

Behold  
THE  
Lamb  
OF  
God



“Now I have seen and testified that he is  
The Son of God.” Jn 1:34

**2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

— SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 —

**ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH**

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## STEWARSHIP OF TREASURE (RESPONSIBILIDAD COMPARTIDA)

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Offertory totals for January 11, 2025

Offertory	\$4,871.00
Online Sun. Giving	<u>\$2,042.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,913.00</b>

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## STEWARSHIP PRAYER

*For the Sick & HOMEBOUND:  
(Para Los Enfermos Y Confinados En Casa)*  
Amanda Perez, Eliseo Plata, Ismael Alarcon,  
Carmen Cabral and Maria Elena Ramirez

*Recently Died (Murieron Recientemente)*  
Jorge Gonzalez Garcia +, Louise High +, Eduardo Peralta Sr. +, Salvador Villanueva +, Trevor McCartney +

*Members of our Parish Family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes and all who have no one to pray for them.*

## PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Tito Jesus L. Cartagenas, Pastor

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Paul Navarro (Secretary)

Carol Bautista, Danitza Melendez, Amy Dizon  
and Antonietta Bustamante

## DAILY MASS READINGS

1/18 | SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 (64)

1/19 | MONDAY

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 (311)

1/20 | TUESDAY

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 (312)

1/21 | WEDNESDAY

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)

1/22 | THURSDAY

USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (314)

1/23 | FRIDAY

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 (315)

1/24 | SATURDAY

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21 (316)

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## CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY:

5:00 PM | English (*Saturday Vigil*)  
7:00 AM | English  
9:00 AM | English  
11:00 AM | English  
1:00 PM | Spanish

### ROSARY TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Mon - Friday | 9:00 AM

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
Mon - Friday | 9:30 AM

**First Wednesday of the Month**  
6:30 PM | Novena Mass to Mother of  
Perpetual Help

### First Friday of the Month

9:30 AM | Mass with the Sacrament of the  
Anointing of the Sick,  
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament | English

6:30 PM | Adoracion | Spanish

7:00 PM | Misa

7:45 PM (Uncion de los enfermos)

## Mass Intentions

Sun	1/18	7:00 AM	Luis R. Besas +
		9:00 AM	Priscilla Yamamoto +
		11:00AM	Michael Estrada +
		1:00 PM	Gracia Sanchez Dominguez +
Mon	1/19	9:30 AM	Rinil Boban + All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	1/20	9:30 AM	Sanders Family living and deceased
Wed	1/21	9:30 AM	Sanders Family living and deceased
Thu	1/22	9:30 AM	Melinda Manolo (birthday)
Fri	1/23	9:30 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
Sat	1/24	5:00 PM	Andre Thiurmann



### Do you know someone who's homebound?

If you or a loved one are homebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion and anointing, please call the parish office at 408-629-3030 or Carmen Lizardi Folley at 408-314-0328. Leave your name, phone number and the date that you called. Or email us with the same information to [office@stjulies-dsj.org](mailto:office@stjulies-dsj.org). A minister will contact you and arrange a time to come to your home.

### Conoces a alguien que esté sin poder salir de casa?

Si usted o un ser querido están enfermos o imposibilitados para salir de su hogar y desea recibir la Sagrada Comunión, llame a la oficina parroquial al 408-629-3030 x 107. Deje su nombre, número de teléfono y la fecha en que llamó. O envíenos un correo electrónico con la misma información a [office@stjulies-dsj.org](mailto:office@stjulies-dsj.org). Un ministro se pondrá en contacto con usted y concertará una cita para visitar su hogar.

# SUNDAY CONNECTION

## First Reading

*Isaiah 49:3,5-6*

God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 40:2,4,7-10*

God desires obedience.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

## Gospel Reading

*John 1:29-34*

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.



*Sowing Seeds of Faith*

The Diocese of San José - Campaign for Spiritual Renewal

## Sow of Seeds Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
Source of all life and giver of every good gift,  
In this Year of Hope, we come before You  
With grateful hearts and trusting spirits.

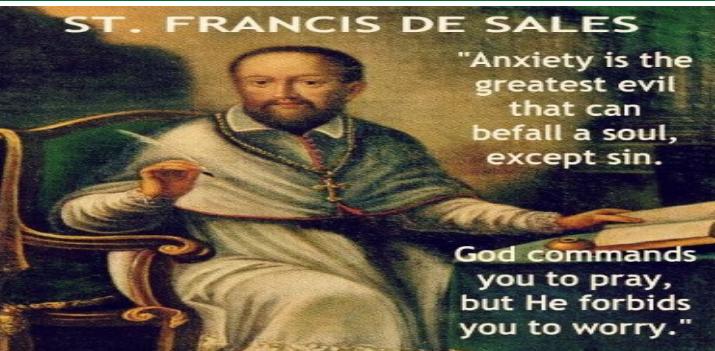
You have called us to sow seeds of faith,  
To renew our hearts, our parishes,  
schools, and our Diocese  
Through a bold vision rooted in Your love.  
As we unite in this Capital Campaign,  
Grant us the grace to respond with  
generosity and joy.

Strengthen our commitment to the  
mission of the Church,  
That we may grow as faithful disciples,  
Active in the life of our parishes,  
And courageous in sharing the Gospel with others.

Bless our efforts to support our  
Diocesan Pastoral Plan,  
So that Renewed in Christ,  
Together in Mission,  
Every ministry may thrive,  
And every soul may give glory to God.

May the seeds we plant today bear fruit  
for generations to come.  
Through the intercession of  
Saint Joseph, Saint Clare,  
And Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
May we be guided always in  
faith, hope, and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Old Testament Prefigurations of Baptism

Baptism was seen in a veiled way from the beginning of time. The fact that God would save us one day through water is also seen in the many ways that God saved His people in the Old Testament. Let's look at those ways.

