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Dear Lord, I lift every unborn child into Your care. Shield them from all harm and keep them safe in their mother's womb. May no plan of the enemy prosper against them. Preserve their lives and destinies, for they are fearfully and wonderfully made by You. Amen.

**Our Annual "Baby Bottle Collection"
for Women's Choice Services will take
place in the month of February.**

Prayer for Protection for Unborn Baby



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCARIST

Wednesday &
First Friday 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
or by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. (at St. Patrick's Church)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 1st or 4th Saturdays of the month at noon or at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sábado cada mes al mediodía.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

January 10-11, 2026: The Baptism of the Lord

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 11, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #879 of the Journey songs Book

Sunday (BAPTISM OF THE LORD) January 11, 2026

9:00 A.M. Stephen Schoderer, Logan Aerts, David Hackley † Carey Ortman (George & Gwen Polletta)

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES
THROUGH THE REST OF JANUARY**

Sunday (2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME) January 18, 2026

9:00 A.M. † Nick Markionni (Polletta Family)
† Pam Ellis (Dennis & Maria Binghelm)

**FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatrickmotence.org!!!**

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

December 28, 2025	\$2,356.00
APPEAL GOAL FOR ST. ANNE'S	\$10,700.00

**THE WEEKLY BUDGETED GOAL IS \$3,000 TO PAY OUR
BILLS AND KEEP THE PARISH AFLOAT. PLEASE
CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER NAMING ST. ANNE'S CHURCH IN
YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!! WE ARE
LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A \$2,000,000 FOUNDATION
WHICH WILL SUSTAIN ST. ANNE'S CHURCH!**

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at the hospital or care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Eva Bell, Paula Bertrand, Lola Billings, Duane Blanchette, Sue Bonvallet, Cheryl Boswell, June Burns, Patrick Burns, Cindy Capriotti, Ashley & Jesse Childress, Abraham Daily, Aria Dionne, Carol Fatcher, Raelynn Garrett, Val Lagacy, Pam & Bentley Lottinville, Linda Miramontes, Ruth Sparenberg,

Cynthia Vickery, Marie Vickery and John Wojnowski.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Sunday (9:00 A.M.) January 11

Eucharistic Minister: Volunteer

Lector: E. Steppan

Ushers: S. Langellier, F. Blanchette

Altar Servers: M. Tristan, I. Tristan

J. Martinez

Counters: Chris & Faith

Sunday (9:00 A.M.) January 18

Eucharistic Minister: G. Polletta

Lector: D. O'Connell

Ushers: G. Polletta, R. Bell

Altar Servers: C. Foltz, F. Villafuerte,

B. Miramontes

Counters: Rick & Lora

We will be participating in the **BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** fundraiser for local pregnancy centers in the month of February. Thank you in advance for your help with this cause!



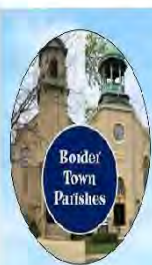
THE ST. ANNE SERVICE COMMISSION is taking up a collection of hats, GLOVES AND SCARVES FOR THE NEEDY FAMILIES OVER AT HARBOR HOUSE. You can drop off these items in the Church Vestibule during the month of January.



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NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

In the world of "Time & Talent," at both parishes we have been blessed by volunteers with professional services who have gone "above and beyond" the call of duty to help our parishes out with all kinds of projects. I would like to mention two of them in this bulletin as a form of "thank you" towards their charity.



A few years ago, the nice souls from Aguilar Landscaping helped us upgrade a dilapidated rectory at St. Patrick's and a gym area desperately in need of renovation. As parishioners and good souls, Juan Aguilar and his family have helped us with our Right to Life Garden Project, our grotto and gym landscaping and even give us ridiculous discounts on cleaning the snow from our parking lot on wintery days. What they have done to help us out is nothing short of tremendous! To contact their business, e-mail aguilarlandscapingconstruction@gmail.com or call ☎ (708) 964-5439 or.

Meanwhile, Robert Piquet and the wonderful folks at Vista Painting have done so many "behind the scenes" projects for our parishes that also have saved us a truckload of resources. At St. Anne's,

Robert and the gang were nice enough to paint our side chapel and our rectory chapel at no cost. This summer, Robert and his family tore down two walls of the St. Patrick's Sanctuary and, with the help of Joe Kraus (who did the same with our balcony walls that were crumbling), learned how to stucco and paint the walls of the sanctuary as if there was no damage in the first place... only for the cost of the paint and supplies (no labor). To contact their business, you can e-mail them at rob.vistapainting@gmail.com or call them at phone ☎ (815) 272-3455.



