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January 11, 2026 • The Baptism of the Lord

Newly baptized show us how to receive faith, says Pope



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Baptizing 16 infants on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Francis said they are receiving the "most beautiful of gifts, the gift of faith, the gift of the Lord."

Pope Francis thanked parents who decide to baptize their children for their witness, as he celebrated the baptism of 16 infants on January 8, 2024, the feast of Christ's baptism, in the Sistine Chapel. He also encouraged all Christians to remember their baptism, one of his favorite exhortations.

As has been tradition on this feast since 1981, the Successor of Peter presided over the Eucharist in the Sistine Chapel, during which he conferred the sacrament of baptism.

This year, 16 infants received the sacrament from Pope Francis. The infants are children of Vatican employees, all under the age of one, in keeping with the tradition instituted by Saint John Paul II.

During a brief homily, the Pontiff explained that these children, with their baptism, are receiving "the most beautiful of gifts, the gift of faith, the gift of the Lord." And, at the same time, the young baptized also give "witness to the way in which faith is received: with innocence, with openness of heart."

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As he often has during this ceremony, the Holy Father encouraged the parents not to worry if the babies make noise, even if the echo beneath Michelangelo's frescoes can make one feel conspicuous. This Mass has several times been an occasion for the Pope to speak in favor of breastfeeding, encouraging the moms to feel comfortable feeding their babies at the Mass.

"If they cry - for the moment they are silent, but all it takes is for one of them to give the note for the concert to begin - let them cry."

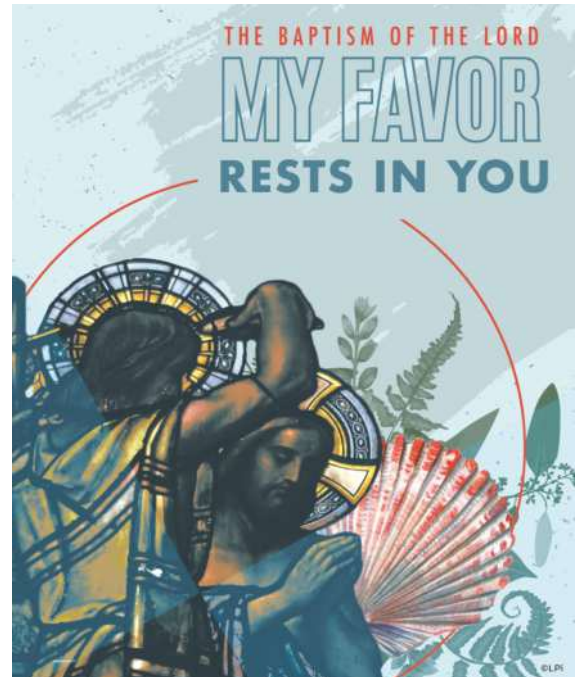
The Pontiff urged the parents and godparents to make their lives "a help to these children." He encouraged them to accompany them in their growth "so that faith may grow within them."

Remembering one's baptism

At the end of the Mass, the Pope invited the parents and godparents to remember the date of their infant's baptism, reminding them that it is a day of grace, a "birthday" as the day of their birth as Christians.

He repeated this same appeal an hour later from the window of the Apostolic Palace after the Angelus prayer, asking the Christians gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray for the newly-baptized.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 10, Vigil for the Baptism of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Helen Logue (dec)

Sunday, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Stanley and Alice Abstetar (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Cecilia Eke (dec)

Monday, January 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Florence Partin (dec)

Tuesday, January 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Father Jack McDowell (liv)

Wednesday, January 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, January 15, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Walter Huff (dec)

Friday, January 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jack Sanderson (dec)

Saturday, January 17, Vigil for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

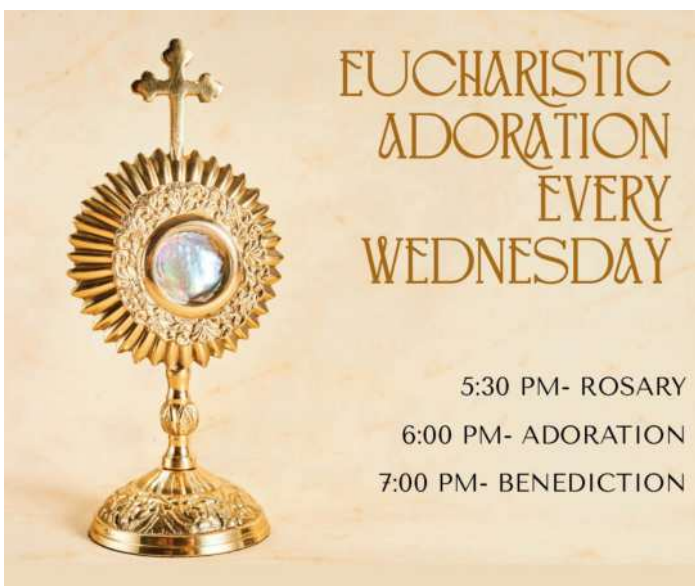
4:00 p.m. Helen Logue (dec)

Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Flossie Delaney (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Alice, Norreen, & John Cummins (dec)





Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We hear in today's Gospel that at the moment of Jesus' baptism, "a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" We can hear these words as a simple proclamation of who Jesus is — the beloved Son of God — but also as a proclamation of who we are called to be: the beloved adopted sons and daughters of God. I sometimes forget that I am also called beloved. I mistakenly think that my value depends on my accomplishments or on my faithfulness, but the truth is that my status as beloved is due to being made in the image of my Creator. If I allow myself to absorb the full meaning of that, it will not only affect how I view myself but also how I relate to others. But Christ didn't come only to show us the truth about who we are. His coming also invites us to see one another as beloved. As Peter reminds us in our second reading, "God shows no partiality." May we strive to see the belovedness that God bestows on us and on all people.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus entered fully into our humanity, including entering into communion with each of us through our common baptism, to allow for us to one day share in the perfect exchange of love of the Trinity. Our call is to take on Christ's mission of love here on earth — to speak and act in a way that proclaims the truth of who God is and who he has made us to be. How can we remind our families, our neighbors, and even our enemies of their nature as beloved children of God? And by recognizing our own nature as beloved, we allow God's grace to flow through us. We then trust that God will make himself known as the source of love itself.

REFLECT

Take time this week to reflect on what it means to be a beloved son or daughter of God. What would it be like to hear, "You are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased"? Once we root ourselves in this truth we can ask ourselves, "What act of kindness, what consoling word might I offer, what goodness might I do for others around me to help them experience a glimpse of their own belovedness?" Then, do it!

Join the Choir!

- SUPPORT THE SINGING OF THE ASSEMBLY AT THE WEEKLY 9:30 AM MASS
- WEEKLY REHEARSAL THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
- ALL VOICE PARTS NEEDED
- A POSITIVE SPIRIT AND DESIRE TO SERVE IS ALL YOU NEED!

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Marriage Jubilee Mass

The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 8 at 3:00 pm.

This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th or 50th anniversary as well as those celebrating 51 or more years of marriage during the 2026 calendar year.

Please RSVP by calling our parish office by Thursday January 15th.

Join the St. Patrick's Day Festival Choir!

Help us Entertain at the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Four 45-minute rehearsals on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Music Room beginning February 19, 2026.

Contact Lisa Screeton
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Music Instrumental Ensemble

Begins January 25, 2026 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass!

Contact Lisa Screeton to join or with questions
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Faith Community Nursing

The Faith Community Nurse Ministry will be implemented at Blessed Trinity Church starting in January. Faith Community Nurses are licensed, registered nurses who practice wholistic health for self, individual, and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. We will be available for blood pressure screening on Sunday, January 25th after the 800 am, and 930 am masses in the Parish Center. There will be handouts regarding high blood pressure, stroke, etc. For more information please contact , Carol Davis at 727 385 2528

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Scripture Classes

Blessed Trinity Scripture classes will resume **on Tuesday, January 13 from 10:00-11:30 am.** We will study "The Sacred Heart of Jesus." The books are \$12. Classes are held in Courtyard Hall.

For Further information call Barbara Townsend 727.867.3605

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Lessons from Baptizing a Frog

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 11

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, January 12

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH

Tuesday, January 13

10:00 am Scripture Class resumes CYH

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting PC

Wednesday, January 14

Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary CH

6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation CH

7:00 pm Benediction CH

Thursday, January 15

5:00 pm Handbell practice MR

6:30 pm Choir Practice MR

Sunday, January 18

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, January 19

Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH

Tuesday, January 20

10:00 am Scripture Class CYH

Wednesday, January 21

Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary CH

6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation CH

7:00 pm Benediction CH

Thursday, January 22

4:00 pm SVDP Meeting CYH-1

5:00 pm Handbell practice MR

6:30 pm Choir Practice MR

Sunday, January 25

Faith Community Nursing Event &

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church,
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CR=Choir Room, FF=Faith Formation Room,
PL=Parking Lot



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

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*A voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

~Matthew 3:17

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To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

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