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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



January 11, 2026

Mass attendance for the weekend of January 3rd & 4th:

5:30 pm – 113; 7:00 pm – 85; 7:30 am – 102
9:00 am – 470; 10:30 am – 192; 12 noon – 300 = 1262

Sunday Collection = \$8,081

**350 Parishioner Envelopes out of 829
91 Elementary School Cards out of 222**



*The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026*

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

They start forming while we are still toddlers. They continue through our teens. They grow more serious in our college years (if we go there) and they actually never completely go away. I refer to “Why?” questions.

Today’s great Feast provides the background for a serious example. Why was Jesus baptized? After all, if a major reason for our own baptism is to free us from original sin and its effects, whatever has it to do with a sinless Jesus, the only Son of God?

Jesus Himself gives us the answer when John the Baptist balks at the idea of baptizing Him. He tells John to do it “to fulfill all righteousness.” But what does that mean?

We must deal with the word for two reasons. First, there is the fact that Jesus uses it. Second, the word appears many times in the bible. Righteousness is all about God’s plan for mankind and the various helps he uses to stay the course. That course is *God’s plan and purpose*. One can see its application in the phrase that “all things are right with the world” to mean that justice and peace prevail and are both aligned with the divine will.

Of course, such discussion leads to the very personal “why?” or “why not?” questions we must ask ourselves concerning this whole project we have been given as Christians. We must live according to our baptismal promises. If you are not sure of what they are, just search the internet sometime today or in the coming week. They make for a good basis for any Christian New Year’s resolutions.

A secondary answer to the question of why Jesus was baptized, is the fact of His identification with us, in all things but sin that is. One of the beautiful comments I have read about the Baptism event is this: At our baptism, the water makes us holy. In the Lord’s case, He makes the water holy.

Once upon a time a renowned Southern Baptist preacher came upon an old man fishing. He watched and waited until the old gentleman pulled in an unusually ugly looking fish.

“What kind of fish is that?” asked the preacher. “Dey calls it a Baptist fish.” the old man answered. “What’s a Baptist fish?” asked the preacher. The old man explained: “Dey calls dem dat ’cause dey spoils so fast after dey is taken out of de water.”

God love you and give you, His peace.”

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

The divinely chosen Servant will not only be gentle but also never discouraged. The Lord will form a covenant that will free all the people.

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 23

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Jesus is anointed at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and power. God is with Him as He does good and heals those “oppressed by the devil.”

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus approaches John the Baptist (His cousin) to be baptized. John at first protests. Then Jesus tells him “It is fitting for them to fulfill all righteousness.”



Sunday, January 11

7:30am – Luz E. Maldonado & Fernando Rosario
9:00am – Miembros del Cursillo de Cristiandad
10:30am – † Jesús Moyano
12:00pm – † Elena Miranda

Monday, January 12

7:00am – *For the people of the parish*
9:00am – † Ralph Perez Sr.
12:00pm –

Tuesday, January 13

7:00am –
9:00am –
12:00pm –

Wednesday, January 14

7:00am –
9:00am – Angelique Pérez
12:00pm –
7:00pm – † Daniel Roldan Cuenca

Thursday, January 15

7:00am –
9:00am – † Daniel Roldan Cuenca
12:00pm – † Salvatore Catalano

Friday, January 16

7:00am –
9:00am – Khaleesi Maria Guerrero
12:00pm – † Mr. Jack Napolitano
7:00pm – † Evelyn Perla Lucero Herrera

Saturday, January 17

9:00am – † Daniel Roldan Cuenca
12:00pm – † Ana R. Salas
5:30 pm – † Carmen Rivera
7:00pm – † Brunilda Luciana Diaz



Congratulations ...

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Dear Parishioners,

BLESSED NEW YEAR! ... We here at St. Raymond offer our prayers daily for your needs, and during the New Year we ask the Lord for extra help, as we begin to walk with the infant Jesus, and seek to change our lives. No true change is ever possible without turning to the Lord. Turn to the Lord this year, as much as you can, whenever you can, after all God-Is-With-Us and wants us to grow with Him.

