

*For to us a
Child is born,*



*to us a Son
is given.*

-Isaiah 9:6

Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes

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A PRAYER FOR MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

For our Family of Parishes, that our four parishes may, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, work in a spirit of collaboration with one another as we together strive for holiness, and embrace the Mission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all, let us pray to the Lord...

BECOMING CATHOLIC

We welcome you and your questions about the Catholic Faith. The Journey in Faith to become Catholic is a process known as the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Please contact Deacon Tim Crooker for inquiries.

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office if you have had a change of address or phone number, or if a member of your family has gone into a nursing facility or moved out of the household.

PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 12 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Julia Mette	St. James
12:00 Noon	Special Intention of Sara Reisiger	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	Donald Hollis	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, January 13 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Eric Smith	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Priscila Agdeppa	St. James
12:00 Noon	LaVerne Dittmer	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, January 14 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Raymond Bollhauer	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Patricia Rohrer	St. James
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Thursday, January 15 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Pat Mihaleas	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Marie Schoettmer	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, January 16 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Ruth & Ron Evers	St. James
12:00 Noon	Ryan Schmutte	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, January 17 – St. Anthony

3:00 p.m.	Joe Bosse	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Judy Walter's Family	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, January 18 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Amy Glazier	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Pat Lohbeck	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	William Wulffhorst	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Audrey Schnur	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Al Piller	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Debbie Villari	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Karen Colley	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the families of :

Mary Grace Adams, Robert "Jimmy" Carter, Joan Bova, Thomas Sansalone, Jeff Dover, and Juliana Sanders

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before any other planning. Pre-Cana Conference, FOCCUS, Engaged Encounter or Equivalent, programs are required.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

The Sacrament of Baptism for children age seven and younger is celebrated each month at St. James (4th Sunday, 11:30 a.m.); St. Bernard (2nd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.); and as scheduled at St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary. Parents are required to attend a Parent Information Session prior to scheduling a Baptism. These sessions on Baptism are held the second Thursday of each month at St. James or by appointment at St. Bernard & St. Margaret Mary. St. Ann has Baptism preparation classes during Mass+ on the third Sunday of the month.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

SIDE BY SIDE

Today, with the Baptism of the Lord, we complete the Christmas Season. Tomorrow is the first day of Ordinary Time. It is amazing how little truly changes. We walk side by side with each other and side by side with God. John and Jesus share a bond of purpose. Each is dedicated to the reconciliation of the world with its God. Neither could complete the task. John might preach repentance, but he could not be the ultimate gift of the Father's love. Jesus is the gift, the greatest gift there has ever been or ever will be, but He could not prepare the people to receive Him. Like Jesus and John, we find our individual gifts and abilities too limited to complete the task. We need each other. Each person's gift forms the foundation and support for the next. What seems to be weakness often reveals itself as a blessing. Our need, when exposed, becomes an opportunity for another to share. We come together more fully and more completely. Our need to share becomes the bond that joins all into one family, the Body and Blood of Christ. The Christmas season is full of big reminders of God's love. Now we look for the little things that tell us of His constant presence.

PRAYER

Father, we come before You. We come as individuals; we come as a community. We want to dedicate our lives and our gifts to You. Help us to share what we have, meeting each other's needs and working together with the blessing of Your love. Through the gift of Your Son, may the Church be truly one, and may the Church be one through Him with You.



A THANK-YOU

I wanted to write a brief note to all of you to express my gratitude this Christmas for all of the cards, gifts, and especially prayers that you have offered for me over the course of these holy days, and to also express my gratitude for your continued prayers as we move into 2026. I pray that the Lord may grant all of us a year filled with joy, peace, blessing, and good health for this coming year. May we be given every grace from the Lord to aid us in the pursuit of holiness, and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, who is King and Lord of all.

May the Lord Bless you and Keep you,
Fr. Bryan

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

As part of the Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish Family, we have established the following protocol for Sacramental Emergencies.

WHAT IS A SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY?

