



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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## Entrance Antiphon (*Cf. Matthew 3.16-17*)

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## First Reading (*Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7*)

Thus says the Lord:

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,

a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness."

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 29)**

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heaven beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendour. **R.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **R.**

The God of glory thunders,  
and in his temple all say "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever. **R.**

**Second Reading (Acts 10. 34-38)**

Peter began to speak: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (See Mark 9.7)**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my Son, the beloved; listen to him! **Alleluia.**

**Gospel (Matthew 3.13-17)**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a

dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

***The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **SUNDAY'S REFLECTION: A Call to belong to Christ!**

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is very important. It reminds us of the grace and mercy of God when we were first initiated and welcomed into the Church as adopted children of God and when we were washed clean of the stain of original sin. It is also a reminder that we are to participate in the mission of salvation. It is a commitment. Through baptism we are to share with others Christ's healing presence. Wherever we are, we are called to be Christ for others.

Let us put our faith into action by living this call of our baptism. May it bear much fruit by leading us and others closer to Christ and one day lead us all to our eternal home in heaven.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2026:** For prayer with the Word of God: *"Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church."*

### ***Our Parish Life of Prayer***

#### **REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE & PEACE**

Our Parish Community wishes to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of all the faithful departed.

### ***Our Parish Life of Service***

#### **Mass Times**

**WEEKDAYS:** Tuesday-Friday: 12:05 PM.

**WEEKENDS:** Saturday: 5:30 PM; Sunday: 9 AM • 11 AM • 4:30 PM

**Baptism:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month - Parent preparation session required

**Marriage:** a minimum of six months before the desired date.

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**Confessions:** 20 minutes before all masses or after.

**Rosary:** 30 minutes before Mass.

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** after Wednesday Mass.

**Eucharistic Divine Mercy Adoration:** 20 Minutes before Mass, every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

**OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD**

for the week of Jan 02 – 04, 2026

**Loose: \$ 955.00**

**Envelopes: \$ 1,340.00**

**New Year Collection: \$ 1,365.00**

Please pick up your 2026 donation envelopes on the shelves at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.

**TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA)**

Our Parish 2025 Goal: \$ **13,861.99**

Please help our church get a goal for TIA in 2026 starting from January by online or contribution by envelopes. Thanks. May God bless for your generosity.

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