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The Baptism of the Lord

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekday

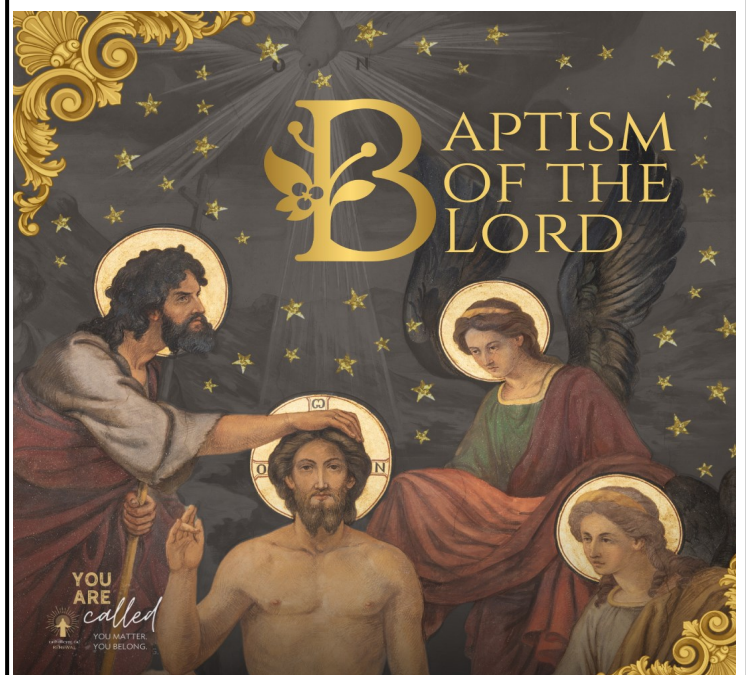
Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am
1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

CONFESSION

Wednesday & Friday 9:30 -10:00am
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm
(or by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm
Closed 12-12:30 for lunch and on all statutory holidays.



Thank you for joining us! We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our parish. If you are new to our parish community, please fill out a registration form available on our website, at the SW entrance of the church, or at the parish office. We hope to see you again soon!

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the Month of January:

For prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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“You are my Beloved!” - Fr. Domingo

Imagine this scene.

The heavens open. The Spirit descends like a dove. And a voice—*not thunder, not anger, not judgment*—but a **Father’s voice** breaks the silence: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”**

Before Jesus preached a single sermon... Before He healed the sick...
Before He carried the cross... God the Father looked at Him and said:

“You are my Beloved.”

And today, on the Feast of the Lord’s Baptism, the Church dares to say something breathtaking: **That voice was not meant for Jesus alone. That declaration echoes over every baptismal font. That sentence is spoken over you.**

In this gospel, Jesus steps into the Jordan River—not because He needs repentance, but because He wants to stand *with us*. And when He rises from the water, three things happen: (1) **The heavens open** – separation is gone. (2) **The Spirit descends** – God’s life is shared. (3) **The Father speaks** – identity is revealed.

This is not just about Jesus’ mission. This is about **our adoption**. Through **Baptism**, we are not merely forgiven. We are not simply welcomed. We are **adopted**.

One of the most beautiful teachings of Jesus is this: **His Father is now our Father**. That’s why, in this Mass, we dare to pray **“Our Father.”**

Let me share with you a short anecdote from **Pope John Paul II**. He was once asked by a reporter, “Holy Father, what was the happiest moment of your life? Was it your ordination as a priest?”

The Pope replied gently, “No, my child.” “Was it your appointment as a bishop?” “No, my son.” “Surely it was when you were elected Pope?” the reporter insisted. The Holy Father shook his head and said, “No.” Then the reporter asked, “What was it then?”

And **Pope John Paul II** answered: **“It was when I was baptized. It was then that I became a child of God.”**

That is the heart of today’s feast. The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of **our own baptism**: In baptism, God declares to the whole universe: **“You are my beloved daughter.” “You are my beloved son.”**

Brothers and sisters, Baptism is not just something that *happened* to us. It is something we are called to **live every day**. If God is our Father, then we must begin to **look like Him**.

