

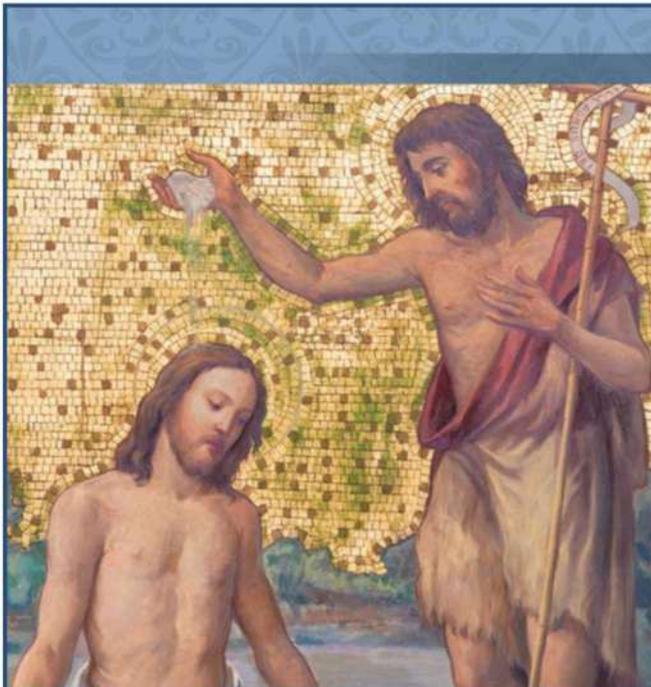


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**Mission Statement:** St. James Roman Catholic Parish is a warm and welcoming, Christ centered community, dedicated to service of all.

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**The Baptism of the Lord / January 11, 2026 / El Bautismo del Señor / 11 de enero de 2026**



### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

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### *Parish Hours*

**Weekend Masses** † Saturday - 4:00PM

Sunday - 8:00AM - 10:00AM -

12:00PM (Español) - 6:00PM

**Daily Mass** † Wednesday - 7:00PM

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday -

Saturday - 8:00AM

Holy Days † Please consult the Parish

Office

**Reconciliation** † 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays -

6:00PM - 6:45PM

Saturday - 2:00PM - 3:30PM, Or by

appointment /o con cita previa

**Parish Office Hours** † Sunday - 8:00AM -

1:00PM /

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - 9:00AM-

Noon 12:30PM - 4PM /

Wednesday & Friday - 9:00AM - Noon /

Saturday - 2:00PM - 4:00PM

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## Intentions

### Monday, January 12th

8am — Paul Du Puis (Special Intention)

### Tuesday, January 13th

8am — All Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, January 14th

7pm — John Paul Pastore (Birthday)

### Thursday, January 15th

8am — Margaret Mary Hudak (Deceased)

### Friday, January 16th

8am — John Gill (Deceased)

### Saturday, January 17th

8am — Thomas Skaria & Family (Special Intention)

4pm — Mickie Tynan (Special Intention)

### Sunday, January 18th

8am — OCIA Students

10am — St. James Parishioners

12pm — Irma Diaz (Deceased)

6pm — Lawrence Alexander (Deceased)

## St. James Council Members

### Pastoral Council:

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## Financial Blessings

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Thursday, December 25, 2025 Collection.....\$10,486.45

Weekly Offertory Budget.....\$14,115.00

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*Sunday 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 42:1-4, 6-7)

**Psalm:**

The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10)

**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 10:34-38)

**Gospel:**

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. (Mt 3:13-17)