Sacramental Emergencies are if someone is in imminent danger of dying and wishes to receive the sacraments before passing. This also may include those who are under someone's care and are unable to request the sacraments themselves—including but not limited to, emergency infant Baptism or last rites of someone with dementia. If someone either has a chronic illness or is not in imminent danger, please schedule an anointing. It is suggested that the sick person receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the beginning of any serious condition—not at the end. **If you are in need of a priest or have a Sacramental Emergency after hours, please call 513-369-9820.**

VOCATION CHALICE

St. Ann

January 18 – Joe and Martha Martini at 9:00 a.m.
January 25 – Bev Pleasants at 11:30 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

January 11th – Kathy & Ray Ebbeler

Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry to pray for Catholics to answer the call to a vocation as priests, or religious such as brothers and sisters.

LITURGY/CONFESIONS

St. James

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00/10:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Friday 9:00-10:00 a.m.

St. Ann

Monday 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday No Mass
Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00/ 11:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Monday & Thursday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

Monday-Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 12:00 Noon
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Bernard

Monday 12:00 Noon
Tuesday 12:00 Noon
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday No Mass
Friday 12:00 Noon
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30/10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

BEQUESTS

A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All bulletin announcements for Mary, Queen of Heaven must be approved by the appropriate director before submitting to Gina Perkins, Director of Communications, at gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com. Announcements must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Monday, two weeks prior to requested publish date. Please plan accordingly.



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT



Through Baptism, every Catholic has been given the grace to be God's steward, and we are called to be stewards of this grace. God fills us with His life so we can find joy in serving others. God showers us with blessings so we will have gifts to share. In the opening words of their pastoral letter on stewardship, the US Catholic Bishops tell us, "Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option."

Through our Baptism, we receive God's grace. The Catholic Church invites us to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through daily prayer and frequent reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. By growing closer to Christ, we will come to know the ways in which Our Lord wants us to share the gifts that have been entrusted to our care.

Everything we have has been given to us...our time, our work and leisure, our talents and skills, our family and friends, and our financial and material resources. When we joyfully return our gifts to God with gratitude, we come to realize that we are His sons and daughters, and we deepen our love for our brothers and sisters.

Our way of life, as joy-filled Christian stewards, makes Christ visible to those who know us.



RESPECT LIFE

On January 24-25, volunteers from Mary Queen of Heaven Respect Life ministry will pass out baby bottles or envelopes to collect donations for a local pro-life organization. Please consider taking a bottle or envelope with you and returning it by February 7-8.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Each of our churches has been assigned a local charity we will support through this campaign. St. Ann will support the Madonna House; St. Bernard funds will be sent to Mater Filius Queen City; St. James donations will be sent to Pregnancy Center West; and Elizabeth New Life Center will be supported by St. Margaret Mary. Each of these pro-life organizations relies on the support of caring individuals to continue their life-saving work for the preborn and their parents faced with an unexpected pregnancy.



MQH RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY JANUARY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS SHEET

- Pray the Rosary for Life: Tuesday Adoration at Saint Bernard 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday Adoration at Saint Ann 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- MQH Respect Life Ministry Meeting Wednesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:35 p.m. in the Saint Ann Trinity Rooms.
- Pray the 9 Days for Life Novena – Friday, January 16-Saturday, January 24, 2026.
- In Reparation for 53 Years of Legalized Abortion go to the Rosary Procession in Cincinnati on Saturday, January 17, 2026 – 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon from City Hall to Fountain Square Rally to follow the Procession.
- Shuttle Service Available from Fountain Square to City Hall starting at 10:00 a.m. and, after the Rally, back to City Hall
- Join Cincinnati Right to Life and attend the Mini-March for Life on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Holy Name Church from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Address for Holy Name Church: 2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER



WHEN THE SONG OF THE ANGELS IS STILLED

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back
with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

~ Howard Thurman

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN VINCENTIANS ARE WELCOMING HELPING HANDS AND LOVING HEARTS!

