

# Dear Padre,

I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Let us resolve to bring [God's] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

### Monday

January 5  
St. John Neumann, Bishop  
1 Jn 3:22–4:6  
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

### Tuesday

January 6  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:7–10  
Mk 6:34–44

### Wednesday

January 7  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:11–18  
Mk 6:45–52

### Thursday

January 8  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:19–5:4  
Lk 4:14–22a

### Friday

January 9  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:5–13  
Lk 5:12–16

### Saturday

January 10  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:14–21  
Jn 3:22–30

### Sunday

January 11  
The Baptism of the Lord  
Is 42:1–4, 6–7  
Acts 10:34–38  
Mt 3:13–17

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 / Acts 10:34–38 / Matthew 3:13–17



## Jesus, Servant Leader

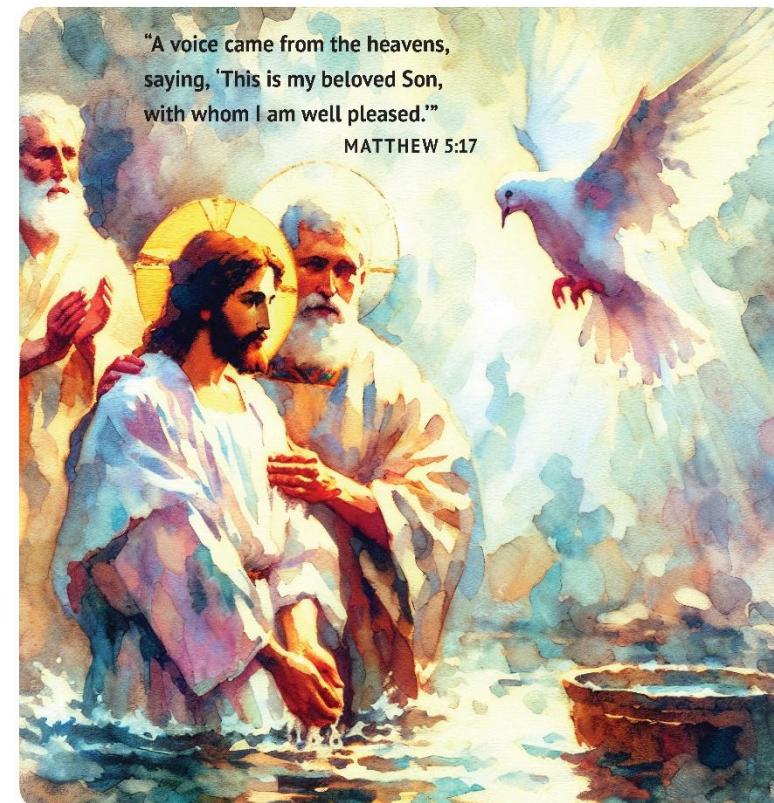
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**J**ohn, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as "the Baptist," offers a "baptism of repentance." Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today's beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father's Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, "This is my beloved Son!" (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped" (Philippians 2:5–6). ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

**Reflect**  
This week, I'll think  
about my baptism,  
when I was called to  
serve as Jesus served.

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**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** available, following Mass, on Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm availability. Also by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, [at least one month](#) prior to desired date.

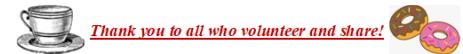
**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor [at least six months](#) prior to desired date.

**Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will**  
THANK YOU for your donations!

**Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00**  
01/04/26: **\$1503.00**      New Years: **\$202.06**  
Building Fund Donations: **\$270.00**

**ON-LINE DONATIONS** can be an easy and inexpensive way to routinely support St. Genevieve. Go to [methowcatholic.org](http://methowcatholic.org) and look for the little blue stick man. Questions? Call Nancy at 253-370-0798.

**CAFFEINE & CALORIES:**  
The weekly social hour continues, after Mass



*Please consider hosting C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.*

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

**PARENTS:** Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet food is especially needed in the winter. Donations can be left in the basket at the side door.

## **Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday, Jan 11 @ 11:00 am, Rosary @ 10:20 am**  
**Baptism of the Lord,**

**Wednesday, Jan 14 Communion Service @ 9:30 am,**  
**Rosary 9:00 am**

**Sunday, Jan 18 @ 11:00 am Rosary @ 10:20 am**



## **Liturgy of the Word**

*Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 Here is my servant.*

*Psalm 29 “The Lord will bless his people with peace.”*

*Acts 10:34–38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.*

*Matthew 3:13–17 The Spirit of God descends like a dove.*

Isaiah's words may be echoing in our heads now, as we have heard them nearly every Sunday throughout Advent and Christmas. Isaiah foresaw the Messiah, God's chosen one, who, filled with God's spirit, would open the eyes of the blind, rescue those imprisoned in darkness, and establish justice on the earth. Peter attests that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, and Matthew tells of how the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove descending from the heavens when Jesus was baptized. Filled with the Holy Spirit in baptism, let us allow the words of scripture to move us with their power.

**Question of the Week:** This coming week, in what way can I be a servant of the Lord with tenderness and compassion?



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADORATION**

Following First Friday Mass and Benediction, there will be Adoration of the Lord until 12:00 p.m. Come and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a few minutes or an hour or more. Of course, you can always come into the church and adore the Lord present in the Tabernacle whenever it is convenient for you.



## **PRAY**

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Wannita Knox  
Malachi Knox  
Jeff Springer  
Hal Groat  
Ana Cotner  
John Spannuth  
Joseph Carbajal  
Mark Crum  
Roland Cruz  
Duncan Bronson  
Jim Perra  
Brooke Stendera  
Lupe Garcia  
Bill Wilburn  
Sheila Kerr  
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**Repose of the Soul of**