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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

Baptism of the Lord

Jan 11, 2026

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11;
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;
Mt 3:13-1*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am,

**5:30 or 9 PM Masses on Sunday will
Return on Jan 18th**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before
your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Fr. Rich at
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This year's Mardi Gras party will
be held on **Friday, February
13th!** Please start thinking of
some nice donations for our Silent
Auction! Please bring in any
donations before Monday,
February 9th (the sooner the
better). Information on ticket sales
and Pot Luck sign up will be
coming soon.





The Christmas Pageant was a Success!!! Thank to everyone who helped!



The Baptism of the Lord Well Pleased

The first reading from Isaiah begins by describing the servant “with whom I am well pleased” (Isaiah 42:1). These are the words of the voice from the heavens that was heard at Jesus’ baptism. Isaiah gives us more hints about who Jesus is.

The verses that say that he will not break the bruised reed or quench the smoldering wick (Isaiah 42:3) are descriptive of Jesus’ mercy toward sinners. The reed and the wick were disposed of because they were useless. But God, out of love for us, is always ready to forgive sinners and give them another chance. So God sent Jesus to forgive sinners, not reject them. We can ask God to help us see our sinfulness and bring it to God for healing. Isaiah also says that the servant is a “covenant of the people.” A covenant was an agreement between unequal partners, in which the stronger one agrees to protect or defend the weaker one. God is offering a new covenant through Jesus, not just for the Jews, but for all peoples. In this covenant, God has forgiven our sins before we were even born, much less committed any sins. But we still have to live that covenant, by loving God and our neighbor. When we forgive each other, we are setting free prisoners of sin. When people see God’s love acted out in our lives, we are a light to the world. As we learn to do these things, we will find that God is well pleased with us.

Tom Schmidt



MOVIE NIGHT

WITH A PRIEST

Film: Paul, Apostle of Christ
Where: Cathedral Hall
Who: Ages 18+
Food: Pizza and Drinks
Cost: Free (Donations Welcome!)

RSVP NOW!



Times: Doors Open at 5pm Movie Starts at 6pm
Friday, January 16th



Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intentions January

For prayer with the Word of God
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be
nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our
communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and
missionary Church.

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Scripture Readings:

Sunday

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 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; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

January 12 - January 18

Monday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

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Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Thursday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

Friday: No Daily Mass

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study
11:15 am Mass
5:30 pm - Mass
6:30 pm - Sunday Supper
9 pm - Mass



If you still have not signed up for Flocknote please do so now. We will be using this to help with announcing weather closures and other immediate changes to schedules. We also send out a weekly email through this to keep you informed.



If you're not a fan of QR codes, you can use your computer to go to: <https://l.ead.me/bf4g2M> and register.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Allen McGinley, August Hunter Newell, Bernice Flowers, Bruce Whitcomb, Cheryl & John Newell, Diego Puigserver, Eleanore Hartrick and Family, Ellen Wavrek, Erin Evans, Fiorina Buckner, Fr. John Mulligan, Fred Boucher, Grace and Jack Newell, Gwen Sweden, Jim Romain, John R Sweat, Jordan Family, Julia Biagiarelli, Karen Pearson Rich, Kathy Buckingham, Kevin and Melissa Brott, Mary Ann Haggerty, Mary Pat Hable, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Pamela Roane, Pauline Lemieux, Peg Hart, Pete, Newell, Raegan Burcham-Hall, Shelly McDonald, Sonny, Stephen Tracy, Susan Herndon, Tom Mulligan, Tom O'Brien, Troy Tagget, Vance Hutchings, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, and those serving in the military, residents of NHC North, and for any too reserved to let us know.

To watch the 11:15 Mass Online, visit our Website at John23rd.org, where you will find a link at the bottom of the page. or Use the QR Code.



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