

# January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized, and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country.

Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic 1LT Daniel Realini, US Army Tom Harold Purple, US Army Adam J Helmers, US Navy Gregory M Grogan, PO1, USCG-R Michael Obregon, CPL, USMC Luigi Lorenzo, 2nd Lieutenant US Airforce **Enrico Enriquez US Army** Jacob Arnold, Sergeant, US Army Ben Soto, US Airforce Ken Soto, US Air National Guard James Raphael R. Cepriano, US Navy John Lorenzo R. Cepriano, US Navy Dominic Galarza, US Army Michael Laemmlein, US Navy Matthew A. Martinez, 1st Lieutenant US Army Katie Kramer, Staff Sergeant, Nebraska National Guard



#### St. Dunstan Parish Prayer

God, our Father, we are all your children. Jesus, our Brother, you taught us to love. Holy Spirit, by Your Light, may our parish family grow. St. Dunstan, pray for us. Amen.

#### ST. DUNSTAN FAMILY MASS!

Beginning Sunday, September 22, and one Sunday each month through May, St. Dunstan School grades K through 8 will take a turn hosting the monthly Sunday Family Mass at 10 am. A reception will be held in the parish center immediately after the Mass. We welcome everyone to the Family Mass. 10 AM FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE & HOSTING CLASS

Sunday, January 12, 2025
Sunday, February 9, 2025
Sunday, March 16, 2025
Sunday, April 6, 2025
Sunday, May 4, 2025
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#### A WORD OF THANKS ....

To those who sent gifts to the priests and staff of our Parish at Christmas, we are truly touched by your incredibly thoughtful gestures. Your generosity and support mean the world to us. God Bless You.

Thank you and Happy New Year to you all!

**Can You Help?** The St. Dunstan Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of help with 5th Sunday Collections at weekend Masses (4 times a year) and with weekly food deliveries to our clients in our parish area. If you would like more information please contact DeDee at 650-303-7382 or Ann at 650-455-1362. We would love to hear from you....

Today, Jan 12, our monthly Family Mass will be celebrated at 10 am and is hosted by our 4th grade school families. A reception will immediately follow in the Parish Center! Join us as we ring in the first Family Mass of the year!

St. Dunstan Parish School is now accepting applications for grades TK-8. Please visit our website at st-dunstan.org or come to our school office in person to pick up an application at 1150 Magnolia Ave. Also, join us for our Open House after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, January 26th. Looking forward to meeting you!

Weekly Mass Intentions - January 12-18, 2025

**Sunday** 7:00 am For Parish

10:00 am Frank Ruggiero

11:30 am Joseph & Albina Caimotto

Monday 6:30 am Myrna Tejada

8:00 am Elaine Borges 5:10 pm Henry Morones

**Tuesday** 6:30 am Carmelo DeJesus

8:00 am Camille Munoz 5:10 pm Ann Woolen (living)

Wednesday 6:30 am Ted & Nina Suguitan

8:00 am Quigg & Franco Family (dec) 5:10 pm Janice Marcus (dec) & Family

**Thursday** 6:30 am Peter Carroll

8:00 am Salvatore & Rosina Alioto & Joseph Alioto

5:10 pm Jeannie Weller

Friday 6:30 am

8:00 am Hernandez & Heinz Families (liv/dec)

5:10 pm Louis Stalcar

Saturday 8:00 am The Gulli Family (liv/dec)

5:00 pm Fred Dehlinger

We Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Rose Silvera

Thank you to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers For Serving at this Weekend's Masses.

1/11 Saturday

**5:00 PM E Lumanlan,** F Gutierrez, L Pascual, G Tantillo, A Woolen

1/12 Sunday

7:00 AM V Rapues, S Bosso, B Aubright, V Tanjuakio 10:00 AM T Dizon, K Whitfield, E Whitfield, L Whitfield,

M Muzzi

11:30 AM S Yeo, J Lazaro, C Caimotto, J Roxas, L Aragon

Many thanks to our ushers and greeters at this weekend's mass. If you're interested in helping, please contact Ann at the rectory.

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.



Regular Collection: Jan 4 & 5: \$6,201

December 28 & 29: \$8,305

Solemnity of Mary Collection: \$3,394

Christmas Collection \$25,790

Thank you for ALL your support!

January 2025 Second Collections

January 19: Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

#### Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Saturday: Jan. 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

# 21st Annual Walk for Life Mass West Coast and Rally at St. Mary's Cathedral

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 at 9:30a 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco Contact: Saul Perez | 415-614-5616 | perezsa@sfarch.org

Join Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and thousands of others:

Friday, Jan. 24, 2025

- Walk for Life Prayer Vigil & Mass at St. Dominic Parish (2390 Bush Street, San Francisco): 5:30p Mass followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour and Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Adoration for Life, at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (666 Filbert Street, San Francisco) from 8:00p to 10:00p

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025

- 9:30am Mass: Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
- 11:00am Information Fair12:30pm Rally: Civic Center
  Plaza
- 1:30pm Walk: Along Market Street

## We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:

Susan Silvera-Dunn, Nafal Jweinat, Emily Marshall, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Vonnie Spencer, Maria Teresa Rosario, Kathy Montiel, Ida Marinaro, Letty Santa Cruz, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Diane Vanoncini, Peggy Winkenbach, Barbara Cappel, Irene Aubright, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Valentino Regal, Christine Regal, Matilda An, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon, Carmel Richard, Frank Richard, Fiona Selig, Geronimo De Los Reyes, Fernando S. De Los Reyes, Cruz David Lagomarsino, Dave Marquez, Denise Fricano, Terry Marquez, Dominic Cannuli, Rosemarie Regal, Yolanda Viteri, Flordeliz Sanchez Ledesma, Luke Skall, Willie Manalang, Consuelo Robel, Gary Wilson, Baby Leon Regal, Michael Regal, Sharon Alejo, Rolando Lopez, Olivia and Grace Hallermann, Meaghan Douglas, Cynthia Aclaro, Dawn Rossi, Kathy Wilson, Rolando Lopez, Fr. Brendan Hally, Claro Zulueta, Marcelina Gatchalian, Harry Aubright, Barbara Vas, Charlie Silva, Imelda Arceo, Samuel Williams, Baby Winston Regal, Carlos Yegros Ocanipos, Dorice Mallia, Gladys Tordaro, Sylan Joanne Newsom, Alicia Abell, Virginia Victoria Rivera, Nancy Christensen, Mark Kinder, Claudette Bergeron