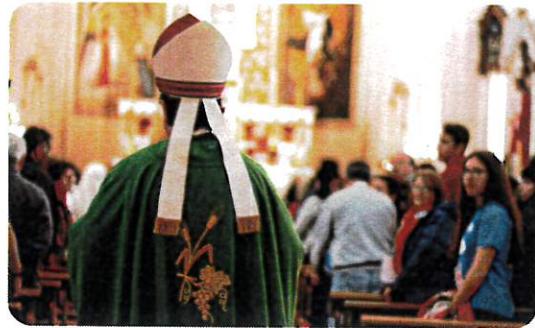


Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.



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This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

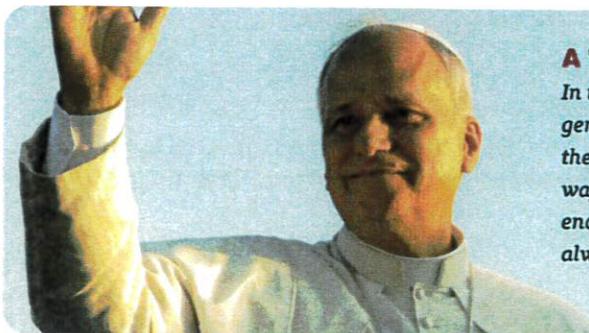
In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17



Jesus, Servant Leader

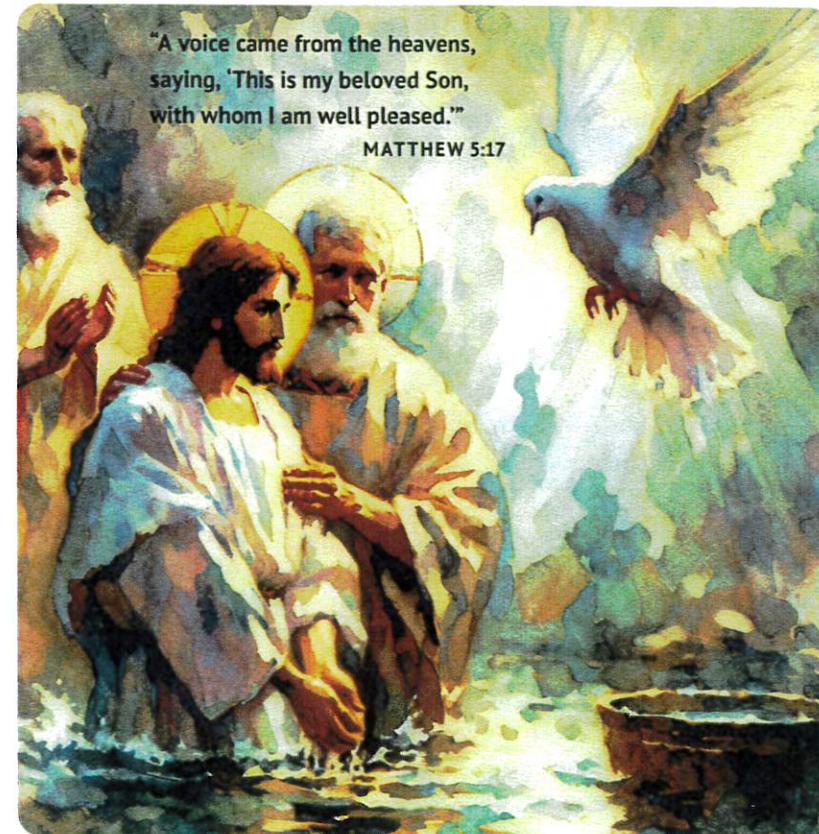
MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●



Reflect

This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS AT MANLY FOR

Saturday January 10th-----For the People

Wednesday January 14th-----For the People

Saturday January 17th-----For our home bound

OTHER AREA MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY 4:00 PM, HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY 7:30 & 9:00AM, St. JOSEPH

SUNDAY 10:30AM, HOLY FAMILY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS

January 10th & 17th

Steve Halfman

January 24th & 31st

Betty Krones

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January 10th & 17th

JoAnn Andera Peggy Matous

January 24th & 31st

Lennis Krones, Heather Gile

USHERS

January 10th & 17th

Dennis Johnson Steve Matous

January 24th & 31st

Eli Gile, Dean Brcka

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Mike & Wilma Romig

Dave Barnes Family

FINANCIAL GIVING:

COLLECTION RECEIVED ON THE WEEKEND: January 3, 2025: Tithe \$1375.00; Offertory \$27.00; Christmas \$300.00; Total \$2347.00 Thank you!

There will be 8:00AM Mass Wednesday, January 1

Middle School Lock-in February 21st-22nd

Pastor's Pen by Fr. Dave O'Connor

(see Attached)

A Time for Prayer and Discernment

The *Journey in Faith* process continues to move forward across the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Guided by the feedback and data gathered from parishes, the Archdiocese is now in a period of discernment and review. In the months ahead, the Core Team will develop recommendations for Archbishop Zinkula to consider, with the final pastorate plan and clergy assignments to be announced this spring.

In July 2026, new pastorates will begin an interim six-month Mass schedule as parishes work together to strengthen relationships and grow as united, mission-driven communities of faith.

Resources are also being developed to assist parishes with implementation and evangelization as they prepare for this next phase.

Archbishop Zinkula expresses deep gratitude for the faith and patience shown by so many during this journey. He invites everyone to continue praying for one another and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this time of transition.

For answers to common questions, visit dbqjourneyinfaith.org/faq. May this new year be filled with blessings and renewed hope.

Mass Intentions

We have many open dates for Mass Intentions. Please submit you requests with **name(s) and date(s)** for those you would like the mass said. We will try to schedule the requested dates as best we can. You may place your request in the weekly offertory or hand them to Mike or Wilma Romig. Please remember that mass requests are \$10.00. Thank You

Christmas Poinsettias

This weekend, our Christmas season ends. You are invited to take a Poinsettia home with you after Saturday's Mass. Please see Wilma Romig and she will assist you. Thank You!

*"When the Power of Love Overcomes the Love of Power
The World will Know Peace"*