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**The Baptism of the Lord. January 11, 2026**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As Jesus emerges from the water, the heavens open. The Spirit descends upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father is heard: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” This is not simply a private affirmation for Jesus. It is a revelation for all of us. What is spoken over Jesus is meant to echo through the Church and through every baptismal font in the world for all time.

In our own baptism, the same heaven was opened. The same Spirit descended upon us. And the same Father spoke, not audibly, but truly, declaring us His beloved sons and daughters. Baptism is not merely a ritual from the past or a family tradition we once observed – it is a real and lasting identity. Before we are defined by our achievements or our failures, our titles or our wounds, we are defined by the undying Love of God, to whom we belong.

This is why the Church places such importance on remembering our baptism. The world is constantly telling us who we are: successful or unsuccessful, worthy or unworthy, important or forgotten. Even our own inner voices can be harsh and accusing. Baptism cuts through all of that noise and speaks a deeper truth: You are beloved. You are chosen. You are claimed.

The Baptism of the Lord also reminds us that baptism is not an ending, but a beginning. For Jesus, this moment at the Jordan launches Him into mission. Immediately afterward, He is led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Baptism does not exempt Him from struggle... it prepares Him for it. The same is true for us. Baptism does not remove hardship from our lives, but it roots us in a relationship strong enough to endure it.

It is a shame if we reduce baptism to something that happened once, usually when we were too young to remember. Baptism is meant to be lived daily. Each day, we are called to renounce sin again, to reject whatever lowers our life, and to choose Christ anew. Each day, we are invited to live as people who know where they come from and where they are going.

At the same time, this feast fills us with hope. If baptism makes us children of God, then we are never alone. If the Spirit dwells within us, then grace is always at work, even when we cannot see it. If the Father calls us beloved, then no sin, no failure, and no suffering has the final word.

Allow this feast to renew in us a sense of dignity, purpose, and courage, and never forget that, in Christ, the heavens remain open over our lives.

God Bless,

*Fr. Bryan*



# MASS INTENTIONS

## JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 18

**SATURDAY** 5 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
JAN 10

**SUNDAY** 10:00 AM JAMES GRANZOW  
JAN 11 FROM OLC PAROCHIAL COUNCIL  
12:30 PM GABRIELA & MANUEL  
ALEMAN  
FROM THE ALEMAN FAMILY

**TUESDAY** 12:30 PM ANTHONY PANAKAL  
JAN 13 FROM SR. RINI PANAKAL

**WEDNESDAY** 12:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF  
JAN 14 DR. VIC JOSEPH  
FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA

**THURSDAY** 12:30 PM. IN THANKSGIVING TO  
JAN 15 OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA  
FROM GLADYS BERTRAND

**FRIDAY** 12:30 PM. HEALING FOR  
JAN 16 MARY LOURDES  
FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA

**SATURDAY** 5 PM  
JAN 17

**SUNDAY** 10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
JAN 18 12:30 PM FIDEL TORRES BURGOS &  
NELSA VILLANUEVA CACHAY  
DE TORRES  
FROM THE TORRES FAMILY

### *Sunday Scripture*

*January 11*  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7  
Acts 10:34-38  
Mt 3:13-17

*January 18*  
Is 49:3, 5-6  
1 Cor 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34



## DONATIONS

OVER THE WEEKEND OF  
JANUARY 3 & 4, 542 PEOPLE  
ATTENDED MASS WITH  
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$56.60.

**ONE TIME  
GIFTS AND  
VISITORS**





**THANK  
YOU FOR  
ALL OF  
YOUR  
SUPPORT**

**CONSISTENT  
SUPPORT AND  
PARISHONERS**





## OPEN HOUSE



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*Enriching the mind and cultivating the heart  
through virtue, rigor and joy.*

**UPPER SCHOOL (4-8)**  
January 16 8:30am  
February 27 8:30am  
April 22 8:30am  
225 Morris Blvd

**LOWER SCHOOL (TT-3rd)**  
April 18  
ECC (2 year olds) 9am  
LS (PK-3rd) 10:30am

Join us for an Open House or email to schedule a private tour.

