



Jesus, Servant Leader

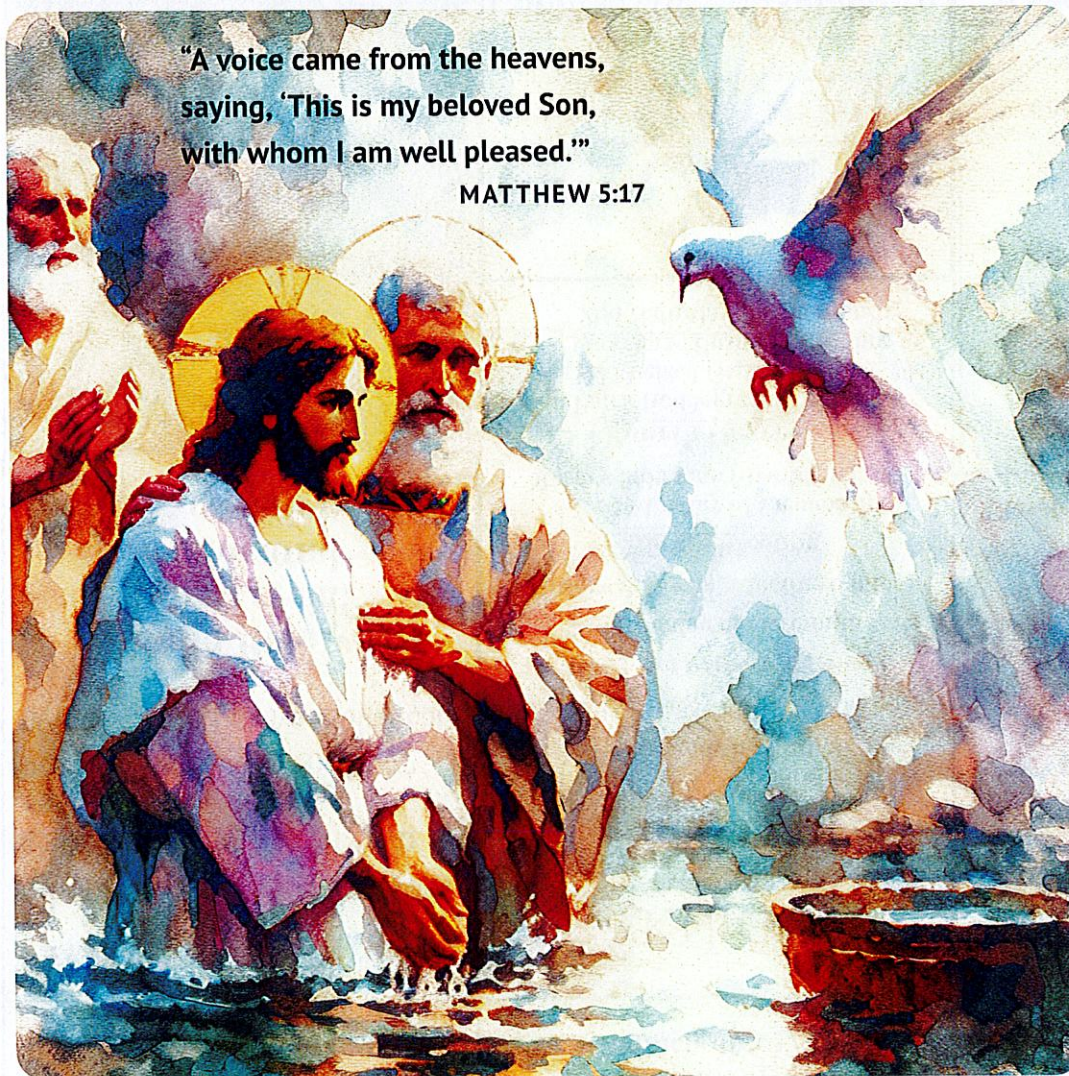
MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5–6). ●



“A voice came from the heavens,
saying, ‘This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.’”

