



**St. Margaret of Cortona Parish**  
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**January 11, 2026**



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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** **9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**  
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**Mass Guild – First Saturday of the Month – 12:00 p.m.**  
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## SUNDAY, January 11, 2026

### The Baptism of Our Lord

5:30 PM (Saturday) Deceased Members of  
Baker/Van Saders Family

9:00 AM Patrick Pansini

11:30 AM Nicolo Mattessich

## MONDAY, January 12

12:00 PM Michael Caligire

## TUESDAY, January 13

12:00 PM Joan Visconti

## WEDNESDAY, January 14

12:00 PM Dominic Azzolini, Sr.

## THURSDAY, January 15

12:00 PM Bruno Morin

## FRIDAY, January 16

12:00 PM Silvestro Morin

## SATURDAY, January 17

5:30 PM Elizabeth Bozzetti

## SUNDAY, January 18, 2026

### Second Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Madonna Danganan

11:30 AM Victor Traverso [7A]

Memorials  
Bread & Wine  
And  
Sanctuary Candle  
People of Our Parish Family



December 25, 2025

\$8,912

December 28, 2025

\$2,985

January 1, 2026

\$2,245

January 4, 2026

\$3,150



We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

Catherine Mary Moncello

Anthony Deli

Michele Porta

Valerie Vernay

Camilla Leventhal

Julian Morgan

Nicole Grano

Lena Vitalle

Julio Sanchez

Arline Hrbek

Robert Zienkiewicz

Brandon Kingsley

Paula Kelnhofer

Jacqueline Palmadessa

Barbara Demczyszyn

Robin Toscano

Caroline Ruppert Hubert

Ron Ruppert

Robert & Carolyn Salzman

George Stauble

Chris Lynch

Pia Maria Pignataro

Mary Mirrop

Johanna Hanush

Steven Sciancalepore

Michael & Stephen

Tom Greaux

Demczyszyn

Delia Libunao

Pedro Jimenez

Amy Way

Lori Ruppert Hagens

Phyllis Francis

Colette Caminiti

Steve De Martini



Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is My  
Beloved Son





*If there is any adult (18+yrs.)  
who wishes to complete  
their initiation into the  
Catholic Church by  
receiving Confirmation and/or  
Communion and Confirmation,  
please call  
Father Kevin at 201-641-2988*

• *Quote for: January 11*  
**"I saw the snares that the enemy  
spreads out over the world  
and I said groaning,  
What can get through from such  
snares?" Then I heard a voice  
saying to me, 'Humility.'"**  
~ St. Anthony of Egypt (251-356),  
Desert Father,  
Feast Day January 17

**The Eucharist**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word "eucharistia", meaning thanksgiving.

**Real Presence**

In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

The transformed bread and wine are truly the Body and Blood of Christ and are not merely symbols. When Christ said "This is my body" and "This is my blood," the bread and wine are transubstantiated. Though the bread and wine appear the same to our human faculties, they are actually the real body and blood of Jesus.

## Baptism of the Lord

**CHRISTMAS TIME** comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the Divine Son.

Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God.

Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the Magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969, we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: January 6, January 13, and on the following Sunday. All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority, and the power of Jesus.

In today's liturgical calendar, the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord, we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In the United States, we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holyday of obligation, it is celebrated on January 6. In the United States, the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany, but if Epiphany comes late, falling on January 6 or 7, the Baptism of the Lord goes to the next day, January 7 or 8, a Monday, in order to make room for the weeks of Ordinary Time.

## The Baptism of the Lord

### Reading I

#### Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my spirit;  
he shall bring forth justice  
to the nations,  
not crying out, not shouting,  
not making his voice heard in the street.  
a bruised reed he shall not break,  
and a smoldering wick he  
shall not quench,  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands will wait  
for his teaching.  
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,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon, those who live in  
darkness.

### Reading II

#### Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak  
to those gathered

in the house of Cornelius, saying:

“In truth, I see that God  
shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears  
him and acts uprightly  
is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent  
to the Israelites

as he proclaimed peace through Jesus  
Christ, who is Lord of all,

what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.  
He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed  
by the devil,  
for God was with him.”

### Gospel

#### Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John  
at the Jordan

to be baptized by him.

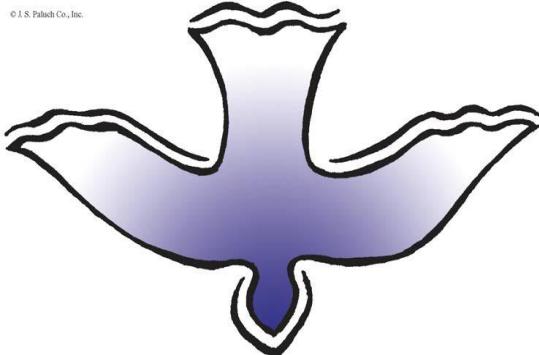
John tried to prevent him, saying,  
“I need to be baptized by you,  
and yet you are coming to me?”

Jesus said to him in reply,  
“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for  
us to fulfill all righteousness.”

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized,  
he came up from the water and behold,  
the heavens were opened for him,  
and he saw the Spirit of God descending  
like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came  
from the heavens, saying,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I  
am well pleased.”



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