HOLIDAY ... in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr ... Monday, January 19 ... all schools and rectory are closed in respect to the work and the writings of Dr. King ... there is only one Mass on January 19 at 9 am ... please mark your calendars

IT IS STILL CHRISTMAS ... Similar to Easter Day, we celebrate Christmas Day for eight days, an Octave of Christmas. Remember, the Christmas Season continues through the Feast of Baptism of the Lord. So there is no need to throw out those decorations just yet!!

THE CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION ... will remain open during the month of January ... many thanks for your special generosity.

IN CHURCH ... are you texting or praying ... are you playing games or reading the Bible selections for the Sunday? Leave the phone in your pocket, put it off and ENJOY some quality time with God in church!

CONFESSIONS ... We will continue having confessions in English and Spanish available on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in addition to our Saturday confessions schedule.

NEW AD SPONSORS ... please notice the businesses that are supporting our weekly bulletin ... we are grateful to the many businesses and offices that advertise and support the printing of our Sunday bulletin ... please consider patronizing them and tell them you saw their ad in our Sunday bulletin.

AS ALWAYS ... a reminder about arriving early --- or at least, on time --- for Mass ... Jesus deserves our complete attention from the beginning of the Mass until the end ... on time for the Masses on Saturday at 5:30 pm or 7 pm and Sunday at 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, and 12 noon.

PARKING ... please be courteous ... do not use two spaces ... do not block other cars ... both parking lots are open --- on Castle Hill and on Purdy Street.

CREMATION ... as Catholics, we have permission of the church to be cremated ... the procedure for the funeral is: WAKE SERVICE WITH THE BODY, FUNERAL MASS WITH THE BODY, CREMATION and burial as soon as possible after the cremation ... we should not save the ashes at home, bring them to the beach or the mountains or leave them in the funeral home ... the ashes are to be treated with respect and dignity like a body and be buried as soon as possible after the cremation.

MASS INTENTIONS ... you can remember a family member or friend with an intention at a specific Mass come to the rectory for a specific date ... the offering is \$15 and Mass cards are available with each Mass ... the intentions can be for a living or deceased person ... intentions are printed in the bulletin.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION ... Just a reminder that we ask that you preferably receive Holy Communion in your hands, by holding out both hands one on top of the other. Also remember that the proper response to the priest before receiving

Holy Communion is "Amen," not "Thank you."

BAPTISMS ... all Catholics should be baptized ... parents should be registered in the parish and attending weekly Sunday Mass in order to have the child baptized ... godparents must be practicing Catholics who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation and, if married, married in the church ... godparents must be members of a parish and must be attending weekly Mass ... if you are going to be a godparent, it makes perfect and reasonable sense that you are practicing the faith and that you are a model for the child.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY ... the Catholic Church teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman, a sign of LOVE and LIFE ... Catholics should be married in the church and, if married only civilly, should speak to one of the priests about receiving the sacrament in the Church (called convalidation) ... please know that you are welcome to ask questions and to receive direction and advice about the SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY ... Please remember to secure a date for your wedding before making any arrangements with caterers, limo drivers, family and friends.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ... the usual practice for Catholic burials is a wake service in a funeral home, a Funeral Mass in the parish church, burial of the body or cremains in a cemetery (preferably a Catholic cemetery) ... speak with one of the priests for assistance before a death occurs and speak with a reputable funeral home director about pre-arrangements ... cremains (ashes) are held in the same reverence and respect as a body and so they should be treated carefully, respectfully, reverentially and buried as soon as possible after cremation.

