

## “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.

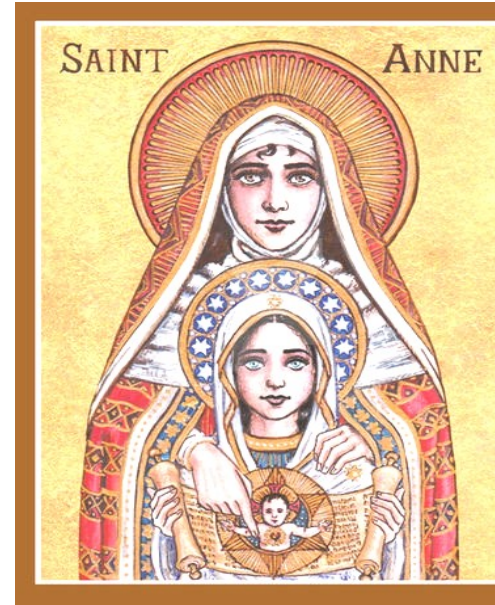
Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus’ baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become 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.*

## St. Anne Catholic Parish

January 12, 2025

### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



#### Parish Staff

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#### Pastoral Council

(meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm)

Fr Ishida, Theresa Reisenauer, Linda Pearson,

Evie Noder, Jeff King, Larry Jay,

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#### Finance Council

(meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday quarterly @ noon)

Father Ishida, Betty Patterson,

Dan Quaschnick,

#### Physical Address:

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#### Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday Mass:** 9:00 am

**Daily Mass:** Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am  
First Saturday’s ONLY @ 9:00 am

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to each Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

**Baptism and Holy Matrimony:** The family should be registered and active at St. Anne 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.

**Parish Office:** Please email or leave a voice message.

#### Ministry Contacts

##### Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan - Theresa Reisenauer

Lectors – Cheryl Moriarty

Music – Linda Pearson

Fellowship—Betty Patterson

Hall Rental—Mary Morrison

Meditation Garden—

##### Parish Guilds

Prayer Chain, Theresa Reisenauer, [lovinretirement@gmail.com](mailto:lovinretirement@gmail.com)

(Intensions can be kept anonymous if requested or needed.)

Quilters Group, Sally Bachtel 702-622-5522

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Step 1. **Sign up as a Parishioner (it’s FREE)** : search for **St. Anne Medical Lake**

Step 2. **Then enter your name and create a password.**

*welcome*  
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.

## A 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



**2024 ACA Parish Goals St. Anne, Medical Lake: \$21,368**  
We have currently received 17,350— 81.204% of our goal.  
**Thank you!**



**Welcome to St. Anne 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. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

## St. Anne Parish

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm—confession @ 4:30 pm

Sundays @ 9:00 am - confession @ 8:30 am

**Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.**

### Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays & Fridays— 6:00 pm Mass

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 9:00 am Mass

#### ADORATION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:00 pm;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays—following Mass

#### CONFESSION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:30 pm;

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am

## St. Anne Events!

Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

**Tuesday, January 14 @ 12:00 PM (noon)**

Finance Council Meeting @ NOON in the Hall

**Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:00 PM**

Parish Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM in the Hall

**Wednesday, January 15 @ 9:45 AM**

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

**Wednesday, January 22 @ 9:45 AM**

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

**Wednesday, January 29 @ 9:45 AM**

Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

**PRAY FOR our priests & Bishop Daly!**

**Please note:** Mass Intensions take approximately two (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

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



## Schola Cantorum—Choir

Please join our new schola (Choir). We would love to have you assist us with singing the Holy Mass. Please contact Linda at 509-879-0753 or email at [sookisue@msn.com](mailto:sookisue@msn.com)

*All voices are welcome!*

### PRAYER CHAIN

INTENTIONS can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested or needed. Please request prayers to Theresa Reisenauer at: [lovinretirement@gmail.com](mailto:lovinretirement@gmail.com)



## We need you!

*Please prayerfully consider helping St. Anne's Parish with your gift of time and talent.*

### Safe Environment Lead:

This is a great opportunity to be involved in our parish community. The role of the Safe Environment lead is to help to maintain records of employees, teachers, volunteers—making sure that everyone is trained and aware.

### Parish Council:

If you are interested in being part of the Parish Council, please talk to Father Ishida. Two members' terms are up at the end of the school year. Parish council members have a unique opportunity to build our parish community. Please prayerfully consider and talk to Father.

**Thank you.**