Freddy Franco and the Choir from Camino y Esperanza have been playing music for our weddings, funerals, quinceañeras and weekend Masses at no cost as well. The week before Christmas, Freddy volunteered his services (along with his son) to play at a Memorial Funeral Service at St. Anne's and two weddings at St. Patrick's, all because of the love of that family's attachment to God. These are but three examples of the wonderful faith bestowed at our parishes!



WELCOME

FR. TOM CONDE!

As of January 1, 2026, Fr. Tom Conde celebrates his retirement from active ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Having a residence up in Crete, IL, Fr.

Tom is a classmate of diocesan priests Fr. Ron Neitzke (the pastor in Herscher, Goodrich & Irwin) and Fr. Doug Hauber (pastor in Chebanse, Ashkum, Clifton and L'Erable and Dean of the Ford/Iroquois Deanery). It had been awhile for the three classmates to "catch-up" with life – the life of a priest is busy! Please welcome Fr. Tom as he enjoys his senior years of ministry with us.



Jesus, Servant Leader

MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

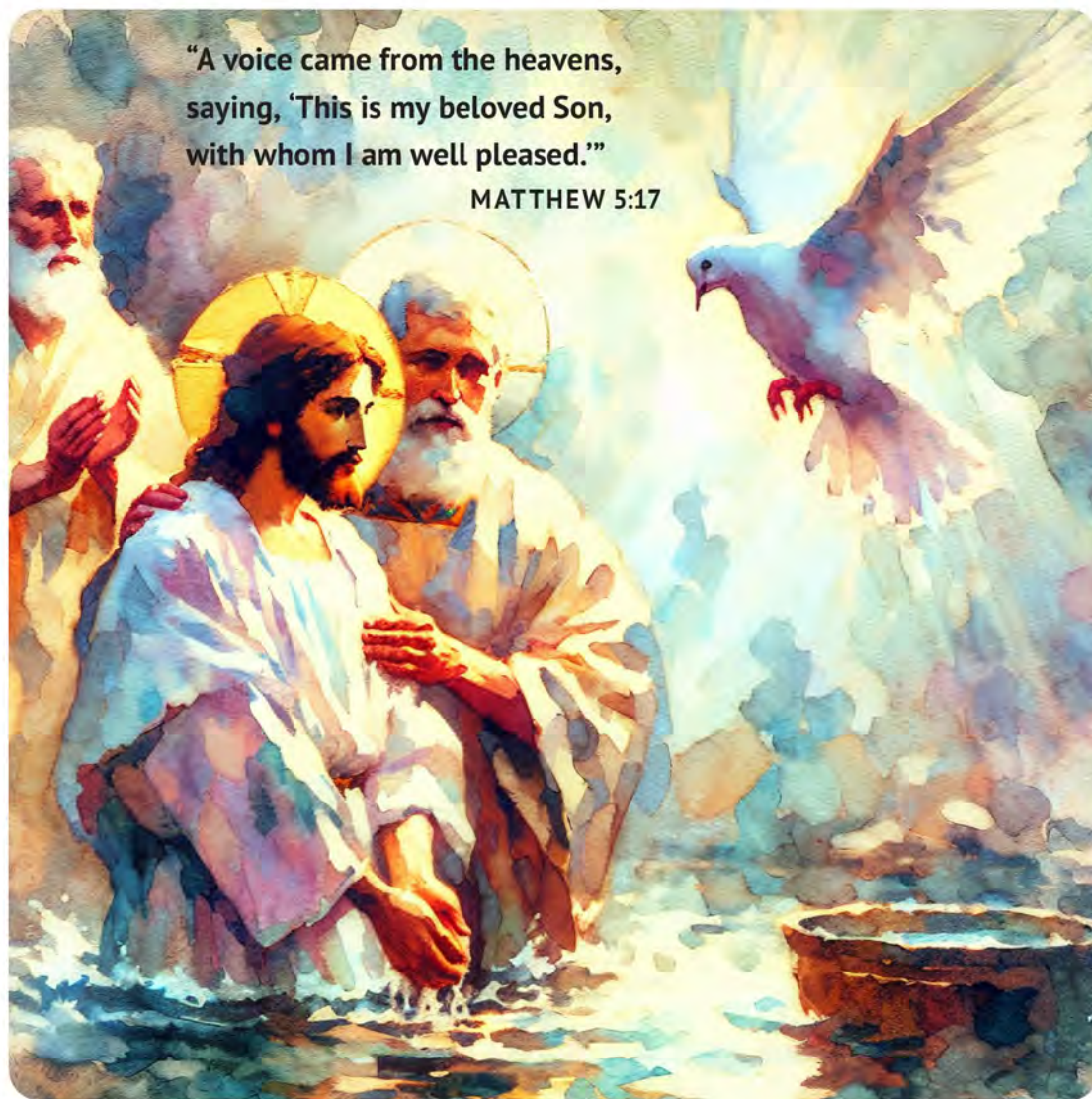
At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5–6). ●

“A voice came from the heavens,
saying, ‘This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.’”