**STEM, RELIGION, ART, MUSIC, PE, SEL, SPANISH, CODING, &  
LIBRARY | INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP  
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Why did Jesus need baptism?

# OLC Kids' Bulletin

Making God Happy

## The Baptism of Jesus

Have you ever done something just because you know your mom or dad would be happy about it? When Jesus went to John for baptism, John was confused: Jesus should baptize HIM, but instead, Jesus knew that God would be happy if He was baptized, and so He was. Today, we celebrate that moment in history.

This week, do something that will make your parents happy. It could be as simple as finishing a chore before you are even asked.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,  
the LORD, over vast waters.  
The voice of the LORD is mighty;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.  
Psalm 29

Why do you think God chose baptism to show us how He gives us His graces and life? What is special about water? What does water do?

Have you been to a baptism? Do you dip your hand in the holy water when you enter the church?



### Friends in God

**St. Paul and St. Anthony**  
by *Diego Velasquez*

### St. Paul the Hermit

**Feast: January 15th**

St. Paul the Hermit is considered the first hermit. The word "hermit" means a person who lives alone and doesn't go outside.

Christian hermits like St. Paul lived in Egypt and neighboring areas, spending their lives in the desert. They are considered the first monks. Monks make their lives all about prayer in a special way.

St. Paul was "discovered" by St. Anthony! He had a dream about St. Paul, and went to visit him.

Just like Jesus had his cousin, Saint John the Baptist, St. Paul and St. Anthony were friends who helped each other better know and love God.

Do you have friends you can talk about God with? Do you pray with your friends?



1400 years after these saints lived, the Spanish painter Diego Velasquez was inspired by their story and painted them together

### St. Anthony, Abbot

**Feast: January 17th**

St. Anthony is considered the first abbot. An abbot is the leader of a monastery, like the mayor of a group of monks.

His feast day follows St. Paul's feast day, just like his life did: He was younger than St. Paul and went to visit him and learn from him.

Both saints are believed to have lived for over 100 years. They spent those years in the desert, praying and learning to know and love God more and more each day.

### Children's Liturgy



**The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed**

**January 18th  
10 AM Mass**



**Our 2025 Giving Tree was a great success, thanks to your generosity. As Women Rising, one of the charities we supported, wrote, “Your annual donation...brings comfort, dignity, and joy to families during the holiday season and reminds them they are supported by a caring community.”**

**Special thanks to Pat Duemig and Maggie and Lenny Englese for their cheerful work on this big project of love.**

*Thank you!*

### *Christmas Flower Offerings*

**Leonardo Annese  
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Arboleda  
William L. Bromirski  
Edward J. Bromirski  
Sophie Brozowski  
Chester Brozowski  
Michael Casey  
Charles & Mary Czysz & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Eli de la Cruz  
Deceased Members of the  
Duemig Family  
Nery Family  
Englese Family**

**Koch Family  
Strasz Family  
Ross Family  
Hyjek Family  
Ostrowski Family  
Bromirski Family  
Pietrowicz Family  
Karezewski Family  
Grego Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Guerrero-Gernsheimer  
Family  
Henry & Margaret Heiser  
& Family  
Helen & John Hyjek  
Maria Iosca**

**Alfred & Lillian Julewicz  
Deceased Members of the  
Mongelli Family  
Jeanne Oppel  
Jack Palmese  
Dennis J. Piatkowski  
Blanche Przyblinski  
Joseph Przyblinski  
Walter Rzaski, Jr.  
Anna & Walter Rzaski, Sr.  
Fred Savage  
Adelaide Scanlon, MD  
John & Veronica Tuzinkiewicz  
Deceased Members of the  
Wondolowski Family**