

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402

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## The Baptism of the Lord 1-12-2020

**JANUARY 2020 Pope's Intention: PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE**

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

### WELCOME! BIENVENIDOS!

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. (ENGLISH)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH)

1:00 p.m. (SPANISH)

#### Weekday Masses / La Misa Enteré Semana

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (ENGLISH)

7:00 p.m. Misa todos los Viernes (SPANISH)

8:30 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass (ENGLISH)

#### Communion Services

8:30 a.m. Monday, Thursday (ENGLISH)

#### Adoration / Adoración

9:00 a.m. Wednesday (ENGLISH)

Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction

6:30 p.m. cada Viernes (SPANISH)

y La Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliación

4:30 p.m. Every Saturday / Cada Sábado or by appointments

#### 1st Fri. Anointing of the Sick / Unción de los Enfermos

9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH)

7:30 p.m. (SPANISH)

#### Parish Services see page 2

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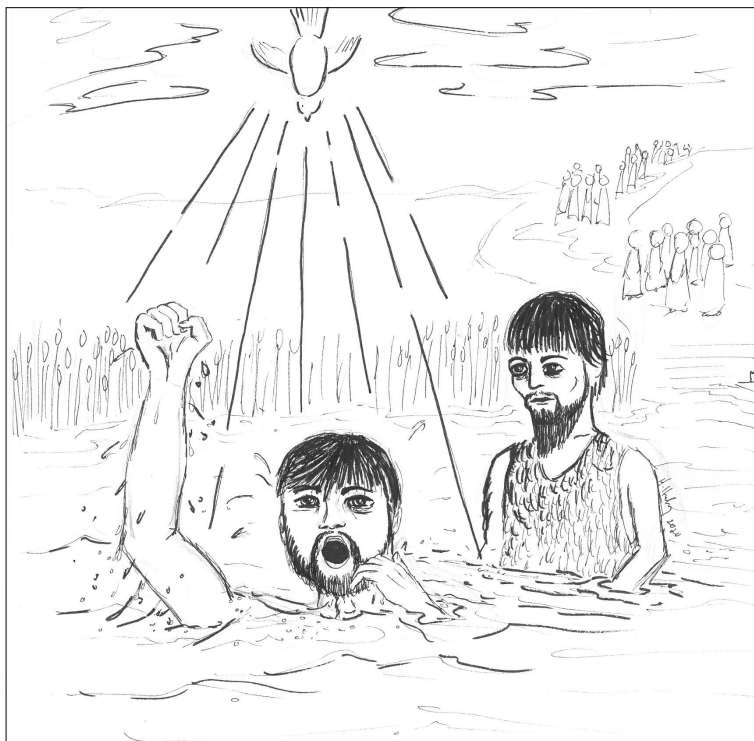
24/7 Anointing of the Sick

or Last Rites:

Appointment with Pastor: (805) 235-8803 Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.



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"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

"Éste es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias."

Mt 3: 17

### PRAYER OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

O Father, the first rule of our dear Savior's life was to do Your Will. Let His Will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life & work, with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment. Help us to follow it faithfully, so that doing what You wish we will be pleasing to You. Amen.

### ORACIÓN DE SANTA ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Oh Padre, la primera regla de la vida de nuestro querido Salvador fue hacer tu voluntad. Dejar que tu Voluntad en el momento presente sea la primera regla de nuestra vida cotidiana y nuestro trabajo, sin ninguna otra voluntad sino hacer tu voluntad plena y completa. Ayúdanos a seguir con fidelidad, para que haciendo lo que deseas seamos más agradables a Ti. Amén.

### VISION-MISSION STATEMENT

We are an **all-welcoming Christ-centered** community celebrating our deeply rooted **Catholic traditions**, respectful & appreciative of our **multicultural diversity**, journeying together to share **family values** and **commitment to service**.

### DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA VISION y MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad **totalmente acogedora y centrada en Cristo** que celebrando nuestras **tradiciones Católicas** profundamente arraigadas, respetamos y apreciamos nuestra **diversidad multicultural**, caminamos juntos para compartir los **valores de la familia y el compromiso al servicio**.