For more information, please contact one of the following:

St. Ann Conference – Julie Bearcroft
jbearcroft@gmail.com

St. Bernard Conference – Mary Bradford
maryebradford3@gmail.com

St. James Conference – John Herrmann
jph5513@gmail.com

Parish SVDP Help Lines:

St. Ann 513-521-8440,
ext. 121

St. Bernard 513-520-8911

St. James 513-741-5300
business hours, ext. 234
(voicemail)





It is the mission of the **EVANGELIZATION TEAM** to work with and for the community of Mary, Queen of Heaven to offer studies, speakers, classes and more, to assist the people of God in growing closer to our Lord. We welcome your ideas and participation. Contact Barbara Yoder, Director of Evangelization, at yoder@stbernardtc.org or 513-353-4207, ext. 5.



BIBLE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Join others in studying the Gospel of Luke making use of Ascension Press/Jeff Cavin's video and book study series. Barb Yoder will facilitate, and the meetings will take place on Thursday mornings, beginning January 15th, 10:00 a.m. for eight consecutive Thursdays at St. Bernard. The workbook can be purchased from AscensionPress.com or by contacting Barb at the email or phone below. Please register for the study by email: yoder@stbernardtc.org or call 513-353-4207, ext. 5.

SAVE THE DATE – MQH SUMMER PSR PROGRAM – JUNE 1 THROUGH 12, 2026

2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

It is time to kick-off the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) throughout the archdiocese! More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the CMA.

If we exceed our parish contribution goal for the 2026 CMA, 50% of money raised above our goal stays right here in our parish to be used toward a parish.

For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESE TWINNING PARISH PROGRAM

St. Ann has partnered with Our Lord of Hope in Lima, Peru for many years as part of the Archdiocese Twinning Parish Program. Father Anibal Nino, the pastor of our sister parish, extends his appreciation for the prayers and support provided by our parishioners.

Our Lord of Hope parish is located in an area where there is much violence and unrest. Please pray for Father Anibal and his team of priests as they minister to the faithful, and an end to the violence in the area.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES:

FAITH STUDY + VOLLEYBALL FOR GRADE 8-12

Please join us, beginning **January 11** for Faith & Volleyball.

Faith study begins on **January 11, 2026**, from **6:15-7:25 p.m.** with dinner in the St. Joseph Hall, undercroft of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, 7130 Harrison Avenue, 45247.

Volleyball is from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Come to either or both events. All participants must complete an Archdiocese of Cincinnati form to participate in any event at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church. Contact Pam at pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com to register.



IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES:

Saturday, January 17th MQH Confirmation Retreat at St. Bernard Campus. By reservation only.

Wednesday, January 21st MQH Confirmation Practice at 6:45 p.m. for all candidates and sponsors at St. Ann Campus.

Sunday, January 25th, MQH Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains at 1:30 p.m. The **Archbishop has requested that the students arrive by 12:45 p.m. He will come to the undercroft to visit with the candidates** prior to the Mass. Space is limited to the confirmand and their families.

HIGH SCHOOL + GR. 8 FAITH STUDY	
MQH	YDISCIPLE
All sessions are from 6:15 - 7:25 p.m.	Dinner will be served in the St. Joseph Hall, under St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church.
Study # 1	"The Invitation"
January 11	The Kind of People He invites
January 18	The Invitation
January 25	The Cost
February 15	You are not Alone
Study # 2	"Return"
February 22	Into the Desert
March 8	The Glory of God Revealed
March 15	Repentance and Renewal
March 22	The Father's Unfailing Love
Contact: Pam Bevington by 01/01/26 to reserve your spot for study 1 or study 2 or both, at pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com . All participants need to fill out an Archdiocese of Cincinnati permission form to attend any event at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, 7130 Harrison Ave. 45247. Volleyball will be held afterwards in the parish center from 7:30-8:30 pm.	