MATTHEW 5:17

Reflect

***This week, I’ll think
about my baptism,
when I was called to
serve as Jesus served.***



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Saturday/ January 10th – Christmas Weekday

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : James and Betty Franklin †
by : James Franklin

* 2nd collection – Maintenance Fund

Sunday/ January 11th – The Baptism of the Lord

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Captain Thomas and Sandie Beardslee
by : Dean Beardslee

2nd collection – Maintenance Fund

*KC Big Breakfast after Holy Mass today

Monday/ January 12th – First week in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Franklin Family
by: James Franklin

Tuesday/ January 13th – St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
No Holy Mass :

Wednesday / January 14th –

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Pamela MacAulay
by: Marcella Birkhead

Thursday / January 15th -

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Arthur Schexnayder †
by: Lori Templet

- Bingo at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm

Friday/ January 16th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Garry Raikes, Jr.
by: Gary and Cathy Raikes

Saturday/ January 17th – St. Anthony, Abbot

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : All staff at St. Michael's
by : People of the Parish

* 2nd collection – Altar Society

Sunday/ January 18th – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Pamela MacAulay
by : Marcella Birkhead

2nd collection – Altar Society

*BINGO is every Thursday at 6 pm with doors opening at 5 pm.
Also :every 1st Sunday of the month at 1 pm with doors opening at noon.

*Knights of Columbus manage the food concessions at the Bingo games.

** If you donated to the Christmas Flowers, you are welcome to take a poinsettia home to enjoy. They are big and beautiful this year.

Thought for the week

Jan.11:2026
The Feast of
The Baptism
Of the Lord
We
End
The
Christmas
Season
And
We Begin
First Part of
The Ordinary
Season
Jan.12:2026
To
Feb.18:2026
Ash Wednesday
We
Begin
The
Journey
Of
Our
Salvation
With
Our
Lord
Jesus
Christ

After the Feast of
Baptism of Lord ,
We begin 1st week of
Ordinary Season

"The Baptism of
Jesus is on His part
the acceptance and
inauguration of His
mission as God's
suffering Servant."
— CCC 536

 Wishing you a Blessed Week 



January 3rd and 4th, 2026

Main collection : \$ 3858.24

Respect Human Life : \$ 719.00

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

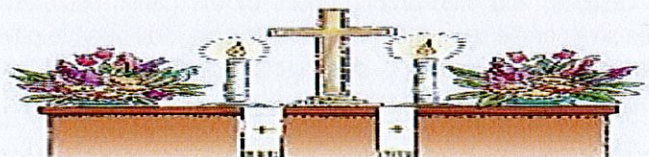
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Available Adoration.

No hours available at this time

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-19859



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously
provided by: **People of the Parish.**

Tabernacle Roses this week are generously
provided by: **Rhonda Bystry in honor of
Pamela MacAulay's birthday.**

KC Big Breakfast

Sunday Jan. 11th after 9 a.m. Holy Mass, the Knights of Columbus, will be cooking their Big Breakfast in the parish hall. Tickets will be available at the door. They have several breakfast items and they work hard to put this on for our parish every month. Please, support them.

The Magnificat Team Thanks you !

We would like to thank all the donors who supported our Christmas Basket Raffle. The winner of the basket was Annette Sabado. Congratulations to Annette !
Thank you for making this a big fundraiser success !

Food Pantry Weekend

There were 233 items collected at last weekend's collection. This has helped to restock the pantry with much needed food items.
Thank you for helping those in need.

Congratulations !

We want to congratulate Brady and Kristine Bates, along with their daughters on the birth of their new baby son. James Darren Bates. He was born on Tuesday January 7, 2026 at 9:52 a.m. all are doing good. Many blessings on the addition to your family.

