

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Jan 11: Adult Catechism class, 4:00 pm

Mon., Jan 12: Catholic Daughters monthly meeting, church basement, 6:00 pm

Wed., Jan 14: Children's Catechism class, 3:45pm

Wed., Jan 14: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Mon., Jan 19: Knights of Columbus monthly meeting, church basement, 6:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Sun., Jan 11: For the People

Mon., Jan 12: No Mass

Tues., Jan 13: †For Pedro Ramirez
by Visencia Ramirez

Wed., Jan 14:

Thurs., Jan 15: †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus

Fri., Jan 16:

Sat., Jan 17:

Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's

New Years' Day: \$ 399.00

Sat., Jan 3: \$ 885.00

Sun., Jan 4: \$1,137.55

St. Mary's

Christmas Day: \$ 271.00

Sun., Jan 4: \$ 70.00

Month of Nov. 2025

Income: \$ 9,432.87

Expenses: \$ 11,027.86

Loss (\$ 1,594.99)

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak

Parish Secretary: Celeste Geier, 406.679.1679

Bulletin: Patty Kepp, 406.665.5257

Website Editor: Julie O'Dell, 406.665.5178

Director of Religious Education: Celeste Geier

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Jan 10	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Jan 11	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Jan 17	Julie O'Dell	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Jan 18	Liezel Ferido	Candy Wells	Visencia Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Jan 24	Richelle Link	Celeste Geier	Patty Kepp & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Jan 25	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells

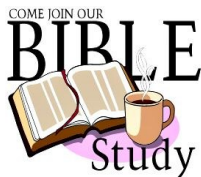
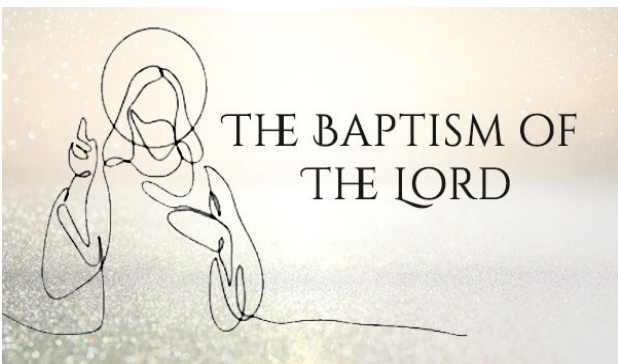


**Happy New Year from the
Catholic Foundation of
Eastern Montana!**

As we begin this new year, we give thanks for God's abundant blessings and for the faithful generosity that continues to strengthen our Church. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, we are reminded of our own baptismal call to live as disciples of Christ—sharing the Gospel, serving others, and passing on the faith to future generations. The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is deeply grateful to partner with faithful Catholics who make this mission possible. May 2026 be a year filled with hope, faith, and joy, as together we continue building a strong and vibrant Church for today and for the future.

**God is good all the time:
All the time God is good!**

The 2025 Tax Statements have been mailed. Please contact Celeste Geier, 406.679.1679, if your record of contributions show different from the statement.



Beginning in February
Bible studies will be held every other Tuesday in the church basement.

The first Bible study will be Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited!

Mass Server Volunteers Needed!
Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Commentators

Training will be held after Mass in the church on **Saturday, January 17th and Sunday, January 18th.** The training will take less than 30 minutes of your time. Please step forward and volunteer, **we need you!**

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. ●

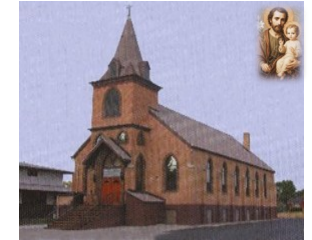
Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Is 49:3, 5-6
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17	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.**





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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432

Mass Schedule
St. Joseph's Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass

and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

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Good News!

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17

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). ●

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