MATTHEW 5:17



Reflect

***This week, I'll think
about my baptism,
when I was called to
serve as Jesus served.***



LEARN ABOUT
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Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



RODRIGO DE MIGUEL / CATHOPIC



ANTONELLA ULLAURI / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025



The St. Pat's 31 Day Drawing has moved to March 2026. Tickets are \$20 each for 31 chances to win a total of \$10,000! The \$1,500 payout will be on St Patrick's Day. Call ☎ (815) 472-2864 for More Info or to Buy Your Tickets. Thank you for your support!



IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR FUTURE!

For over 150 years, the faithful at our border town parishes have dedicated themselves to serving the folks of our community in God's name. We ask you to consider the ways listed below that can help our parish. If you would like to discuss how **ESTATE PLANNING** can be used to make a gift to

the parish, please contact St. Pat's at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265.

- ♣ **BEQUESTS** - Through your will you can bequeath to the parishes a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder after other choices have been made. Example language might be: "To St. Patrick's Church of Momence, I leave the sum of \$XXX to be used at the discretion of the recipient." Any bequest to each specific parish you make will reduce the size of your estate and could reduce the estate taxes that may be due.
- ♣ **LIFE INSURANCE** - By naming your parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy your premiums may be tax deductible and it will help ensure the future of St. Patrick's Church.
- ♣ **TAX DEFERRED SAVINGS PLAN** - Money in an IRA or other similar plan is subject to income tax when withdrawn. If left in your estate, they may be subject to estate taxes. If you make to the parish the remainder beneficiary, neither of those taxes may be paid.
- ♣ A variety of **CHARITABLE TRUSTS & ANNUITIES** - There are a variety of giving options that can provide you or future generations' income, rights to property or assets with tax savings and generous support our parishes.



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\$25 to Dedicate a Church Hymnal for a Loved One!
Contact St. Patrick's at (815) 472-2864 or St. Anne's at (815) 427-8265 for More Information.

\$1,000,000 to Dedicate St. Patrick's Academy Gym & Community Center!
Call (815) 472-2864 for More Information!



BUY A BRICK FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

\$100 to Dedicate a Church Brick in our Right to Life Grotto! Contact St. Patrick's at (815) 472-2864 for More Information.

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Polka Mass & Appreciation Dinner

Saturday – February 14, 2026
4:00 Mass and Dinner & Entertainment After
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RSVP Preferred but NOT Required
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10-11 Enero 2025: El Bautismo del Señor

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III Le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convirtió en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así coma en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sil! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con "patinadas." Estas "patinadas" normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por esto, muchos niños duermen con un "cordoncito" atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos Glz, OFM

LA ESTRELLA DE BELEN

El desarrollo del relato de la Encarnación continua hoy cuando la Iglesia celebra la Epifanía. La historia de los Magos de oriente es uno de los relatos más fascinantes de las Escrituras. Nos ensena mucho sabré que podemos esperar, incluso en cir-

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL



7:00 p.m. por los Viernes

12:00 p.m. los Domingos



EL ROSARIO Y CATECESIS

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m..

cunstancias y lugares que pueden parecer insignificantes. Belén era un pueblo diminuto, lo que hoy diríamos un pueblo sin siquiera un semáforo. Sin embargo, es sabré este lugar aparentemente insignificante que la estrella guía se detuvo en su búsqueda del lugar en donde el Salvador nacería. Muchas veces no comprendemos que la estrella de Belén se posa en nuestra vida diaria, donde podemos sentir la presencia de Dios, manifestada de maneras diversas y nuevas. La Epifanía nos llama a salir de nuestro estupor y a reconocer a Aquel que viene a salvarnos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.,



ON PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"Get all you can without hurting your soul, your body, or your neighbor. Save all you can, cutting off every needless expense. Give all you can. Be glad to give, and ready to distribute, laying up for yourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that you may attain eternal life." - John Wesley

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sabré ti (Is 60: 1-6).

Sal - Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Sal 72 [71]).

Segunda Lectura - El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3: 2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio - Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?" (Mateo 2: 1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3: 22 - 4: 6; Sal 2; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Martes: 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Sal 72: 1-8; Mc 6: 34-44
Miércoles: 1 Jn 4: 11-18; Sal 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6: 45-52
Jueves: 1 Jn 4: 19 - 5: 4; Sal 72: 1-2, 14 y 15bc, 17; Lc 4: 14-22
Viernes: 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Sal 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lc 5: 12-16
Sábado: 1 Jn 5: 14-21; Sal 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5 y 6a y 9b; Jn 3: 22-30
Domingo: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Sal 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Heh 10: 34-38; Mt 3: 13-17

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