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## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>MASSES, ADORATION</b>	See pages 1 & 4
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Every Saturday, 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Or call parish office for appointment.
<b>INFANT BAPTISM (newborn to 6 y/o)</b>	Visit pastor 3 months before intended date. Emergency baptism (for recipient in danger of death: parent/s call pastor asap [805] 235-8803).
<b>7 y/o &amp; above, ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION</b>	(English) Call Heather at office for appointment. (Spanish) Call Javier at office for appointment.  For English & Spanish Adult Catechesis, please contact Heather or Javier at parish office.
<b>KIDS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Enrollment on June & July only. Fees increase after. Classes begin October. (A two-year program, starts Gr. 1.) First Holy Communion on 2nd year, Feast of Corpus Christi.
<b>TEENS' CONFIRMATION</b>	Enrollment on June & July only. Fees increase after. Classes begin October. (A two-year program, starts Gr. 9.) Confirmation on 2nd year, on or after Solemnity of Pentecost.
<b>QUINCEAÑERA</b>	Visit pastor 6 months before intended date; Must be enrolled in Confirmation Program; Attend Quinceañera Class.
<b>PRESENTACIÓN</b>	Every 7 pm Spanish Friday Mass, or by appointment
<b>WEDDING</b>	Visit pastor 6 months before intended date;
<b>ANNULMENT</b>	Call parish for appointment with pastor.
<b>ANOIDING OF THE SICK</b>	Every First Friday after Mass; days before surgery, when seriously ill, contact 1(805) 235-8803.
<b>LAST RITES</b>	24/7 Contact asap 1(805) 235-8803.
<b>FUNERAL</b>	Call parish office asap.
<b>BLESSING of NEW VEHICLE, RELIGIOUS ITEMS</b>	Inform priest presider after Weekday & Sunday Masses
<b>BLESSING of NEW HOUSE, NEW SHOP</b>	Call parish office for appointment
<b>VISIT CHURCH for PERSONAL PRAYER &amp; ADORATION</b>	Immediately after the 8:30 am weekday liturgies; Or drop by parish office every Tuesday & Friday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm so that staff can open the church for you.
<b>SPIRITUAL COUNSELING</b>	Call parish office for appointment
<b>MINOR EXORCISM (Deliverance Prayer) NOT solemn exorcism</b>	Call parish office for appointment

### CA CENSUS 2020



You matter! The 2020 census will decide how the governments spends your tax dollars. Make sure you're counted!

¡Usted Cuenta! El Censo 2020 determinará la manera que el gobierno decida gastar el dinero de sus impuestos. ¡Asegúrese de ser contado!

The primary music ministers are the faithful who attend the Mass. Musicians & cantors serve the faithful so that all can actively participate. I encourage everyone, let us sing & praise God together! Fr. Joey

### MUSIC FOR JAN 11 & 12, 2020 ENGLISH MASSES Please listen to Cantor's announcement for any changes

	SONG TITLE	SONG NUMBER
<b>GATHERING SONG</b>	<b>COME TO THE FEAST</b>	<b>458</b>
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>ONE BREAD, ONE BODY</b>	<b>498</b>
<b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY</b>	<b>499</b>
<b>MEDITATION (READINGS RELATED)</b>	<b>FLOW RIVER FLOW</b>	<b>398</b>
<b>SENDING FORTH</b>	<b>CELTIC ALLELUIA: SENDING FORTH</b>	<b>530</b>

### SUN. JAN. 12—CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This Sunday, January 12th, at the 9:00AM Mass is Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children hear the Word broken open to them at an age appropriate level. Parents should accompany preschool children. Thanks!

### SUN. JAN. 12—CATECHISM RESUMES

ALL Catechism classes resume today, Jan. 12th. Reminder to parents to **come 10 minutes early** for communal prayer and announcements.

10:30 AM English Elementary Classes

11:50 AM Spanish Elementary Classes

11:50 AM Confirmation Classes

### SUN. JAN. 18—PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is on Saturday, January 18, 2019. We will meet in the classrooms at 11:00AM. All parishioners are welcome.

### SUN. JAN. 19—FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO

We will honor the Feast of Santo Niño, the Child Jesus, at the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday January 19th, 2020. You are welcome to bring your statues of the Child Jesus for blessing at this Mass.

