



## Jesus, Servant Leader

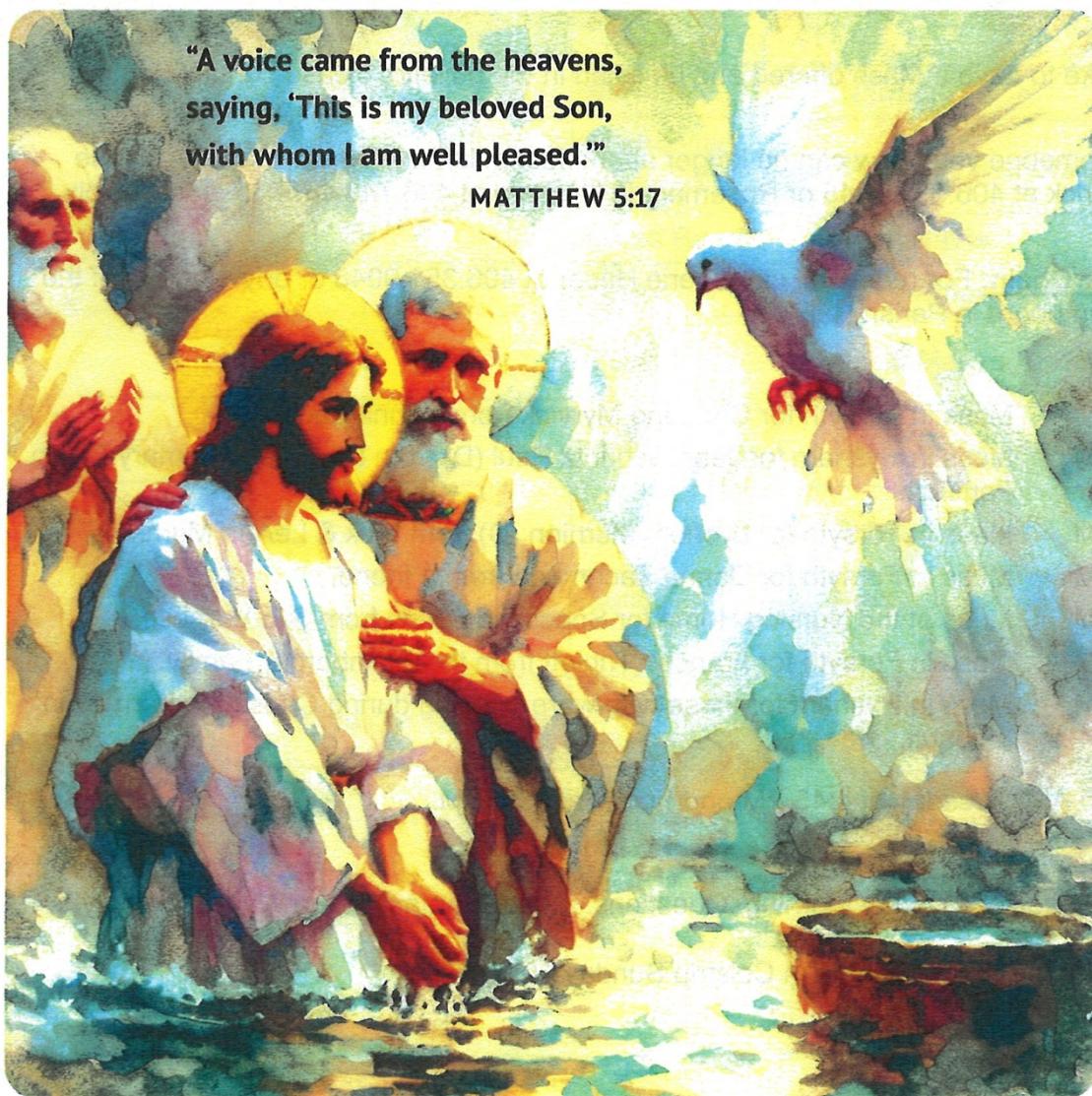
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**J**ohn, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize 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 3:17

### Reflect

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



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### Mass Schedule – Forsyth

**Sunday at 8:30 AM**

**Office hours:** By appointment – call 406.853.5252 or come to the rectory.

**Religious Education:** Contact Diane Wyrick for Forsyth at 406.351.2845 and Amber for Hysham at 406.342.5448.

**Confession:** Saturdays @ 2 PM.

**Baptism:** Adults and children under 7 (please contact Father Rob.)

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you are having surgery or are sick, please contact Father Rob to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

**Funerals:** When anticipating or planning a funeral, please contact Father Rob before finalizing the arrangements.

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass offered and be listed in the bulletin, please contact Father Rob.

