

## “You are My Beloved Son”

### *The Baptism of the Lord*

Sunday after January 6 (Or Monday if Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday, January 7 or 8)

*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.*

*And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”*

[Mark 1:9–11](#) (Gospel from Year B)

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes for us the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time. From a Scriptural point of view, this event in Jesus’ life is also a transitional moment from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry. As we commemorate this glorious event, it’s important to ponder a simple question: Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John’s baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism?

First of all, we see in the quoted passage above that Jesus’ true identity was made manifest through His humble act of baptism. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased,” spoke the voice of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, we are told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus’ baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an “epiphany,” a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.

Second, by His baptism, Jesus’ incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action of baptism. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus’ baptism was a way of Him “baptizing” the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him. Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism.

Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus’ baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus’ baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

*Lord, I thank You for Your humble act of baptism by which You opened the Heavens to all who are sinners. May I open my heart to the unfathomable grace of my own baptism each and every day and more fully live with You as a child of the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.*

# Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

## January 12, 2025

### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



#### Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 10:30 am  
12:30 pm English Mass

**Reconciliation:** Sundays at 10:00 am

#### **Baptism and Holy Matrimony:**

The family should be registered and active members at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

#### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Please contact Father Ishida.

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Please email or leave voice message.

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to our parish

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Lectionary #21C or 21A- Liturgical color: white

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

OR Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

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

OR Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34-38

OR Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Gloria and the Creed

**Today's Feast:** The manifestations of Christ that we celebrate during Christmas Time culminate in the Baptism of the Lord. On the last day of the Christmas season, may we think of how we will be open to allow Christ to be manifested in our lives. Let us resolve to consciously choose to follow Christ more closely and take seriously our baptismal call to live as disciples.

## Pray the Rosary for Eucharistic Revival With Mary, draw closer to her Son as you ponder these mysteries.

Mary, Jesus' first tabernacle, leads us to adore and follow Him in all the joys, lights, and sorrows of this earth to the unending glory of reigning with Him in heaven. Pray all 20 mysteries focusing on the renewed Eucharistic fervor.

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the bulletin  
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"The priesthood is the love  
of the heart of Jesus."

St. John Vianney



### An update and message from Father Tuckerman:

Jesus Christ is born for us, come let us adore Him!

I wanted to send a note thanking everyone for their prayers and assuring you all of my prayers daily for you all, particularly when I offer the Holy Mass.

Thanks be to God, my illness has been getting significantly better ever since the day after I venerated the relic of St Jude's arm, about 3 months ago. In fact, I can say now that I am 95%+ health-wise. Many thanks to the prayers of the Blessed Virgin, St Jude, and all of your prayers!

I am humbled to announce that after years of prayer and discussions with Bishop Daly, He has given me permission to discern being a monk. Therefore in early 2025 I will be donating everything I own to the poor and entering the monastery of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Transalpine Redemptorists. More can be found about them at <https://papastronsay.com/>

As the Lovable Lord Jesus calls me to consecrate myself to Him in an even more intimate way, please know of my prayers for you and I beg your prayers for perseverance in His grace. Let us be united in every day asking for a greater love of the Most Adorable Trinity, Our Gentle Lord Jesus, and Our Immaculate Mother Mary, refuge of us poor sinners!

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,  
Fr Dale Tuckerman



**Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish** To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

## Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am  
12:30 pm - English Mass



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Parishioner of Mary, Queen of Heaven



**Please note:** Mass Intensions take approximately  
2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please  
note this when giving your stipends for Intensions.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

05	Sunday	Pro Populo
06	Monday	
07	Tuesday	
08	Wednesday	
09	Thursday	
10	Friday	
11	Saturday	
12	Sunday	Pro Populo

**Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!**  
**St. Anne ... Pray for us!**



### 2024 ACA Parish Goals

Mary, Queen of Heaven,  
Sprague \$5,759

We have currently received  
\$5,470—94.98% of our goal.

*Thank you to all who have donated.*

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**That our prayers  
may find the heart  
of every priest and  
bishop.**



*A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that  
a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for  
the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—  
a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of  
prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.*

**Please contact Linda Pearson if you are  
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or email [sookiesue@msn.com](mailto:sookiesue@msn.com)**

**Seven Sisters Apostolate** meet after 9:00 am Mass  
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