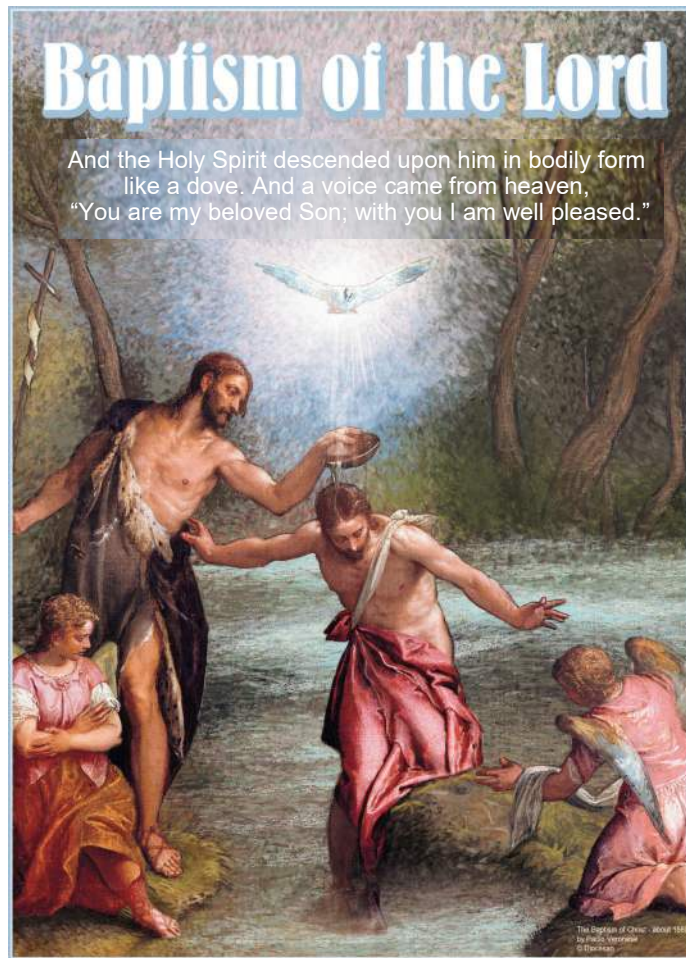


The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son ..." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son ..."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice



John the Baptist of baptism from the

baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his

Holy Mass Readings for the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17.



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CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

**"Give to the LORD you people of God,
give to the LORD glory and praise."**

Psalm 29 : 1

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**

†Kay Havelka by C.B. & Kathleen Trial

5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†Harlew Conally by Betty Conally

†Marilyn Babin (AOD) by Donna Reeves

†Enriqueta Salinas (AOD) by David & Delma Tamez

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 AM: Parishioners

11:00 AM: †Pat Gallagher (AOB) by Owen & Kim Gallagher

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

12:00 PM: No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †John Bowman, II by John & Chi Bowman

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 - Mass @ St. Thomas

12:00 PM: †Aida Deases by John & Annette Freeman

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: Kathleen Landreth (Birthday) by Pat Landreth

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: †David Tajchman, Jr. by Susie Tajchman

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**

†Eliane McCown (AOB) by Celestia Bluntzer

5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†Cardoza Wells by the Burney Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: Parishioners

11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**

†Pat Gallagher by Owen & Kim Gallagher

†Peter Gallagher by Owen & Kim Gallagher

†Herb Welch by Juliet Welch

†Harley Riebschleager by John & Annette Freeman

LECTORS for JANUARY 17-18, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Ann Clarke

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Andres Trevino

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Paul Pilarczyk



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JANUARY 17-18, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo, Louis Deases

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Rosa Trevino, Matt Kimmel

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Tony Nelson, Barbara Rychetsky, Karen Vaughan

ALTAR SERVERS for JANUARY 17-18, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Able Flurry, Abraum Flurry

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Casey Gwynn, Gabriel Kimmel, Cyprian Kimmel

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Carlos Camacho, Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson

USHERS for JANUARY 17-18, 2026

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman

Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, R. Mendiola

Sunday, 11:00 AM: D. Gonzalez, R. Garcia, D. Bluntzer, M. Ybarra

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Couples that register before **January 30, 2026** will receive a certificate from Bishop Mulvey. Go online to diocesecc.org to register.

Diocese of Corpus Christi

**Our deepest condolences to the Zarate Family
on the death of**

†Mrs. Alicia Zarate

Mother of Rob Zarate (Veronica) of St. Thomas Parish

Please keep the family in your prayers.

May her soul rest in peace.

Pastor and Parishioners

**Our deepest condolences to the Gwynn Family
on the death of**

†Mr. Dwight Gwynn

Father of Ben Gwynn (Lesli) of St. Thomas Parish

Please keep the family in your prayers.

May his soul rest in peace.

Pastor and Parishioners

**Our deepest condolences to the Malek Family
on the death of**

†Mrs. Sue Malek

Mother of Tammy Atwood (Geoff) of St. Thomas Parish

Please keep the family in your prayers.

May her soul rest in peace.

Pastor and Parishioners

**Our deepest condolences to the Dominguez
Family on the death of**

†Mrs. JoAnn Dominguez

Wife of Rudy Dominguez of St. Thomas Parish

Please keep the family in your prayers.

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LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Matthew 3:13-17).

FAMILY CONNECTION: At Jesus' baptism, God affirms his Son's mission for salvation. God announces his pleasure with Jesus and, in Matthew's Gospel, announces to all that, "This is my beloved Son"—Matthew 3:17. With this affirmation, Jesus is able to resist the temptations described next in Matthew's Gospel and to begin his public ministry. As family members, we can support one another in our Christian living by affirming the importance of each person in our eyes and in God's. Confident that through our Baptism we too were made children of God, we can resist temptation and share in Christ's mission.

Gather as a family to read today's Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17. Recall that God's message about Jesus was meant for us, "This is my beloved Son." It was also an affirmation for Jesus about his role in God's plan.

Place each family member's name on a slip of paper and put the names in a bowl. Invite each person in the family to choose another family member's name and to prepare a message for that person, affirming their importance in God's eyes and in your family life. Pray together that your family will continue to support one another in your baptismal promises to be disciples of Jesus and then invite each person to read aloud the message they prepared. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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