

Meditation on this Week's Gospel

A Reflection by Fr. John Muir, ©LPi

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac – Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?



Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

2nd Collection This Weekend

Our second collection for January will be for Feed My Starving Children. Please use the 2nd Collection Envelope included in your envelope packets or mark your donation as 2nd Collection.

Adoration for Vocations Holy Hour

Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Chapel

Join us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and spiritual support for existing vocations.

Sharing & Caring Hands This Week



We appreciate you generous bakers who kindly provide us with cookies for dessert at the shelter. Please deliver them to the parish office by 10 AM on Wednesday.

BUNCO with The Church Ladies

**Thursday, Jan. 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM
in Regan Hall**

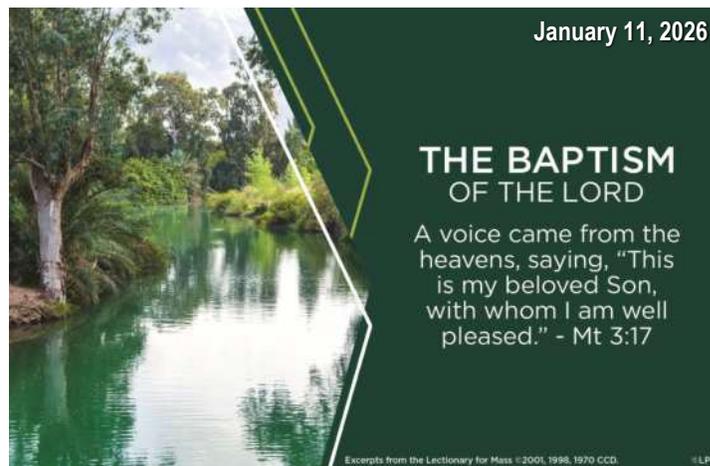
Appetizers and beverages provided.
Free will offering appreciated!



Extreme Faith Camp Deadline

This Thursday, Jan. 15 is the deadline to register for this week-long high adventure camp for 6th-8th graders. The camp runs from June 22—June 26, 2026. Get all the details and register online at saintvdp.org/extreme-faith-camp.

January 11, 2026



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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SACRAMENTS

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 7:30 AM;
Wed. at 4:45 PM; Saturday from 3:30-4:15 PM

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Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 8 AM

Wednesday at 5:15 PM

Saturday at 5 PM & Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus' Annual Poster Contest!

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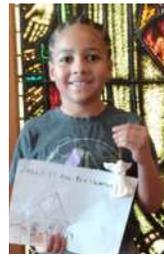
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Myla
Larson

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Truong
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Gruhn
3rd place,
Elsie
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Cooper
Cashman
2nd place,
Brayden
Kurhajetz
3rd place,
Evelyn
Albright

5TH & 6TH GRADE

1st place,
Grace
King
2nd place,
Peter
Boutros
3rd place,
Hudson
Manders



Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8 AM – 3 PM & Friday: 8 AM – Noon

Save
the
Date

... for our Annual Cana Prayer Service,
Dinner and Dance on Friday, Jan. 30.

Registration is available in the Parish Office
or online at saintvdp.org/cana-dinner.

CCW Meeting & Potluck

Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 6:30 - 8 PM in the Comm. Rm.

Bring a dish to share. If you wish to participate in our gift exchange, bring a small wrapped gift (\$10 or under).
All parish women are invited and welcome to attend.

Sunday, Jan. 18

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
in the Cafeteria & Gym

Croissant breakfast sandwiches with eggs and choice of bacon or sausage. You'll also enjoy fresh fruit and donut holes, plus French Toast sticks for the kids. Beverages include coffee, milk, orange juice, & water.

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Mass Intentions for Jan. 12-18

Monday	8:00 AM	† Modesto Salazar
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Julie Moravchik
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Charlotte Rice
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Anthony Abbruzzese
Friday	8:00 AM	† Rebecca Gromek & † Bob Koltcs
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Ann Brown
Sunday	7:30 AM	Sharon Bauer
	9:00 AM	† Betty Rumrey
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/ Acts 10:34-38/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; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/ 1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

The deadline for the bulletin is Monday at Noon.

Please pray for the souls of...

† Barbara Gagnon † Doris Reine
† Kathleen Berglund † LaVonne Martinez
† Jeanette Rem

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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