

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 12, 2025



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10 am and 7 pm (10am Live-streamed )

Weekdays\* : Tues-Fri. Mass 9 am

Holy Days: 9 am and 6:30 pm

Confessions—Saturday: 3:30 or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration—Perpetual

Rosary—8:30 am daily, 6:00 pm on Thursdays

6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary on First Fridays

## REFLECT

**Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Psalm 29:1–4, 9–10  
Acts 10:34–38; Luke 3:15–16, 21–22**

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "coheirs" to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see [Genesis 22:2](#); [Exodus 4:22](#); [Psalm 2:7](#)).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see [2 Samuel 23:1–17](#); [Psalm 18:51](#); [132:10](#), [17](#)). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see [Isaiah 11:1–2](#); [Daniel 9:25](#)).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see [Luke 1:32–33](#)).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

—Scott Hahn

### Welcome Visitors and soon to be New Parishioners

Thank you for visiting our parish, and for joining us in our celebrations as we worship and praise Our Lord. Please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass to get information about our parish and pick up a parish registration form.

#### SACRAMENTS:

- Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of Sick
  - contact the office at (907) 694-2170.
- Sacraments of Initiation
  - Adults interested in becoming Catholic: Please contact Deacon Mark or call the office.

#### CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING

We will be taking down the Christmas trees and creche on Jan. 18th at 9:30am if you'd like to help. Many hands make light work!!

## THANK YOU!



There are many unseen hands and hearts who help make our parish truly a community.

This week we want to especially thank:

All those involved with our prayer chain! Did you know that we essentially have an intercessory hotline at our parish? If you'd like prayers for a special intention, just call 907-694-4771. Depending on the time of day, the first contact will pass it on to the daytime prayer chain, the evening prayer chain or the email group. Those two people call two more people and so on and so on. By the end of each chain, there are quite a number of people praying for your intention! What a wonderful witness to our community of faith!



#### FRONT COVER ART:

The Baptism of Christ  
By Guido Reni, 1621

Prayer Chain Phone # 694-4771

The deadline for bulletin entries is Wednesday @ noon.

# MINISTRY NEWS

## KNIGHTS NEWS:

- General Membership Meeting – Tues. Jan. 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, MOG Chapel. Social to follow.
- Christmas Creche take down – Sat. Jan. 18, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Church Nave. Helpers needed.
- Father Arthur Men's Social – Tues, Jan. 21, 6:30 pm at Pizza Man, Eagle River. (Knights encouraged to wear their Knights badges.)
- Food preparation - Beans Cafe (Anchorage), Fri. Jan. 24, 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Signup via Paul Mordini (907-691-6574).
- Social/Officers Meeting (for all Knights) – Tues. Jan. 28, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Home of Mike Simpson (907-863-3254).
- Thanks to all that helped at Sun., Dec. 29 Knights Corporate Mass.
- Local Knights website: <https://kofc9830.org>. (Via website, one can pay Knights dues for 2025 year.)

## LADIES OF ST. ANDREW PARISH

Thanks to all the ladies who could join us for our annual retreat! It was a great way to start our year. The best in 2025 to all our parish family.

## MOMS:

New 11 week Study Starting January 16, 2025!

**Coached by Paul the Apostle: Lessons in Transformation**

Thursdays 10am-12noon

\$25 for Book and Study Guide

Babysitting available

Contact Donabelle Shepherd to join!

[donabelle@gmail.com](mailto:donabelle@gmail.com)

THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED AND THE  
VOICE OF THE FATHER THUNDERED:  
THIS IS MY BELOVED SON,  
LISTEN TO HIM.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OPEN HOURS:

**"COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE WEARY  
LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST"**

Sun: 2am , 3am, 5am, and 8am

Mon: 4am, 7pm, 8pm (on alternating weeks)

Tues: 3am, 5am, and 7pm

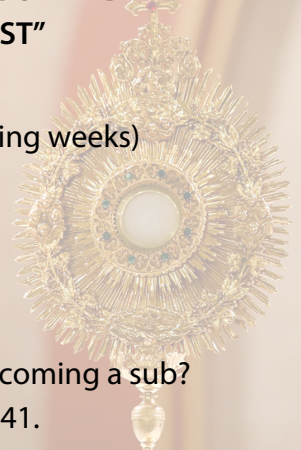
Wed: 3am and 11pm

Fri: 9pm

Sat: 1am, 2am, and 11pm

Interested in taking an hour or becoming a sub?

Call or text Jennifer at 907-862-4441.