**Creation:** The second sentence of the book of Genesis says there was "a mighty wind sweeping over the waters" ([Gn 1:2](#)). This is a reference to the Holy Spirit breathing on the waters of creation, making them a source of holiness for the world. This is the first baptismal image we have in the Scriptures.

**Noah:** God first chose to destroy the sinful world with water. This was a sign of baptism. Just as the waters covered the Earth and destroyed all things, so also baptism covers us and destroys sin. Noah and his family are the new humanity. So also we are part of that new humanity since washed with the waters of baptism.

**Red Sea:** The Red Sea is the most notable sign of baptism in the Old Testament. In this event, we see God's people saved as they walk through the waters of this sea. As they pass through the waters, evil is destroyed behind them, symbolized by the covering of Pharaoh's army with water. Yet the Israelites are led into freedom through these same waters.

**Jordan River:** On the final journey into the promised land, Joshua led the Israelites through the waters of the Jordan River. It was a mighty river. However, as soon as the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant entered the waters, the river stopped flowing and the Israelites were able to pass through. This points to Baptism as the gateway to the promised land of grace in our lives.

### Giving Us This Sacrament

The Sacrament of Baptism was immediately presented to us when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan. John had been baptizing people and calling them to repentance. He was preparing them for the coming of the Messiah. And then Jesus the Son of God showed up to be baptized by John. John didn't want to do it at first, but Jesus insisted. So He entered the Jordan and was baptized by John.

Did Jesus need this baptism? Did He need to repent? Obviously not. What Jesus did in that baptism could be called a "reverse baptism." In other words, as Jesus entered the water, He Himself baptized the water. And by entering into the water, He made all water holy and transmitted His grace to it so that it could henceforth be used as the instrument of the baptism of others.

Though Jesus was not changed by His baptism as we are, it was the beginning of His public ministry and the first manifestation of who He was. The Spirit descended in manifest form, and the Father spoke from Heaven. This is a revelation of Jesus as a member of the Trinity, sent by the Father and empowered by the Spirit, to fulfill His divine mission of salvation.

Baptism, as a sacrament, was formally instituted by Jesus just before He ascended into Heaven. He said to His Apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" ([Mt 28:19](#)). With this command, we have the glorious gateway to grace that Jesus intended.

### The Celebration of Baptism

Baptism is celebrated according to a set liturgical rite that has evolved over the centuries. A detailed explanation would be a book in itself. For our purposes, we will look only at some of the essential parts of the liturgical rite and speak to their symbolism and meaning. This reflection is based on the Rite of Baptism for Children, but the symbolism and meaning applies to adults who are baptized also.

**Beginning at the Entrance of the Church:** Baptism begins at the entrance of the Church. This is done as a symbolic gesture of what is happening. The child being baptized is being welcomed into the Church as a member of Christ's body. The church building is a symbol of Christ's spiritual Body, the Church. Therefore, the person is met at the entrance and welcomed into Christ Jesus.

**Marked with the Sign of the Cross:**

The person to be baptized is then marked on the forehead with the sign of the Cross by the minister, the parents and the godparents. This symbolic gesture is an indication of what is soon to take place. The child will be marked by Baptism with an indelible spiritual marking from God on their soul.

**Proclamation of the Scriptures:**

The Word of God is read, and a homily is given. This shows that faith comes through hearing the Word of God. And the response to that faith is first and foremost Baptism.

**Anointing with Oil of Catechumen:**

A prayer against evil is prayed over the child (a prayer of exorcism), and then the child is anointed with oil that was previously blessed by the bishop. This prayer acknowledges the reality of evil in our world and, at the beginning of the child's Christian life, offers the grace of protection. The child is then anointed on the breast as a sign of receiving a breastplate of protection.

**Blessing of Water:**

The minister moves to the baptismal font and prays a prayer of blessing upon the water. The most traditional of prayers used is one which recounts the history of God's use of water. It recounts the events mentioned earlier in this chapter regarding the following: the Spirit breathed on the waters at Creation; the story of Noah; the Red Sea; the Jordan; and the Baptism of Jesus.

**Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith:**

The parents and godparents are asked to profess their faith and, in so doing, to profess the faith in which the child is about to be baptized. In this profession of faith, they are promising to raise the child in this faith they profess.

**Rite of Baptism:** The essential part of Baptism is the pouring, sprinkling or immersion with water. While the water touches the person, the Trinitarian formula is said: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The minister must also have the intention to do what the Church intends to do, namely, to baptize.

**Chrism:** Chrism is a mixture of oil and perfume. It is blessed by the bishop at a special Mass during Holy Week called the Chrism Mass. This chrism is also used in Confirmation and Holy Orders. The oil is a symbol of the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the perfume is a symbol of the sweet fragrance of Christ which must always permeate their lives.

**Baptismal Garment:** The child is covered with a white garment, which is a symbol of being clothed in Christ. White is a symbol of purity and freedom from sin.

**Candle:** The parents and godparents then receive a lit candle. The candle is lit from the Easter candle, which is a symbol of Christ Himself. The light is entrusted to the parents and godparents as a way of telling them they are now responsible to keep this light of faith alive in the heart of this child through their words and actions so that the faith given in Baptism will reach culmination one day in Heaven.

**Blessing of Parents:** The rite concludes with a special blessing of the parents. This blessing acknowledges the fact that parents play an essential role in the Christian upbringing and formation of children who are baptized. They can only fulfill this role with the help of God!





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**'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face! Your face, Lord, do I seek. Psalms 27:8**

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