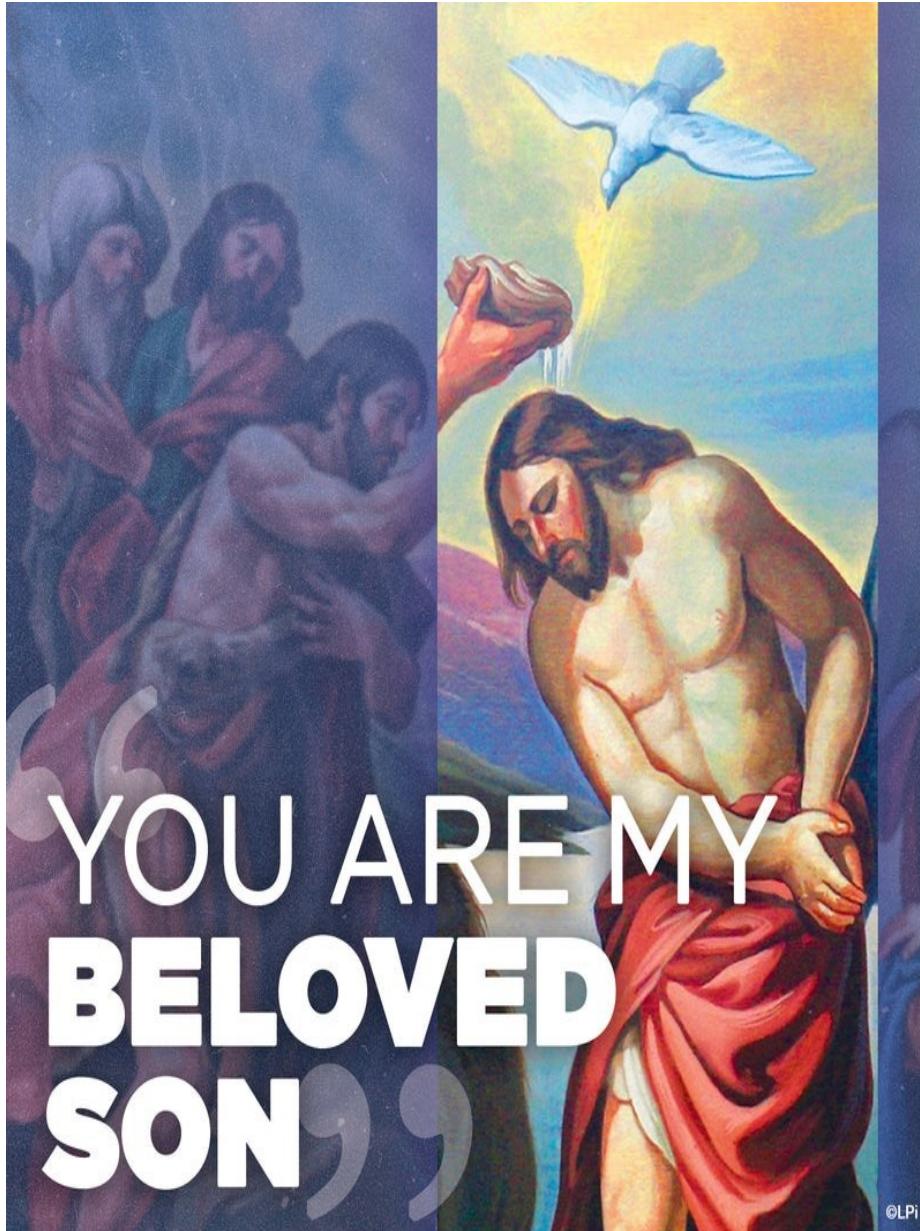


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MASS SCHEDULE

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Monday & Friday | 8:30 am

St. Joseph

Tuesday & Thursday | 8:30

St Francis

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's

Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis

10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's

Sunday | 8 am St Francis

Or by appointment

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community
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are called to live the Gospel message
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday (Jan. 10)**

Clara Walendziak +By Cassidy VanSteppins
Healing of Lynda & Tracy Gibson By SJ Pastoral Care

Sunday (Jan. 11)

Healing for Rose Bazan, Frank Atreed, Gary & Pat Herba
By SJ. Pastoral Care

Monday (Jan. 12) No Mass

Friday (Jan. 16)

Saturday (Jan. 17)

Healing of Jane Ruggeri & Lucy Wilcox
By SJ Pastoral Care

Sunday (Jan. 18)

Healing for Maryanne Izzo By SJ Pastoral Care
Healing o Sean Munnelly By his wife

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The Intention and Donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin.

The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20.

All submissions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the week you are requesting to accommodate bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday (Jan. 11)**

Deceased members Segura Family
By: Griesemer Family

Toby Edwards By Art & MaryAnn Stock

Tuesday (Jan. 13)

Thelma Misko By Bonnie Preston

Thursday (Jan. 15)

Alma St. Peter By David & Yolanda Gifford

Sunday (Jan. 18)

Healing of Marilyn Miranda Bocchi
Birth of Baby Nina for Cait & Saaman Germani
By Bob & Nancy Jones

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: January 11, 2026

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there... @LPI

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday:

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

Wednesday:

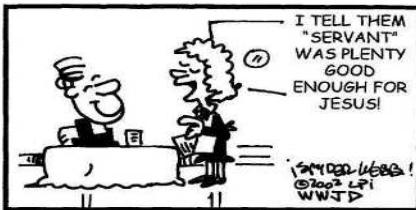
Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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BAPTISM**

St. Joseph

Mass Intentions:

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Jan.31 ~ Filipinos Sponsored Gathering: Mass 11am, pot luck to follow.
July 16, 17, 18 2026 ~ SJ Annual Summer Festival

Fr. Jun will be in the Philippines for home vacation from December 10 to January 15, 2026 (Weekday Masses will be livestreamed if WiFi will be available)

St. Francis

Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & needs to have communion at home or in hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Lessons from Baptizing a Frog

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes. ©LPI



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Matthew 6:21

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Blessing for Baptismal Graces

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. @Lpi

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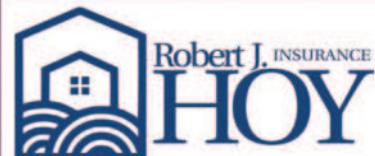


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