

Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations. (Is 42:6)

Psalm:
The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

Second Reading:
“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him
and acts uprightly
is acceptable to him.” (Acts 10:34-35)

Gospel:
And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased.” (Mt 3:17)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, “It is fitting.” So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you.

Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, *Explained!*

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love.

Blessing for Baptismal Grace

Dear God,
Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved.
Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism.
Plant Your identity in our hearts.
Help us to live as Your beloved.
Amen.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 13, 5:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank
Wednesday, January 14, 5:30 pm Mass at St. William († Wendy Wadsworth by the Rapkoch Family)
Thursday, January 15, 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Francis in Valier
5:45 pm Mass at St. Francis in Valier
Friday, January 16, 10:30 am Mass at the Hospital Chapel († Steven Campros by John and Diane Abrahamson)
Saturday, January 17, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas († Mack and Judy Cole by Bryan and Cathy Ratzburg)
Sunday, January 18, 8:30 am Mass at St. Francis in Valier
10:30 am Mass at St. William († Lane Kennedy by Florence Murray)
12:30 pm Mass at St. Margaret in Cut Bank

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
St. William before Sunday Mass and St. Thomas Aquinas by appointment
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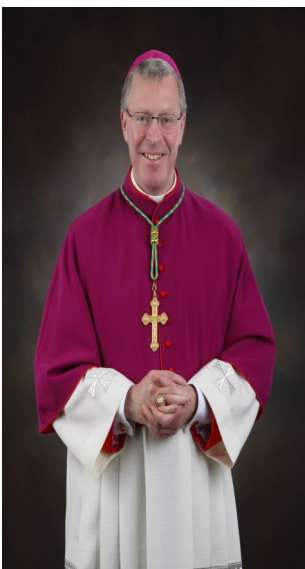


BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Christmas season, celebrating the self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of Baptism of our Lord. Christmas was the feast of God’s self-revelation to the Jews and epiphany was God’s self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his baptism Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. It is the public revelation of all the three Person in the Holy Trinity. Official revelation of Jesus as the son of God to the world by God the father.

The turning point: His baptism by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First it was a moment of identification with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. Second, it was a moment of conviction about His identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and that His mission was to preach the Good News of God’s love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the “*suffering servant*.” The Father’s words, “*This is my beloved Son*,” taken from Psalm 2:17, gave Jesus the identity of God’s Son, and the words “*with whom I am well pleased*,” from Isaiah 42:1 (referring to the “suffering servant”), pointed to Jesus’ mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. Third, it was a moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His *beloved Son*.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the holy Spirit. It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ’s ‘Good News’ by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness. Fr. Peter



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St. William Sunday	Usher	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Church Cleaners
1/18/26	Jabez Rogers	Jeanne keck	Emily McDermott and Jeanne McDonough	Junior High