Jesus says, *“Be holy, as your Father in heaven is holy.”* That is our baptismal calling.

To live out our Baptism means: When the world chooses hatred, **we choose love**. When others choose revenge, **we choose mercy**. When darkness spreads, **we choose goodness**. When sin tempts us, **we remember who we are**. We live differently— because we belong to a **different Father**.

So today, as we remember the Baptism of the Lord, let us also renew **our own baptismal promise**. Live holy. Be the light and salt of the earth. Because the world is still waiting to see what the children of God look like.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Throughout the Jubilee Year of Hope, we have journeyed together in faith and hope in the Lord. As this Jubilee now comes to a close, we pray that its fruits will remain among us and that the grace received will continue to shape our life and ministry together. As we enter this New Year, please take a moment to read Bishop McGrattan’s message and reflect on the path ahead. [Read Bishop McGrattan's message](#)

Preparing for the Easter Triduum

This diocesan workshop equips clergy and parish liturgical ministers to celebrate the Easter Triduum, Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection, with reverence, unity, and joy. Through shared theological, liturgical, and pastoral formation, ministers are prepared to serve collaboratively so that the faithful may enter the Paschal Mystery more fully and fruitfully.

Clergy and representatives from the Parish Liturgy Committee, Lector, Music/Choir, EMHC, Altar Server, Sacristans, Liturgical Environment, Ushers/Hospitality ministries are invited to register online for this diocesan workshop in preparation for the Easter Triduum.

- **When:** Saturday, February 7 at 10 am to 1 pm
- **Available locations:** St Bonaventure, St Luke, Mary Mother of the Redeemer

More information & **Registration** at catholicyc.ca/triduum

Mindful Give

We have a new donation method called Quick Tap at the SW entrance. Quick Tap is a secure, contactless way to support the parish—simply tap your debit or credit card on the device to make a contribution and continue on your way. It is fast, easy, and especially helpful for those who don't carry cash or prefer a quick, no-fuss way to give. If you would like to receive a tax receipt for each donation, just scan the QR code on the display to complete a brief one-time registration. After that, your receipts will be emailed to you automatically each time you donate. We hope this makes giving more convenient and accessible for everyone. Thank you for your continued support!



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 13

9am James Castelino +

Wednesday, January 14

9am Intention of Rick and Myra Poulin

Thursday, January 15

9am Intention of Walter Reid & Family

Friday, January 16

9am Intention of David Foley

Saturday, January 17

5pm Guido Ciccaglione +

Sunday, January 18

10am Intention of Valentine Family

12pm Parishioners of St James

Multiply the Hope

The Calgary Diocese recognizes that parishes like ours carry financial challenges related to aging buildings that require necessary repairs, while other parishes also have loans to repay. In the spirit of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis, our Diocese has launched a financial campaign called, **Multiply the Hope** to help with these costs. Under this campaign, the Diocese will match every dollar contributed to our repairs and maintenance fund up to a maximum of \$94,630. This

means that every contribution made to our repairs and maintenance fund will have twice the impact, allowing our parish to move forward with some of our more significant repairs and maintenance initiatives. The **Multiply the Hope** campaign runs to the end of 2027, giving us 2025, 2026 and

2027 to benefit from this matching program and to reach our parish goal of \$94,630.

Find out more about this campaign at www.catholiccycc.ca/multiplythehope



Thank You!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Mihiri Silva and Janice Piet for decorating so beautifully; to Tim Dahm for re-building our nativity cave; to Brian Lerner for securing and delivering our poinsettias; and to all the sacristans, lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, singers and musicians.

