



**Tuesday, January 13** 8AM  
 † Louise Lewis

**Wednesday, January 14** 8AM  
 † Sam & Catherine DeStefano  
 † Gloria Aguirre

**Thursday, January 15** 8AM  
 † Lance Anderson

**Friday, January 16** 8AM  
 † Hermelinda Campos de Alvarado

**Saturday, January 17** 5PM  
 Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Sunday, January 18** 9AM  
 † Ruben Martinez  
 † Johnny Cortez  
 † Johnny Patranella

**Sunday, January 18** 11AM  
 † Sebastian Valdivia  
 † Juan Lopez  
 † Hermelinda Campos de Alvarado



**We pray for our sick parishioner's!**  
**Si usted desea que oremos por su familiar enfermo!**

Ken & Sandra Anthony	Evangelina Ordoñez
Romualdo Campos	Alan Mateo Pina
Victor & Carmen Cortez	Adam Ruiz Sr.
Francisco DeLeon	Alan Mateo Piña
Peewee Espitia	Johnny Ruiz
Charles Fazzino	Patty Syzdek
Rachel Flores	Francisco Torres
Moses Luna	Margaret Vaca
David Martinez	Lisa Yezak

Please contact the church office with questions. Names will stay on the list for 2 months. Please call the church office with questions.



**Sanctuary Candle in Loving Memory of †April Baker**  
 By Angel Reistino



**Stewardship of Treasure Report**  
**January 1-4 2025**

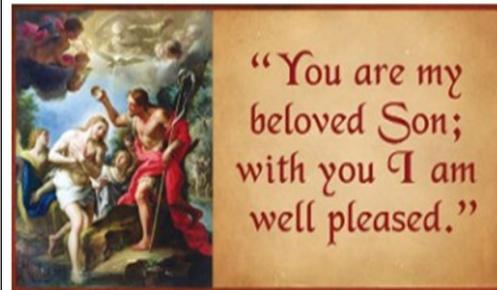


Amount Needed Weekly:	\$4,000.00
Actual Collection:	\$5,062.00
Black Bag Collection:	\$1,232.00
New Years:	\$1,201.00
<b>Above Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,062.00</b>

*"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?" [Mt. 3:14]*

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholic Stewards there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

**Thank you for your support and generosity!**



**The Baptism of the Lord --**

When Jesus is baptized, he does not need its cleansing aspect. He is free from sin and does not need the repentance that John's baptism signified. At Jesus' baptism, he adds a dimension to the practice, elevating it from human devotional proactive to sacrament of God's grace. Baptism still signifies repentance and is still cleansing; it removes the stain of original sin and restores us to right relationship with God. It is also, now, the means by which God adopts us as children and coheir with Christ.

**El Bautismo del Señor --**

Este domingo la Iglesia celebra el Bautismo del Señor y el final oficial de Tiempo de Navidad. Aunque muchas personas quitan sus árboles y decoraciones navideñas un poco después del 25 de diciembre, nuestra Iglesia continúa la celebración del gran misterio de la Encarnación. Este acontecimiento sucedió cuando Jesús se preparaba para comenzar su ministerio público. Así como quitamos los signos navideños, pero tratamos de mantener vivo el espíritu de la Navidad en nuestro corazón durante todo el año, así mismo celebramos el Bautismo una sola vez, comprometiéndonos todos los días al significado que este sacramento tiene en nuestras vidas.



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, January 12:**

(First Week in Ordinary Time)  
 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday, January 13:**

Saint Hilary  
 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 14:**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 15:**

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 16:**

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

**Sat., January 17:**

Saint Anthony  
 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 18:**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



If you would like to offer Mass Intention for a loved one in 2026, please contact the Parish Office. We will be happy to assist you. There is a \$5 donation per Mass. There are many weekdays [Tuesdays to Fridays that are empty]

**INTENCIONES PARA MISAS:**

Si le gustaría dedicar una Misa para un ser querido en 2026, por favor venga a la Oficina Parroquial. Estaremos encantados de ayudarlo. Hay una donación de \$5 por Misa.

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** -- On this final day of the Christmas season, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear in dramatic fashion of Jesus rising from the waters of the River Jordan, the heavens opening before him, the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and a voice from the heavens proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Though not as visibly, we too have risen from the waters of baptism and received the Holy Spirit. As beloved children of God, we pray that God is also well pleased with us.

**Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor** – En este último día del tiempo de Navidad celebramos la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Escuchamos en un estilo dramático el relato del Bautismo de Jesús en el río Jordán y cómo al salir de las aguas los cielos se abrieron y el Espíritu Santo descendió en forma de paloma, y se escucha entonces desde el cielo la voz del Padre, que proclama: "Éste es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias". Nosotros también hemos salido de las aguas del Bautismo y, aunque no de manera tan visible, hemos recibido el Espíritu Santo. Como hijas e hijos amados del Padre, oramos para que Dios esté también complacido con nosotros.

**The best prayer Catholics have is the Mass... which is the greatest gift of all.**

### Catholic Services Appeal Update



AMOUNT RAISED	DONORS	GOAL AMOUNT	% TO GOAL
\$17,565.00	60	\$13,000.00	135%

#### **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL --**

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU and your generosity, we have reached our parish goal and stretch goal in supporting the Diocese of Austin!** With your support, you have made a difference in the lives of those most in need in the diocese. If you are still prayerfully considering making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal, you may complete and return your pledge card to the collection basket or make a secure gift online at [austindiocese.org/give](http://austindiocese.org/give).

#### **LLAMADO PARA LOS SERVICIOS CATOLICOS**

– **GRACIAS A TODOS USTEDES** y a su generosidad, hemos alcanzado la meta parroquial y la meta adicional en apoyo a la Diócesis de Austin. Con su apoyo, han hecho una diferencia en la vida de quienes más lo necesitan en la diócesis. Si aún están considerando en oración hacer una donación a el Llamado Para Los Servicios Católicos! Con su apoyo pueden completar y regresar su tarjeta de compromiso en la canasta de la colecta o hacer una donación segura en línea en [austindiocese.org/give](http://austindiocese.org/give).

### **THE 5 EFFECTS OF BAPTISM**

- We are granted justification or sanctifying grace – when we are baptized our original sin is forgiven and in the case of adults, our personal sins.
- We receive the three theological virtues: FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY – the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the other virtues are received.
- We receive the theological virtue – it offers the necessary help to live a Christian life. It makes us capable of believing in God, of waiting on him and loving him.
- A sacramental character is imprinted in us – it is an indelible spiritual mark that is imprinted during baptism. It makes us part of the Church, the Body of Christ.
- It makes us part of the common priesthood of the faithful – participation in in two forms: Active, through evangelization and sanctifying all temporal realities and passive by receiving the other sacraments.



#### **CONFIRMATION MEETING -**

Parents of Confirmation Students will have a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026, at 6:10 PM at the library. Important topics will be discussed. We expect a 100% attendance!

#### **FIRST COMMUNION MEETING-**

Parents of First Holy Communion Students will have a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026, at 6:10 PM at the PAC.



**All High School Students [9th– 12th grades] are invited to celebrate their faith at the 2026 DCYC, Jan. 30 – Feb. 1, at the Waco Convention Center. Hundreds of young Catholics from across the diocese will gather for a dynamic weekend packed with keynote speakers, smaller workshops, praise & worship, and fun free-time activities. DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as Reconciliation, Adoration, daily Mass and Sunday Mass. This year's theme is: MARVELOUS THINGS**