PARISH REGISTRATION ... all members of the parish should be registered and receive parish mailings and envelopes ... if you are an adult (18 years and older), you should register to receive the envelopes and other information from the parish ... you need to be registered in order to receive recommendation letters, financial statements, tuition rates and other parish related issues ... **HOW TO REGISTER?** Come to the rectory office on Castle Hill Ave.

LATE FOR CHURCH? ... Why? Please resolve to arrive early for Mass, say a prayer, read the Scripture and be ready when we start it will make the Mass more prayerful and meaningful for all. Remember, if you miss the readings, you miss the teachings of Christ. St. Jerome wrote, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Getting to Church on time matters.

VISITING OF THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND ... If you know of anyone who is sick or homebound and would like to receive communion, Please call the rectory to give us your information as well as the information of the person who wishes to receive communion. They must reside in our parish area.



Zueridos Feligreses.

¡BENDITO AÑO NUEVO! ... Aquí en San Ramon ofrecemos nuestras oraciones diariamente por sus necesidades, y durante el año nuevo le pedimos al Señor ayuda adicional, mientras comenzamos a caminar con el niño Jesús, y buscamos cambiar nuestras vidas. Ningún cambio verdadero es posible sin recurrir al Señor. Vuélvase al Señor este año, tanto como puedan, cada vez que puedan, después de todo Dios-Esta-Con-Nosotros y quiere que crezcamos con Él.

DIA FESTIVO ... en honor del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ... el lunes, 19 de enero ... todas las escuelas y la rectoría están cerradas para honrar la obra y los escritos del Dr. King ... sólo hay una misa el 19 de enero a las 9 am .. por favor marque su calendario.

TODAVÍA ES NAVIDAD ... Al igual que el día de Pascua, celebramos el día de Navidad durante ocho días, una octava de Navidad. Recuerde, la temporada de Navidad continúa durante la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, que celebramos el proximo domingo. ¡Así que no hay necesidad de tirar esas decoraciones todavía!

COLECCIÓN DE NAVIDAD Y COLECCIÓN DE FLORES permanecerán abiertas durante el mes de enero ... muchas gracias por su generosidad especial.

EN LA IGLESIA ... estás enviando mensajes de texto o rezando ... estás jugando juegos o leyendo las selecciones de la Biblia para el domingo? Dejar el teléfono en el bolsillo, apagar el teléfono y DISFRUTAR de un tiempo de calidad con Dios en la iglesia!

CONFESIONES ... Continuaremos teniendo confesiones los Miércoles de las 6:00 pm a las 6:45 pm con Exposición al Santísimo Sacramento. Esto como adición a nuestro horario de confesiones de los Sábados.

NUEVOS PATROCINADORES DE ANUNCIOS ... por favor notar los negocios que están apoyando nuestro boletín semanal ... estamos agradecidos a los muchos negocios y oficinas que se anuncian y apoyan la impresión de nuestro boletín de los domingos ... por favor considerar apoyarlos y decirles que usted vio su anuncio en nuestro boletín del domingo.

COMO SIEMPRE ... un recordatorio acerca de llegar temprano -- o al menos, a tiempo — para la misa ... Jesús merece toda nuestra atención desde el principio de la misa hasta el final ... a tiempo para las misas los sábados a las 5:30 pm o 7:00 pm y los domingos a las 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, y 12 del mediodía.
PARQUEO ... por favor sea cortés ... no use dos espacios ... no bloquear otros coches ... ambos parqueos están abiertos --- en Castle Hill y en Purdy Street.

CREMACIÓN ... como católicos, tenemos el permiso de la iglesia para ser cremados ... el procedimiento para el funeral es: VELORIO CON EL CUERPO, MISA FUNERAL CON EL CUERPO, CREMACIÓN y entierro lo más pronto posible después de la cremación ... no debemos guardar las cenizas en el hogar, llevar a la playa o la montañas o dejar en la funeraria ... las cenizas deben ser tratadas con respeto y dignidad como un cuerpo y ser enterradas tan pronto como sea posible después de la cremación.