This is a Children's Mass with child lectors. All are welcome!

All children will be blessed at this Mass.

### SUN. JAN. 26—PARISH CELEBRATION OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

- (1) The Liturgical Memorial Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is always on January 4.
- (2) However, in order to honor St. Elizabeth Ann Seton with a more festive celebration befitting her as our Parish Patroness, the late Bishop Richard Garcia has approved the 2nd Sunday after the Baptism of Jesus as our perpetual parish celebration of her feast. In 2020 it falls on January 26, 2020. Our parish will have the Sat. Vigil Eng. 5:30 pm Mass and the Sunday 9:00 am Bilingual Mass with procession and potluck reception. Join us on that special day!

### GRIEF SUPPORT

We will not have a grief support group this month. Please, if you need help or would like the ability to share your grief with those from our parish, contact Heather. Thanks! (805)528-5319

## ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS LA MISA ANUAL DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA

The annual Respect Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Garcia will take place on Tuesday, January 21 st , 2020 at 7:00 PM at Madonna Del Sasso Pro-Cathedral in Salinas. Bishop Garcia invites all parishioners in the Monterey Diocese to come and attend this annual mass.

*La Misa Anual Del Respeto A La Vida será celebrada por el Obispo Daniel E. Garcia el día Martes 21 de Enero, 2020 a las 7:00 PM, en la Catedral Pro Madonna Del Sasso en Salinas. El Obispo Garcia invita a todos los feligreses de la Diócesis de Monterey a participar en esta misa anual.*

## NURSING SUPPORT

Nursing (previously known as Breastfeeding) Support Group.

Starting this last December 5th, 2019 the only Nursing Support Group in Los Osos started to meet at our parish. The group resumed last Thursday, January 9th, 2020. It meets every Thursday from 11am-12pm.

The group welcomes anyone who has nursed their children in the past, those that were unable to, expectant mothers and current nursers. We hope you will join them. The leaders of the group believe that it truly takes a village to raise a child. Come be a part of that village!

## PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ELIZABETH'S IN YOUR WILL

A great way to **help our parish become financially stable** is to remember your parish church in your **Will or Trust**. To make sure the entire amount (100%) will go to St. Elizabeth's, please word the bequest like this: **"I leave a bequest of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH at 2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402."** If you wish to privately discuss this matter with Fr. Joey, please call parish office or email him at [frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com](mailto:frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com) to set an appointment. Thank you for considering SEAS for your final distribution.

**NEED ASSISTANCE IN YOUR ADVANCE  
HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE, FUTURE CATHOLIC  
FUNERAL & ESTATE PLANNING?**  
Fr. Joey can help you.  
For confidential appointment, please email  
him at [frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com](mailto:frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com)  
or leave message at (805) 235-8803

## PEOPLE'S KITCHEN

Thank you to everyone who helped out with People's Kitchen this last Monday January 6th. May God bless you for your service.

## DIVINE MERCY SILENT RETREAT

Why "Jesus, I Trust in You"? The Divine Mercy and Angels Retreat

Jan 24-26 Silent Retreat in Soquel, CA at St. Clare's Retreat Center  
For more information, please call 1(831)423-8093

## STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR PARISH APP !

Many of our parishioners enjoy MyParishApp to help them with daily prayer, to read the bulletin online, to know who needs prayers, special Mass times, and staying connected to our parish when traveling, among other uses. If you'd like help, please stop by the office.  
(available on Apple and android cell phones)

## RED ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK TABLE OF THE CHURCH

If you wish that the whole amount of your donations go to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, please use the RED ENVELOPES provided at the back table of the church. Write your complete name outside the envelope if you are giving CASH. Put a simple initial outside the envelope if you are giving CHECK. This is for your future tax letter. Drop the envelope in the Sunday basket. Thank you for helping our parish.

## JAN 4 & 5 WEEKEND. DONATION REPORT

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below reflects last week's financial contributions.  
ELECTRONIC GIVING is reported monthly, not weekly.