## SANDWICHES AND SNACKS FOR BROTHER FRANCIS SHELTER

Brother Francis Shelter provides safe, warm housing and meals to 120 individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Our next opportunity to provide sandwiches, fresh fruit (bananas, oranges, apples), and healthy snacks is January 19. Label non-perishable donations "BFS" and place in the God Box any time. Bring perishable items on January 17-19 only. Questions-call Joy at (608) 239-3808. Thank you for your generosity!

**You're invited!**

## WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

What: an Ascension Press DVD course by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow; along with class discussion based on accompanying Workbook

When: Wednesdays from 10 AM til Noon, starting January 8, 2025

Where: MOG (Mother of God Chapel)

Questions: Mireya Lee 907-694-4443

## Join the Men's Monday Night Bible Study

When: 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM on Monday Nights thru April 28

Where: Church Conference Room

What: the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures

How: Just show up!

QUESTIONS? Contact Gene Cyrus at (907) 250-1180)

## AROUND ST. ANDREW'S

WE HAVE MANY  
WONDERFUL  
COMMUNITY  
EVENTS COMING  
UP!

START YOUR NEW YEAR  
OFF WITH PRAYER AND  
FELLOWSHIP!



Adoration &  
Praise Night!

WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 15TH

7PM-8PM



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## REVIVAL SUNDAY POTLUCK

**TOPIC:**

**The Early Church, Apostles & Fathers**

*Guest Speaker : Bob McMorrow*

**Sunday, January 26th**

**Immediately following 10am Mass**



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



*"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!" Psalm 46:11*  
A Day of Prayer and Healing  
For Women Experiencing Abortion Loss

Free & Confidential - Hosted by Project Rachel Ministry

Saturday, January 18, 2025  
9:00a - 4:30p

For more information,  
call 907-297-7781  
or email  
[projectrachelalaska@gmail.com](mailto:projectrachelalaska@gmail.com)



Project Rachel is a healing ministry of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. This ministry provides compassionate, confidential, and free support to women and men who have experienced the loss of children to abortion. Long distance ministry and local referrals are available. God's healing love and mercy are always possible.

Find more information at [www.projectrachelalaska.com](http://www.projectrachelalaska.com)  
and on Facebook at Project Rachel Alaska



### CALLING ALL CAREGIVERS:

Looking for resources to help you as a caregiver or  
for your care receiver?

Looking for answers to your questions about  
caregiving?

Join family caregivers on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Deacons Hall for the Family Caregiver Information Forum. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about available caregiving resources and have any questions answered by representatives of organizations that support caregivers. Organizations making presentations include Aging and Disability Resource Center, Alaska AARP, Alzheimer's Association, Assistive Technology of Alaska, and the Veterans Administration. Registration for this free event begins February 3, 2025. Contact St. Patrick's Family Caregiver Support Ministry Coordinator Evelyn Fink at 602-882-5197 to register and/or receive more information.

### SIDEWALK CANDLELIGHT PRAYER

*Thursday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.*

FOR THE  
LEGAL PROTECTION  
OF  
UNBORN CHILDREN



*remember the lives lost since  
Roe V Wade Jan. 22, 1973*

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

### **Renew your baptismal promises as a family!**

As Catholics, we believe there is only one baptism. However, the Church prescribes that we renew our baptismal promises at our confirmation as well as at the Easter Vigil. You may also make the practice on your own, perhaps on the anniversary of your baptism, or to celebrate a day like today: The Baptism of Christ. It's a great way to recommit our lives to God and to reject Satan and all of his temptations.

**Leader: Dear brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.**

**And so I ask you:  
Do you reject Satan?**

R. I do.

**Leader: And all his works?**

R. I do.

**Leader: And all his empty promises?**

R. I do.

**Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?**

R. I do.

**Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?**

R. I do.

**Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?**

R. I do.

**Leader: God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.**

R. Amen.

*When you're done with these prayers, you may bless those gathered and your home with Holy Water.*

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### **St. Anthony the Abbot**

St. Anthony the Abbot is the famous father of monasticism in the Church—he took the Gospel literally and gave everything away to seek God in prayer.

Anthony was born in Egypt in 251, and when his parents died when he was about 20 years old, he assumed responsibility for the family's 300 acres and for the care of his sister.

One day at Mass, he heard the words of Jesus proclaimed from this Gospel passage: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me" (Mt 19:21). The passage moved him to action, and he walked out of the Church at that moment and gave away all of his property except what he and his sister needed for sustenance.

Later, he heard Jesus' words from this passage: "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Mt 6:34). He immediately gave away the rest of their property and entrusted his sister to the care of a convent. He began a simple life on the outskirts of town, embracing only prayer, fasting, and manual labor. When he was thirty-five, he moved even further out of town to live alone in an abandoned fort. He received rations of bread only a few times a year and spoke to people through a crack in the wall. By this time, he was becoming well-known for his faithfulness and wisdom and people sought him out for counsel and healing.