*Readings of the Week*

**Monday, January 12th**

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

**Tuesday, January 13th**

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

**Wednesday, January 14th**

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

**Thursday, January 15th**

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

**Friday, January 16th**

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

**Saturday, January 17th**

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

*This Week at St. James...*

**Monday, January 12th**  
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

**Tuesday, January 13th**  
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support

2:30pm –3:45pm Legion of Mary

6:00pm –7:30pm Junior High Group

6:00pm –8:00pm Pastoral Council

**Wednesday, January 14th**  
8:00am –11:00am Rummage Sorting

9:00am –12:00pm Staff Meeting

6:00pm –7:30pm First Communion and Confirmation Preparation Class

6:00pm –6:45pm Reconciliation

7:00pm –7:30pm Daily Mass

**Thursday, January 15th**  
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

9:00am –12:00pm Safe Environment Training Support

5:30pm –7:00pm Español Coro Practicar

6:00pm –8:00pm OCIA

6:00pm –7:30pm Teen Confirmation class

7:00pm –8:30pm English Choir Practice

**Friday, January 16th**  
8:00am –8:30am Daily Mass

8:30am –4:00pm Adoration

4:00pm Benediction

**Saturday, January 17th**  
Mass Times: 8am and 4pm

10:00am –1:00pm First Reconciliation Retreat

2:00pm –8:00pm Bingo

2:00pm –3:30pm Reconciliation

**Sunday, January 18th**  
Mass Times: 8:00am, 10am, 12pm (Spanish), 6pm

7:00am –8:00am Choir Rehearsal

9:00am –10:00am Choir Rehearsal

9:00am –12:00pm Pancake Breakfast

10:10am –10:35am CLOW

11:00am –1:30pm African Choir Rehearsal (Sundays)

11:00am –12:00pm Choir Rehearsal

11:15am –12:00pm Rosary

12:10pm –12:35pm CLOW (Spanish)

1:15pm –1:45pm Rosary - Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm –8:30pm Teen Group



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Friday beginning at 8:30 AM and concludes at 4:00 PM.**

Come visit Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Creator of the Universe, the Merciful Savior, for just one of these Hours.

During exposition, Jesus cannot be left unattended.

Adoration = ONE hour.

## Reflections

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17

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.

- Father John Muir

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### When Jesus Wades In

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren’t ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it’s going to go. We know what’s going to be asked of us. We’re sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don’t think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John’s actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person “born of women” — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn’t give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, “Allow it for now.” John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus’ answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

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Next class is January 14th at  
**6PM**



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Teen Group (9th - 12th Grade):  
Sundays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**Sacrament of Baptism / Sacramento de Bautismo**  
Please contact Terri-Ext 104.  
Must be a registered parishioner for six months. Preparation classes are required. A brochure is available in the church foyer.

**Sacrament of Marriage / Sacramento de Matrimonio**  
Nine months in advance. Preparation classes are required.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**  
Call the Parish Office when seriously ill.

## Stay Connected



**No Coffee and Donuts  
on January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Enjoy a free pancake breakfast  
instead provided by the Knights of  
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This week our pantry needs  
fruit, jelly and cereal.

**SVdP:** After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

Have you considered joining SVdP so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

"Our hearts were made for Thee, O Lord, and restless shall they be, until they rest in Thee." St. Augustine



## Consider joining the Legion of Mary

Meet on **Tuesdays from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm** in rooms **7 & 8 of the Parish Hall**. Legionaries are under the guidance of a Spiritual Director named by the pastor. The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart and hands of the pastor. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through balanced program of prayer and service.

## Children Share in the Offering

Our children are invited to take part in the community collection. During the offertory, they may bring their own contribution to the white vessel before the altar, learning the joy of generosity and belonging in worship.



## Liturgical Ministry Training



**"Be not afraid"** to serve! God calls each of us to share our gifts. Learn to serve as a *minister of the word, minister of the Holy Eucharist, and minister of hospitality.*

**First Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**

**First Saturdays at 9:30 AM**

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\*Training and Retraining is done by Appointment.



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*What's Happening*

**DID YOU KNOW?**



St. James' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated in 2032. Our goal is to improve and beautify our facilities. Plans include enhancing the altar area, church flooring, renovations of the bathrooms and kitchen, as well as a makeover of the courtyard. A team is currently working to develop a comprehensive plan for improvements and repairs, which will be presented to the parish in the coming months.



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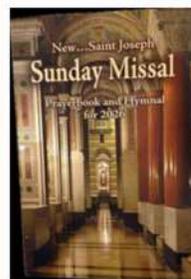
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