Saturday, 5:30 pm English	\$ 245 .00
Sunday, 9:00 am English Mass	\$ 818 .00
Sunday, 1:00 pm Spanish Mass	\$ 290 .00
Saturday, 5:30 pm English Mass Red Env.	\$ 240 .00
Sunday, 9:00 am English Mass Red Env.	\$ 113 .00
Sunday, 1:00 pm Spanish Mass Red Env.	\$ 40 .00
Initial Offering	\$ 36 .00
<b>Total Weekend Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,782 .00</b>

## JANUARY 2020 SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

			ENGLISH				SPANISH			
DATE	DAY	TIME	1ST READER	2ND READER	COMMENTATOR	ENGLISH Extraordinary EMs	SPANISH Extraordinary EMs SUNDAY, 1:00 PM	SPAN- ISH FIRST LECTOR SUNDAY 1:00 PM	SPAN- ISH SECOND LECTOR SUNDAY 1:00 PM	SPANISH MASS GENERAL INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCE- MENT SUNDAY, 1:00 PM
Jan 4	Sat	5:30 pm	Jonniepat	Tim	Melodianne	(see Sacristy)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan 5	Sun	9:00 am	Rosemary	Julia	Ann	Cris, Josie, Albert	Mario, Blanca, Gregoria, Edna, Javier	Lupita A	Soledad	Adriana
Jan 11	Sat	5:30 pm	Jonniepat	Melodianne	Tim	(see Sacristy)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan 12	Sun	9:00 am	Julia	Juliet	Rosemary	Cris, Josie, Albert	Lupe, Pedro, Juan, Amelia, Soledad,	Alfredo	Daniela	Adriana
Jan 18	Sat	5:30 pm	Heather	Melodianne	Jonniepat	(see Sacristy)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan 19	Sun	9:00 am	Child	Child	Juliet	Cris, Josie, Albert	Ivet, Ino, Fidel, Lorenzo, Lupita	Margo	Guadalupe C	Adriana
Jan 25	Sat	5:30 pm	Melodianne	Julia	Jonniepat	(see Sacristy)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan 26	Sun	9:00 am	Juliet	Hispanic	Ann	Cris, Josie, Albert	Mago, Isidro, Maria	Amelia	Roberto	Adriana

# SCHEDULE OF MASSES, READINGS & INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	READINGS
<b>Vigil</b> <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> 11 January 2020	4:30 to 5:00pm Confession 5:30 pm English Mass	5:30pm: †Liliana Isabell Clark	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Ps 29: 1-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10: 34-38 Mt 3:13-17
<b>Sunday</b> <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> 12 January 2020	9:00am English Mass 1:00pm Spanish Mass	9:00am: †Ann Marie Jacot 1:00 pm:	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Ps 29: 1-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10: 34-38 Mt 3:13-17
<b>Monday</b> <b>1st Week Ordinary Time</b> 13 January 2020	8:30am Communion Service	8:30am: Communion Service	1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116: 12-19 Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>1st Week Ordinary Time</b> 14 January 2020	8:30am English Mass	8:30am:	1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>1st Week Ordinary Time</b> 15 January 2020	8:30am English Mass 9-10am Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction	8:30am:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40: 2, 5, 7-10 Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1st Week Ordinary Time</b> 16 January 2020	8:30am Communion Service	8:30am: Communion Service	1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday</b> <b>1st Week Ordinary Time</b> 17 January 2020	<i>Saint Anthony, Abbot</i> 8:30am English Mass 6:30 pm SP Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction 7:00pm Spanish Mass	8:30am: 7:00pm:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89: 16-19 Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday, Vigil</b> <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 18 January 2020	1:00 pm Quinceañera of Irais Mendez 4:30 to 5:00pm Confession 5:30 pm English Mass	5:30pm: †Liliana Isabell Clark	Is 49: 3, 5-6 Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1: 1-3 Jn 1: 29-34
<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 19 January 2020	9:00am <i>Feast of the Child Jesus or Santo Niño</i> Children's English Mass 1:00pm Spanish Mass	9:00am: †Joseph Carlson (1 of 6) 1:00 pm:	Is 49: 3, 5-6 Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1: 1-3 Jn 1: 29-34

**26th January 2020, Sunday, Parish Celebration of Feast of our Patroness St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
**9:00am English-Spanish Mass; 10:00 am Procession of her image; 10:30 am Potluck Reception at church hall.**