SUNDAY OFFERING – DECEMBER 25, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 10,880.52
St. Bernard	\$ 23,581.85
St. James	\$ 40,136.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 5,000.00

SUNDAY OFFERING – DECEMBER 28, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 11,005.00
St. Bernard	\$ 21,282.25
St. James	\$ 11,456.13
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,089.00

SUNDAY OFFERING – SOLEMNITY OF MARY COLLECTION

St. Ann	\$ 2,997.50
St. Bernard	\$ 1,112.00
St. James	\$ 1,582.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 696.00

SUNDAY OFFERING – JANUARY 4, 2026

St. Ann	\$ 12,350.20
St. Bernard	\$ 18,913.55
St. James	\$ 56,919.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 4,020.00

ONLINE GIVING

Contributions to all of our parishes in the Mary, Queen of Heaven Family (St. Bernard & St. James) are **NOW ALSO available** through our secure ["WeShare Link."](#) St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary are available through "Our Sunday Visitor." **You have the ability to make donations online through the use of a credit card or an electronic fund transfer (EFT) from your checking or savings account. You may set up a one-time or recurring donation to St. James Church by clicking the "Online Giving" Tab on your parish website.** It's an easy, convenient and safe way to make your Sunday offerings. When you have completed your donation, you will be emailed a receipt for our records. Your donation will be recorded and be part of your year-end donation letter.

If you have questions, contact the Parish Offices:

St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary – Jenni Petrey, 513-521-7387

St. Bernard – Scott Dover, 513-353-4207

St. James – Brenda Stier, 513-741-5300

We appreciate your support!



WEATHER ALERT

When School is delayed or cancelled because of the weather (inclement weather or temperature), **MASS IS CANCELLED!** We follow school closings or delays for Northwest Schools.





EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 12

8:05 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Rosary Shepherds of Christ
11:00 a.m. Soul Core Rosary
12:00 p.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. OCIA
6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting
6:45 p.m. Confirmation Prep
6:45 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Music Ensemble
7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Ladies Society
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary

Tuesday, January 13

8:30 a.m.	Mass
8:30 a.m.	Mass
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary (BMH)
12:00 p.m.	Adoration
12:00 p.m.	Mass
3:15 p.m.	AHG Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Benediction
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Christian Outreach
7:00 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry
7:00 p.m.	SVDP (BMH)

Wednesday, January 14

- 8:05 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. 2nd Grade Cub Scout Den Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Respect Life Meeting (TR)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: January 4th, 2026 – William Krueger (Ticket # 0129)

FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

We would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed **The Archdiocese of Cincinnati: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse – Archdiocese of Cincinnati Edition**. In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may

have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.

Please make sure you are up to date on completing the quarterly bulletins or you will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator at csajnog@saintannparish.org at St. Ann; sandling@stbernardtc.org at St. Bernard; gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com at St. James; jpetrey@stmargaretmaryparish.org at St. Margaret Mary.





ST. JAMES SCHOOL NEWS

GOOD LUCK!

Good luck to our students who will be competing in the Bible Bowl Competition this week!

I-READY TESTING

We will begin our winter i-Ready testing this week. Be sure to get a good night's sleep, eat a filling breakfast, and do your best!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Please join us in saying a prayer for the 7th graders who will be attending their Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, January 17th.