CCEF Cash Raffle + 50/50 (Jan 1-Mar 2, 2026)

The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF<<http://www.theccef.ca/>>) is back with Alberta's largest Catholic school-supporting raffle-running January 1 to March 2, 2026-in support of Catholic education for 64,000 students across 120 schools in Calgary and area. This year includes 4 Early Bird cash draws with prizes totaling \$20,000, plus the 50/50 with a chance to share in a \$1 million pot. When you purchase, be sure to add on the 50/50 and select your school in the drop-down so it can share in the 50/50 proceeds. Thank you for supporting Catholic education in our community. Tickets start at \$10 and can be purchased here: <https://bit.ly/CCEFRaffle>



Used Towels and Blankets

Earlier this week, an email was sent out for used towels and blankets. Thank you for the great response! We could still use more and will accept them until next Sunday. A box is set up in the hall for this purpose. These items will be used to pack our nativity figures and protect them from damage while in storage.

Next Week at the Church

Monday	Office Open 6:00pm	Legion of Mary
Tuesday	9:00am	Mass
Wednesday	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass/Confession RCIA
Thursday	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass Parish Renewal Team
Friday	9:00am	Mass/Adoration/ Confession
Saturday	9:00am 11:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Reconciliation Retreat 1st Reconciliation Confession Mass
Sunday	10:00am 12:00pm	Mass Mass

Rosary at 8:30am prior to all weekday Mass.

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Ali Boyd, Emma Boccardo, Paul B., Lucy Ciccaglione,
Fr. Luciano Cortopassi, Stephanie Davis, Patrick Driscoll,
Mia Dumonceaux, Gabrielle Engels, Scott Evans,
Msgr. Noel Farman, Nancy Farrell, Mary Figley, Bernice
Foley, Marie Funke, Merle Gonsalves, Aidan Hanes, Keith
Hannan, Jennifer Hazen, Sharon Jeanson, Charlotte Johansen,
Lara Lavalley, Martin McCarthy,
Pauline & Monty Montemurro, Bill Montgomery,
Dave Moran, Mark Naylen, Elliott Nowell, Kathy Oczkowski,
Ashleigh Patterson, Emil Rawlyk, Jocelyn Robb,
Gabriel Serpas, Brad Sluiter,
Marie Swab, Ildiko Szikora, Mary Terek, Frank Toone,
Maria Zuzic



SUN, JAN 18

St. Mary's Cathedral
Noon Mass with Bishop
William T. McGrattan

MON, JAN 19

FCJ Centre
5:30 pm at the Chapel

WED, JAN 21

St. Famille Church
10:30 am (in French)

WED, JAN 21

Mount Royal University
12 pm at U111 Room
(Christian Chaplaincies)

WED, JAN 21

Ascension Catholic Parish
6 pm at the church

THU, JAN 22

Westminster Presbyterian
12:30 pm at the church

JAN 19-23

CCSD Schools
Prayer service at the Calgary
Catholic School District

For more information about the Week of
Prayer for Christian Unity, please visit

WEEKOFPRAYER.CA



A Call to Unity: Prayer & Worship with the Jewish Messianic Movement

Parishioners are invited to gather for an evening of prayer and worship with the Jewish Messianic movement. All are invited to this communal gathering of healing, repentance, and reconciliation with the Body of Messiah.

When: **Thu, Jan. 22 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm** - at St. Michael Catholic Community, Calgary

Your Financial Support Is Greatly Appreciated

- ◆ Online giving on the "Contribute" page of our website—one time or monthly with debit, Visa, Visa debit, Mastercard, or American Express
- ◆ Mastercard, Visa or Debit through the office—one time donation or monthly
- ◆ Pre-authorized Withdrawal (Direct Deposit) - get forms from the office or at the church entrance
- ◆ E-transfer to isupport@stjamescalgary.org
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope in the collection basket
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope at the office or into the office mailbox
- ◆ Mailing your donation to the church
- ◆ Quick Tap

For a complete list of events in the Diocese of Calgary, please visit www.catholicyc.ca