

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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Mass Schedule for this month

Saturdays	
St. Maria Goretti - Devon	5:00 PM

Sundays	
Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar	10:15 AM
St. Maria Goretti - Devon	11:30 AM

NO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL FRIDAY JANUARY 30, 2025

Rev. Luan Vu will resume regular mass times beginning on Friday January 30th at 9:00 am at St. Maria Goretti - Devon

Cemetery Contacts:

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The Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10, 34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3, 13-17

An Indelible Spiritual Mark

John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets, entrusted with the mission to immediately prepare the way for the Messiah. Today's feast marks a pivotal transition from the Old Law to the New. Prior to Jesus' baptism, John's mission was in full motion. With Jesus' baptism, the mission of the Old Testament prophets is fulfilled, and the New Law of grace begins.

Why did Jesus enter the waters of baptism? He was sinless and had no need of repentance. Yet, in His divine wisdom, Jesus chose to be baptized to sanctify the waters, opening the gateway of grace for all who would follow. By entering the waters of baptism, Jesus set a precedent. Every Christian who enters the waters of baptism meets our Lord there, sharing in His life of grace.

As we reflect on Christ's baptism today, we are invited to consider our own. Most of us were baptized as infants and have no memory of the event. Others came to baptism later in life, fully aware of the grace they were receiving. Regardless of when it occurred, baptism's effects are profound and enduring. That singular moment of sanctification forever changed us, and its transformative power remains active within us.

Through baptism, Jesus meets us under the waters. When baptism is performed by full immersion, it powerfully symbolizes the reality of this encounter. We enter the waters of repentance, as John offered, but we emerge united with Christ. Just as the Father's voice declared at Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved Son...", so too does the Father continually speak to us after our baptism, affirming our identity as His beloved children. The Holy Spirit descends upon us, and we are offered every gift of the Spirit, provided our hearts remain open.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, reflect today on your own baptism. You are forever marked as a child of God. You encountered our Lord under the waters of baptism, were cleansed of all sin, and were filled with sanctifying grace. Though sin diminishes or even extinguishes that grace when it is mortal, the Sacrament of Reconciliation restores it, and the Eucharist and other sacraments increase it. Always return to your baptismal grace, seeking to live out your identity as God's son or daughter, as this sacred mark intends. (mycatholiclife.com)

MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

Mass Intentions for next week

Date		Intention
10	Sat	Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions
11	Sun	Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions
14	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Bill Steel R.I.P.
15	Thu	Thanksgiving to St. Michael Archangel
17	Sat	Brett & Laura Blanchette - Personal Intentions
18	Sun	Heltman & Gernsheid Family Members - Living & deceased

In case of an emergency only - When the Office is Closed and you need to speak to a Priest

Please contact **Rev. Mathewkuty Kunnel** at **780.986.3253**

Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.