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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is from *the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 42:1-4; 6-7*. This prophecy of Isaiah was chosen today's feast which commemorates the baptism of Christ in the Jordan, because on that occasion the Father's voice from heaven proclaimed that Christ was "his beloved servant in whom he was well pleased." Following the interpretation of the inspired Evangelists and of the ancient and constant tradition of the Church, we can have no hesitation in seeing in these words of Isaiah, written five centuries or so before Christ, a description of the Savior who came on earth to teach Jew and Gentile the new law of God, the law of love and mercy.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Book of the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38*. These verses of Acts are read for use today because they contain a reference to our Lord's baptism. That day, nearly two thousand years ago, when Christ by his baptism in the Jordan, began his public preaching of salvation for all men, is a day—a feastday—no true Christian can ever forget. The baptism of John was for sinners—a sign of change of heart and a turning to God. Christ had no sin, he had never turned away from God, he was God—but he was the representative of sinful humanity. He represented us sinners that day and opened the door of salvation for us. In that ceremony Christ was proclaimed by the heavenly Father to be his son and faithful servant, and the power of the Holy Spirit came upon him.

But this was all for us; as God he already had all things in common with the Father and the Holy Spirit. But in his human nature—our weak human nature—he was one that day proclaimed God's true and faithful servant. At the same moment we human beings were accepted *in him* and *through him* as God's adopted children. The mission of Christ was for us. There is no comparison between what God has prepared for us, and promises us, and the trifling conditions he asks us to fulfill in order to earn his promised reward.

The **Gospel for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** is from the *Gospel of Matthew 3:13-17*. John's mission was to prepare his fellow-Jews for the inauguration of the messianic kingdom, expected and eagerly awaited, for centuries. His baptism, a washing of the people in the Jordan waters, was an outward sign of their inner repentance, and a turning of their hearts to God. Jesus had no sins of which to repent, and his heart was always with God. He was God in human nature, but he wished to associate with all pious Jews, and so, like them, to be baptized by John. This was his way of inaugurating the messianic era. God's revelation to the Baptist and to the bystanders, which immediately followed the baptism, showed that it was the inaugural act of Christ's messianic mission.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Schedule of Mass Intentions

January 13th to 18th intentions published previously in the December 21st bulletin.

Receipts

St. John the Baptist
December 20-27, 2025

Christmas Day	\$	1,330.00
Memory Tree		885.00
Envelopes & Loose		2,472.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>4,687.00</u>

St. John the Baptist
December 28, 2025-January 4, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,158.00
Cemetery		500.00
Memory Tree		305.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,963.00</u>

St. Peter's
December 21, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,292.00
Candles		27.00
Memory Tree		215.00
Cemetery		500.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>2,034.00</u>

St. Peter's
December 25, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,104.00
Candles		29.54
Maintenance		600.00
Initial Offering		5.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,738.00</u>

St. Peter's
December 28, January 1 & January 4, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,757.00
Candles		49.00
Cemetery		100.00
Christmas		230.00
New Year's		405.00
Initial Offering		203.00
Total	\$	<u>2,744.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
December 21, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$	895.25
Candles		52.60
Christmas Offering		30.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>977.85</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
December 25th & 28th, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,388.15
Candles		31.50
Christmas		545.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,964.65</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
January 4, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	933.00
Candles		44.00
Initial Offering		329.00
Solemnity of Mary		715.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>2,021.00</u>

Community News

Tea and Tunes Sunday January 18 Bonnie Brae Club 2PM-4PM Wayne Bona and Friends
Admission 10.00 dollars Half and Half Tickets sold Light Lunch will be served. Happy New Year and hope to see you there.

Knights of Columbus: The regular monthly meeting of Council 14280 will be held on January 15th at 6:30 PM at the Glebe.

Richmond RTO Meeting

January 13th 12:00 Noon at Louie's Cosy Corner, St. Peter's. ALL Member's Welcome!

St. John the Baptist CWL would like to thank all those who donated refundable bottles to our account at the St. Peter's Bottle Exchange. \$270.00 was raised and we were able to help children and families in developing countries through Chalice, a Catholic international aid charity.

SJB: Thank you to all those who donated to our money tree. This year \$1,935.00 was realized. This money will certainly help our parish. Again, thank you.