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA ... usted puede recordar un miembro de la familia o amigo con una intención en una Misa específica ... venir a la rectoría para una fecha específica ... la

ofrenda es \$15 y tarjetas de la Misa están disponibles con cada Misa ... las intenciones pueden ser para una persona viva o difunta ... intenciones son impresas en el boletín, colocados en el altar y mencionadas por el sacerdote en la Misa.

RECEPCIÓN DE LA SANTA COMUNIÓN ... Solo un recordatorio de que le pedimos que preferiblemente reciba la Sagrada Comunión en sus manos, sosteniendo ambas manos una encima de la otra. También recordar que la respuesta apropiada al sacerdote antes de recibir la Sagrada Comunión es "Amén", no "Gracias".

BAUTISMOS ... todos los católicos deben ser bautizados ... padres deben estar registrados en la parroquia y asistiendo a Misa los domingos semanalmente para tener al niño bautizado ... padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes que han recibido los sacramentos de Bautismo, Santa Comunión y Confirmación y, si casado, casado en la iglesia ... padrinos deben ser miembros de una parroquia y deben estar asistiendo a Misa semanalmente ... si va a ser un padrino, hace perfecto sentido y es razonable que usted este practicando la fe y que es un modelo para el niño.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO ... la Iglesia Católica nos enseña que el matrimonio es entre un hombre y una mujer, un signo de AMOR y VIDA ... Los católicos deben casarse en la iglesia y, si es casado sólo civilmente, debe hablar con uno de los sacerdotes acerca de recibir el sacramento en la iglesia (llamado convalidación) ... por favor saber que son bienvenidos para hacer preguntas y recibir dirección y consejos sobre el SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO ... Por favor recuerde de asegurar la fecha para su ceremonia antes de hacer cualquier arreglos con los proveedores, los conductores de la limosina, la familia y los amigos.

ARREGLOS FUNEBRES ... la práctica usual para entierros católicos es un servicio velatorio en una funeraria, una Misa Fúnebre en la iglesia parroquial, el entierro del cuerpo o restos en un cementerio (preferiblemente un cementerio católico) ... hablar con uno de los sacerdotes para asistencia antes que una muerte ocurra y hablar con un director acreditado de funeraria acerca de arreglos por adelantado ... los restos (las cenizas) deben recibir la misma reverencia y respeto como un cuerpo y por eso deben ser tratados con cuidado, respetuosamente, reverencialmente y enterrados tan pronto como sea posible después de la cremación.

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL ... todos los miembros de la parroquia debe estar registrados y recibir correspondencia parroquial y los sobres ... si usted es un adulto (18 años y más), debe registrarse para recibir los sobres y otra información de la parroquia ... tienes que estar registrado para poder recibir cartas de recomendación, cartas financieras, precios de matriculación y otros temas relacionados con la parroquia ... ¿CÓMO REGISTRARSE? Llegar a la rectoría en Castle Hill Ave.

¿TARDE A LA IGLESIA? ... ¿Por qué? Por favor, arreglar llegar temprano a la misa, para orar, leer la Santa Escritura y estar listo cuando empezamos --- hará la misa más devota y significativa para todos ... Recuerde, si usted no oye las lecturas, usted no oye las enseñanzas de Cristo. San Jerónimo escribió, "Ignorar las Escrituras es ignorar a Cristo." Llegar a la iglesia a tiempo es importante.

VISITANDO A LOS ENFERMOS O los CONFINADOS EN LA CASA ... Si usted conoce a alguien que está enfermo o confinados en la casa que desean recibir la comunión, por favor llame a la rectoría y denos su información así como la información para aquellos que desean recibir la comunión. Deben de residir en nuestra área parroquial.

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TRIDUO EN HONOR A



Virgen de la Attagracia

Wednesday/Miercoles 14 de Enero - 7:30 pm

Thursday/ Jueves 15 de Enero - 7:00 pm

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