Feeling disturbed by the crowds who were seeking him out, he went deep into the desert, where he lived by a small spring of water. His life took on a rhythm of prayer and work, a pattern that continues to sustain monastic communities today. Soon, hundreds of people followed his example by going into the desert to live an ascetical life of prayer, and they began to loosely congregate into communities.

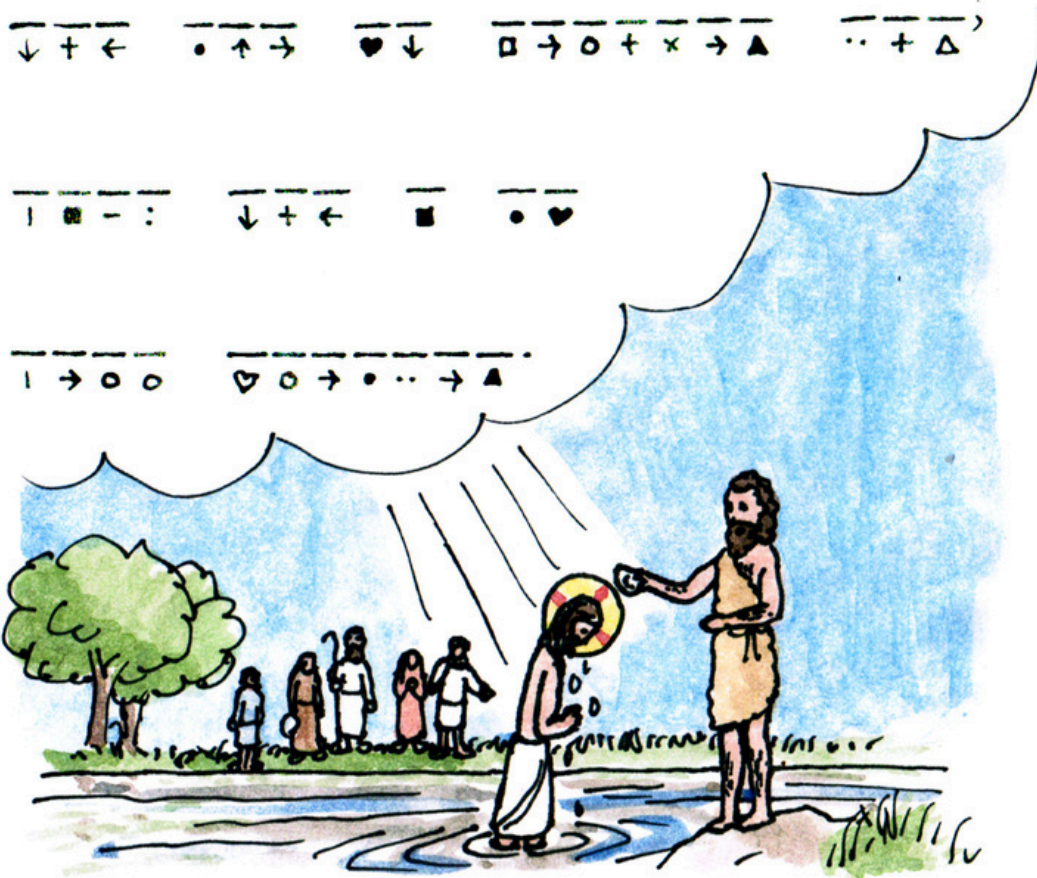
Anthony died at the age of one hundred and five. St. Athanasius, who knew Anthony and wrote his story, said, "Anthony was not known for his writings nor for his worldly wisdom, nor for any art, but simply for his reverence toward God."

**Feast Day: January 17**

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# The Kids' Bulletin

The Baptism of the Lord  
January 12th, 2025



Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

*After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say?  
Use the code to find out!*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Jan 13		
Tuesday	Jan 14	Jean & Ronald Ward	ROS
Wednesday	Jan 15	Fr. Tom Brundage	ROS
Thursday	Jan 16	Isaac Ward Sr.	ROS
Friday	Jan 17	James Orr	BD
Saturday 5:30pm	Jan 18	Valeria Schlecht	ROS
Sunday 10am	Jan 19	Jan Knox	ROS
7pm		People of the Parish	

## WEEKLY FINANCIALS

December 30, 2024 to January 5, 2025

Offertory	
Masses & Mailbox	\$18,946.12
Given Online	\$8,825.00
<b>Building Fund &amp; Debt Reduction</b>	\$7,045.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	\$2,818.00
<b>United in Mission</b>	\$5,253.02
<b>Relocatables</b>	\$3,550.00
<b>Other Donations</b>	\$3,496.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,933.91</b>

“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