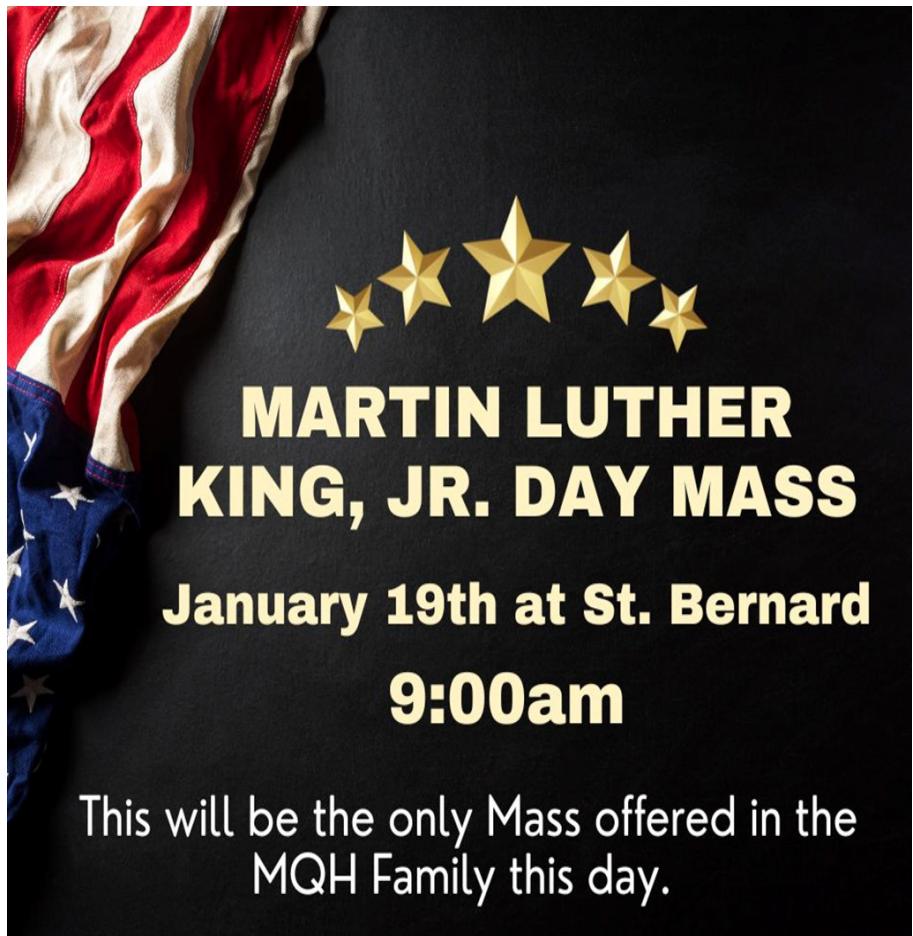


BUNCO!

Ladies Night Out fundraiser is on January 31, 2026! Tickets are on sale NOW! Each Bunco ticket costs only \$25.00! Tickets will be

available in the Gathering Space at St. Ann after weekend Masses beginning in January, or order them on the St. Ann website, www.saintannparish.org.

If you are new to playing Bunco!, it's easy to learn and fun for all. You can come with a group of friends or by yourself; players move throughout the rounds of play. It's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and make new friends.



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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MASS

January 19th at St. Bernard

9:00am

This will be the only Mass offered in the MQH Family this day.

COFFEE & DONUTS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

St. James Donut Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, January 18th at St. James in the Church Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses for Coffee and Donuts.



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

Monday, January 12, 2026

Weekday

I Samuel 1:1-8

Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19

Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Weekday

I Samuel 1:9-20

I Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Weekday

I Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Weekday

I Samuel 4:1-11

Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 16, 2026

Weekday

I Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a

Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19

Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Saint Anthony, Abbot

I Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Mark 2:13-17

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT

Saint of the Day: January 17

Patron Saint of Butchers, Gravediggers, Skin Diseases

The life of Saint Anthony of Egypt will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude.

He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, Saint Anthony of Egypt responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables."

At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. "The mule kicking over the altar" denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for "the book of nature" over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

Read the full article: "St. Anthony of Egypt" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-anthony-of-egypt/> (Accessed December 20, 2025).

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased. —Matthew 3:17

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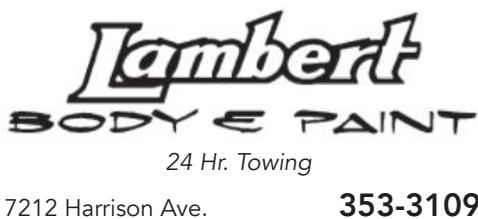
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