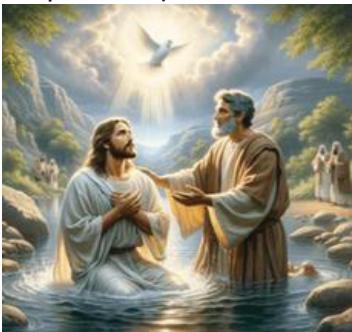


THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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1st Reading:
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading:
Acts 10:34-38

Gospel:
Matthew 3:13-17
The Baptism of Jesus

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule: Saturday (Vigil) Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

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Baptized into Stewardship

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. From reflecting on Jesus' baptism, we can learn more about the mystery of our own baptism which the Catechism describes as "God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (CCC, 1216). Firstly, we realize that being God, Jesus did not need to be baptized yet chose to do so as a model for us and to reveal Himself more fully.

Firstly, the Father reveals Jesus as His "beloved Son." So too, in our baptism we receive our renewed identities as beloved sons and daughters of God. St. Paul also describes baptism as clothing ourselves with Christ (Gal 3:27). It is during this most special sacrament that our entire lives are changed for we fully recognize who we are in the eyes of God.

Secondly, the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove reveals Jesus as the Anointed One, or the Christ. Following His baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to prepare for His mission. Similarly, during our baptism we are anointed with sacred chrism which "signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1241). Like Jesus, we too will be led by the Spirit into mission. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* calls all the baptized to accept their baptismal responsibility "to place their gifts, their resources, their selves at God's service in and through the Church." Essentially, to live out our baptism is to live as an authentic steward. Let us ask ourselves, are we truly living out the call of stewardship we received during our baptism?

Summary

In our baptism we receive our renewed identities as beloved sons and daughters of God just as the Father called Jesus His "Beloved Son" at His baptism. Moreover, as the dove representing the Spirit descends on Jesus, so too during our baptism we are anointed with sacred chrism signifying the gift of the Spirit. Lastly, as Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His mission, our baptism marks the start of our mission as stewards of Christ to place our gifts, resources, and very selves at God's service in and through the Church.

Mass Intentions for the Week of Jan 10 / 11, 2026

Saturday Jan 10th

5:00 pm - Deceased members of the Joseph Family
 - S.I. & Safe travels

Sunday Jan 11th

9:00 am - S.I & Blessings for Greg & Glenda Baun

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm + Prescilla Luman Lam

Monday Jan 12th

8:30 am

Tuesday Jan 13th

8:30 am + Clarence & Paul King

Wednesday Jan 14th

8:30 am + Sr. Barbara Desmond (1st Death Anniversary)

Thursday Jan 15th

8:30 am - Mass for The Holy Infant Jesus
 + Reiner Beeg

Friday Jan 16th

8:30 am

Kindergarten Registration

Parents are invited to register their children for kindergarten beginning January 21, 2026. For details, please see the bulletin board in the foyer.



Donation envelopes for 2026 will be kept in the Church Foyer until Sunday February 1st, 2026. If you have not picked up your envelope box by then, your number will be assigned to someone else.

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2025 DONATION ENVELOPES.

Thank you.



OR



50 + Group

Renew or purchase your annual membership for the 50+ events and enjoy a movie afternoon with a soup & sandwich on Jan 22nd at 12 noon. We are requesting all members to renew their annual membership for 2026. We also welcome all seniors to join this highly active group and enjoy the lively monthly afternoons. The cost of membership is \$20.00 for the entire year. Membership will be sold after all weekend masses.

Take a look at some of the events that will take place this year.

- Jan 22: Membership Movie Afternoon
- Feb 19: Valentine's Day Celebration
- Mar 19: St. Joseph's & St. Patrick's Feasts
- Apr 23: Estate Planning Presentation
- May 21: Spring is Here!
- Jun 18: Teopoli Bus Trip
- Sep 17: Niagara Falls Bus Trip
- Oct 15: Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov 19: Remembrance Day Event
- Dec 17: Christmas Lunch



Parish Weekly fact

Two possible New Year's Resolutions:

1. The New Year presents an excellent opportunity for families attending Mass at St. Martin de Porres to become fully registered as parishioners, (Registration Forms are available in the entrance foyer.) Registration facilitates communication with the parish, and access to sacraments and Mass dedications.
2. Have you started using your 2026 Envelopes yet? We are now into the 2026 calendar year, and our planning for supporting God and the Church should be well underway. All parishioners should have a set of envelopes. If you donate by cash in the collection basket, envelope use will earn you a 2026 Income Tax Receipt. If you donate by pre-authorized digital methods, envelopes help remind you of upcoming Building Fund or other Special Collections.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our Parish and for those who love and minister to them. Comfort them, heal their body, and strengthen their spirit. May they feel Your presence and know they are loved. Amen."

KAPIT BAHAY

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