amarnos tanto, porque por nuestro bautismo nos acogiste y abrazaste en tus brazos, y nos manifestaste ante la comunidad para formar parte de la familia cristiana. Todos somos hijos e hijas de Dios por el bautismo. Desde su bautismo, Jesús pasó haciendo el bien durante su vida terrena. Por lo tanto, nuestro compromiso como bautizados debe ser el mismo: ¡hacer el bien!

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LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Mini reflexión:

Cuando la voz de Dios declara: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien me complazco", se refiere, por supuesto, a Jesús. Pero creo que diría lo mismo de Juan el Bautista, y de todos aquellos que dan la bienvenida a Jesús en las aguas, listos para hacer lo que él les ordene.

Cuando Jesús se Mete

Por lo general, cuando Dios viene a nosotros, no estamos listos. Creemos que lo estamos. Como Juan el Bautista, estamos en nuestras aguas del bautismo, seguros de nuestra misión. Sabemos cómo va a ir. Sabemos lo que se nos va a pedir. Estamos seguros de ello. Cristo se mete en las aguas. Y arruina todos nuestros planes. Para ser claros, no creo que Juan el Bautista carezca de fe cuando se resiste a la idea de bautizar a Jesús. Creo que es, de hecho, un testimonio de su humildad. Pero sea lo

que sea que motivó las acciones de Juan, él está, aunque sea por un breve momento, dudando en hacer la voluntad de Dios. Solo unos pocos capítulos después de esto en el Evangelio de Mateo, Jesús reconocerá que Juan es la persona más grande "nacida de mujeres", con la advertencia de que incluso él no es lo suficientemente perfecto para el Reino de los Cielos. Todavía no. Jesús no le dio una explicación a Juan mientras los dos estaban parados en el río Jordán. Simplemente dijo: "Déjalo ser por ahora". Juan podría haberse resistido más, exigiendo entender por qué. Podría haber sospechado de la simplicidad de la respuesta de Jesús, de la extrañeza de esta petición. Podría haberse aferrado desesperadamente a su versión de cómo se supone que deben ser las cosas y, al hacerlo, fomentado la duda en su corazón. Incluso podría haberse ido furioso, confundido y enojado. No hizo ninguna de estas cosas, porque Juan es, como dice Jesús, el más grande nacido de las mujeres. Cuando el Espíritu Santo descende y la voz de Dios declara: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien me complazco", se está refiriendo, por supuesto, a Jesús. Pero creo que diría lo mismo de Juan el Bautista, y de todos aquellos que dan la bienvenida a Jesús en las aguas, listos para hacer lo que él les ordene.

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