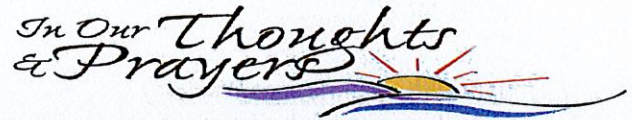
2026 Flower Schedules

Flower schedules for 2026 are available. This is a special way to honor or remember a loved one or special event in your life. Please, sign up on the schedule located on the bulletin board in the vestibule and then drop a check by the parish secretary office so it can be recorded that you have paid. You need to pay when signing up or put a check under the office door the weekend you have selected. Thank you.

Youth Group Night

Every Wednesday after 6 pm Holy Mass, our youth of the parish are holding a youth night. They are served a meal and then teaching each night. Several offers have been made for preparing meals. **If you would like to provide a meal for them on Wednesdays, there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule. We prepare for about 15.** For more information contact Lori Templet or Greta Ishmael.

Thank you for your generosity !



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Joyce Speir, Michael Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Jim Whorl, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Marcella Bircckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin and Amy Moriarty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Doug and Tammy Wortham.
Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge, Chuck Wolff and KayLynn Rodenbeck

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- 🎂 January 10th – Aurn VanRaalte
- 🎂 January 11th – Jim Wege
- 🎂 January 16th – Pamela MacAulay
- 🎂 January 16th – April McPherson-VanRaalte
- 🎂 January 16th – Rick VanHouten



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♥ January 11th - Dan and Pat Such
24 years

**let us know if we miss your birthday or anniversary or the dates are incorrect. So we can correct our records.*

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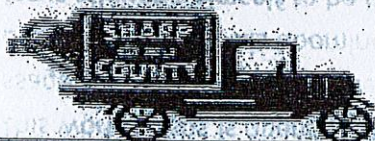
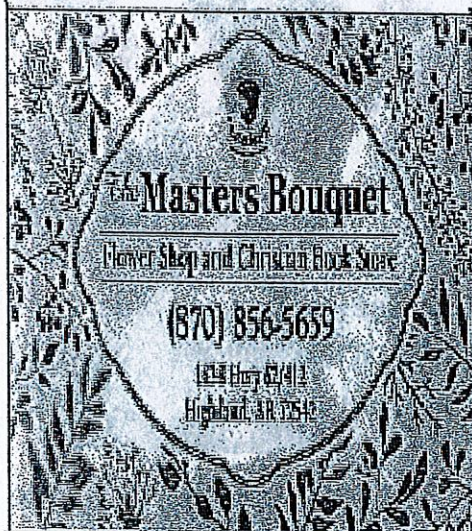
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Social and Potluck Meeting

2nd Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Last Monday of the month

Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree of the order

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Quarterly Business Meeting

2nd Saturday of the month

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Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●



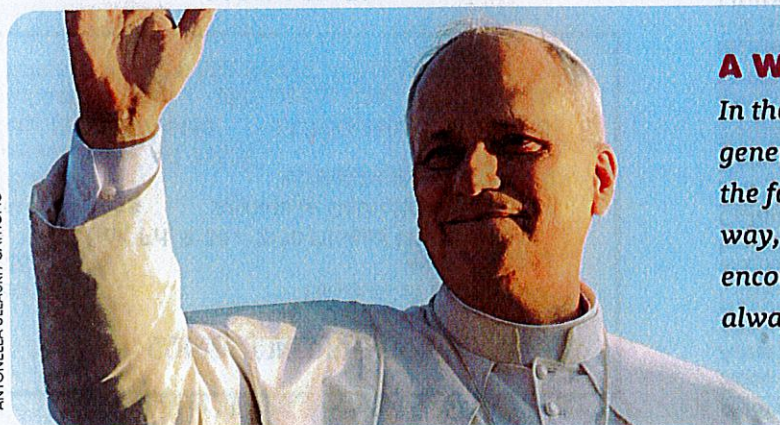
Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

ANTONELLA ULLAURI / CATHOLIC



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025