**Homebound & Sick:** If you or someone you know can no longer attend Mass due to physical inability, please contact Father Rob or Diane Wyrick at 406.351.2845 or Rosemary in Hysham at 406.740.1457 to receive Holy Communion and Anointing.

**Immaculate Conception Prayer Chain:** For requests, call Cherie Heser at 406.351.9048 or any member of the Prayer Chain listed on the bulletin board in Parish Hall.

### Mass & Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday	01/11	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Charlene Myrvick from Donna Zachmann.
Sunday	01/11	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for Jean Schantz Paul (D) from David & Rosemary Olson Family.
Tuesday	01/13	5:15 PM	Mass in Forsyth for Lyonors Murnion (D) from Nick & LeAnn Murnion.
Friday	01/16	9:00 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Donna Zachmann from a friend.
Saturday	01/17	4:00 PM	Mass at the Nursing Home for Special Intention from Sijo Varhese.
Sunday	01/18	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Frances Triplett from the Steinberger Family.
Sunday	01/18	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for those who were grieving during Christmas from Joan Thibault.

- † Rosary every Monday at 8:15 AM, Tuesday at 4:45 PM and Friday at 8:30 AM.
- † Religious education for children Sunday at 9:30 AM.
- † Bible Study in Forsyth is Friday morning after Mass.
- † CCD & Sacramental Prep Classes on Sunday morning. Questions: Please contact Diane Wyrick in Forsyth and Amber in Hysham.
- † Mass times at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip Sunday 10:30 AM.
- † CCW meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Mass.

**Announcements:**

St. Joseph, Hysham: Deacon Jim will lead a study group on "The Eucharist in Scripture" by Scott Hahn. It is a 6-part talk/video about the connection between the Old and New Testament and includes three of Hahn's books. It will start at 6:30 PM and go to 8:00 PM. The first session will be **Monday** beginning at **6:30 PM, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, and continue each week for 6 weeks. Forsyth will begin **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**.

**Finance Update: Last Sunday Collection: 01/04/2026**

Immaculate Conception – Forsyth		St. Joseph – Hysham	
Loose Cash	54.00	Loose Cash	42.00
Loose Checks	165.00	Loose Checks	200.00
Envelope Cash	50.00	Envelope Cash	10.00
Envelope Checks	1630.00	Envelope Checks	430.00
Other (Bathroom)	0.00	Other	0.00
Cathedraticum Assessment	0.00	Building Fund	0.00
Special Collection	0.00	Special Collection	10.00
Capital Campaign	0.00	Capital Campaign	0.00
Current Operating Fund	0.00	Current Operating Fund	0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1899.00</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 692.00</b>

**Forsyth & Hysham Ministry Schedule for next Sunday: 01/18/2026**

Forsyth:			
	Time	Service	Names
	<b>Mass at 8:30 AM</b>	Eucharistic Ministers	<b>Ryan Silvis &amp; Brian Sullivan</b>
		Cross Bearer	<b>Ryan Silvis</b>
		Lector	<b>Jerry Killen</b>
		Ushers	<b>Bill &amp; Margo Anderson</b>
		Gifts	<b>Bill &amp; Margo Anderson</b>
		Col. Counters	<b>Brian Sullivan &amp; Ray Smith</b>
		Sacristan	<b>Margo Anderson</b>
Hysham:			
	<b>Mass at 12:30 PM</b>	Eucharistic Ministers	<b>Mark Manning &amp; Rosemary Olson</b>
		Lector	<b>Hope Manning</b>

# 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.

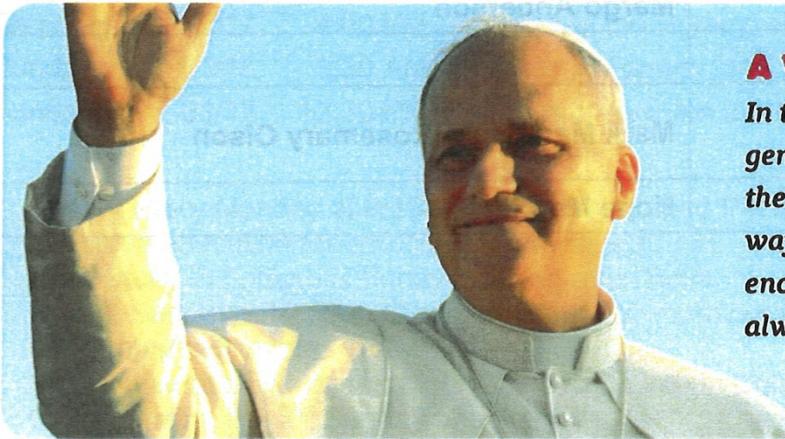
In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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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,	Second Sunday
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	Abbot	in Ordinary Time
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3
					Mk 2:13-17	Jn 1:29-34

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIII

*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.*

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