**ALL are welcome! Please bring your favorite dish to share.**

**All English & Spanish catechism students and Confirmation are required to attend this event. 1 pm Mass is canceled.**

## LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR

* Timothy Ketcherside	* Nathan Berry	* Sidney & Dorsey Dunton	* Daniel Quintana	* John Miller
* John LeNoue	* Robert Ruiz	* Elisa Fajardo	* Mark Woehrle	* Barbara Pinedo
* Peter Hewitt	* June Vivianne	* Irene Castaneda	* The Rivers Family	* Pancho Pinedo
* Jere Bresnan	* Sylvia Radford	* Mary de Angelo	* Daniel Nunez	* Ann Harris
* Fely Platou	* Eleanor Brown	* Jessica Ketcherside	* Nola Nick, Louis Dolores,	* Sheila Pouraghabagher
* Mary Cavagnaro	* Sarah & Josh Matthews	* Fr. Derek Hughes	* Estrella, Jaelynn Soto	* Ernestine Beevers
* Bonifacio Garcia	* Michael Vella	* Joe O'Brien	* Brian Pedigo and family	* Loren Ketcherside
* Michael Culbertson	* Lila Martinez	* Dolores R. Buena	* Hugo Conti	* Brian Hampton
* Steven Greenville	* Darleen Krouse	* Rosemarie Greenville	* Shawn Clarke	* Madeline Bozena
* Rafael & Margarita Garcia	* Carolyn Lemos	* Aaron Kondziela	* Regina Helm	* Meekayla Bejarano
* Frances Meehan	* Toshi Meehan	* Maggie Quinn	* Guido Palermo	* Dee Mace
* Emily Sumner	* Robert Green Sr.	* Donna Nichols	* Dolores Doyle	* Freddie Fernandez
* David Wright	* Helen Maciel	* Colleen Clark	* Russell Wells	
* Aurea Cruz	* Susi Reich	* Leonora Eublera	* Jacque Lohmeier	

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

†Helen Penwell	†Cecilia Marcos	†Dionisio Acain	†Crescenciana Gaila	†John de Angelo	†Clifford Newgard
†Charles Penwell	†William Schanberger	†Aurelia Acain	†Ismael Ibat Tomboc	†Pat Klenck	†Regina Newgard
†Harold Platou	†UMartha Smith	†Dick O'Melveny	†Maria Carmen Zaragoza	†Beverly Jean Rocha	†Gregory Newgard
†Larry Mischel	†Eusebio Calo	†Jim Stewart	†Bulb Casper	†Adelaida Gabatin	†Marciano Ingan
†Dwight Mobley	†Melinda Rose	†Jaime Repollo	†Fr. Ray Roh	†Guadalupe Haugh	†Candido D. Buena Jr.
†Gertrude Stimson	†Julia Ortiz	†Paulina Y. Andres	†Joyce O'Brien	†Julia Keefe	†Jaime Manuel
†John D. Walsh	†Guillermo dela Cruz	†Gabriel Osorio	†Mariano Rustia	†Bishop Richard	†Medalliana Patague
†Elizabeth Martinez	†Serafin Sepulveda	†Dennis A. O'Brien	†Robert Townsend	†Garcia	†Margaret Lucero
†Orelia Labra	†Hermila Arguello	†Michael Brito	†Sherman Lemos	†William K. Lander	†Ibuproo Castillo
†Severino Repollo	†Anatalia Ortiz	†Venustiana Rodriguez	†Otilia Cruz	†Kathleen Patricia	†Martin Hernandez
†Justo Yasay	†Ulolita dela Cruz	†Selestino Salgado	†Wenceslao Garcia	†Crawford	†Edwin Quintana
†Joe Greene	†Mason & Simon Brito	†Mary Prendergast	†Erich Reich	†Joseph Carlson	†Alfred Castaneda
†Cristina Patterson	†Pat Wright	†Melicia Garcia	†Mike Wright	†Marlene Basti	†Jose Guadalupe Toral
†Filippo Mazzulla	†Joseph Cavagnaro	†Felicitas Castillo	†Fr. Lawrence Betzoff	†Manuel Ayala Arroyo	†Liliana Isabell Clark
†Elena Aurelio	†Manuel John Reis.	†Antonio Medrano	†Nicky Miller	†Shirley Matthews	†Rodney Maciel
†Homero Paredes	†Lawrence Uthe	†Tampoco	†General Mason	†David Bresnan	
†Fermina Manuel	†Margaret Uthe	†William (Bill) Kemble	†Mary Friedman	†Lydia Caloca Green	
†Deacon Jim Cooper	†Joe Fraga	†Diana Nishiura	†Shirley Rustia	†Myrna Oliveros	
†Emma Nieman	†Msgr Joseph Stieger	†Grace Tevis	†Gerry Wellman	†Mina Cantorna	
†Rodrigo Martinez	†Fr. Ken Brown	†Jerica Elaine Harris	†Evelyn Pellaton	†Adela Patague	
†Reyna Gomez	†Fr. Michael Bell	†Paul Landry	†Chuck Ice	†Remy Lejeune	
†Lourdes Lepisto	†Lyn Ketcherside	†Casimira Asuncion	†Mary Jo Semonsen	†Anthony Sperazzo	
†James Engels	†Robert Beevers	†Carol Ann Burns	†Kevin Lynch	†Cecilia Delness	
†Simonne Townsend	†Arcadio Tambo	†Andy Boy de la Cruz, Jr.	†John Greenville	†Doris Stanley	
†Fernando Marcos	†Cleta Tambo	†Fr. Harry Freiermuth	†Norman Charette	†Aric Clarke	

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## Baptism

God our Father, giver of life,  
your Son immersed himself in the  
human condition.  
By becoming one with us  
he made it possible for us to become one  
with you.  
By Baptism you free us from sin,  
recreate us,

and empower us with your Spirit.  
As we strive to live as members of  
Christ's Body,  
lead us steadily along the path of holiness.  
Cleanse us from the sins that still stain us.  
Enliven the flame of faith within us.  
Keep us attentive to your Word.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

**Anointed Ones**



*Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 9–10 (11b); Acts 10:34–38; Matthew 3:13–17.* The baptism John performed was a sign of the new era to come, but John himself could not bring about that new era. That power belonged to God's Son. Recognizing this, John does not want to baptize the one who is so much greater than he, but Jesus insists. Despite the power he has, Jesus acts humbly. He enters into solidarity with the sinners he has come to save.

By submitting to John's baptism, Jesus "fulfills all righteousness"—that is, he carries out God's plan of salvation, a plan foretold in passages such as in our First Reading. God speaks through Isaiah to declare that he will grasp the hand of his servant, whom he has chosen for a special pur-

pose. In the Second Reading, we again hear this language of election as Peter speaks of Jesus as God's anointed one.

In the ancient world, priests, prophets, and kings were anointed to show that God chose them for that role. The title *Christ* is from the Greek word for "anointed one." *Messiah* is the Hebrew term. The descent of God's Spirit upon Jesus and the words pronounced by God at Jesus' baptism reveal that Jesus is God's chosen one.

At our Baptism, we were incorporated into Christ's Body, empowered by God's Spirit, and anointed to act like Christ as priests, prophets, and kings. God calls us to worship, to proclaim the Gospel, and to work alongside his Son until he brings about the fullness of his kingdom.



## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### Ordinary Time

#### The Ministry of Jesus

The cycle of readings for Sundays and weekdays reflects the wisdom of the Catholic Church. During Ordinary Time we are led steadily through the ministry of Jesus, teaching by teaching, story by story. On Sundays we also work steadily through a letter of the New Testament. The entire first half of our liturgical celebrations are thus grounded on the life of Christ and the teaching of the Apostles. The wisdom of having such fixed readings is this: we do not get to decide what we hear from God. We do not get to ignore some aspects of Jesus' ministry and concentrate our attention on others. We do not get to skip a letter that makes us uncomfortable. We are challenged and consoled, chastened and uplifted, by the entirety of the Gospel. In the weeks ahead, listen for what God is speaking to you. You may hear something new, something you would never have heard on your own.

### Saturday, January 25

#### The Conversion of St. Paul

Those of us who were baptized as infants might yearn for a moment such as St. Paul's in which God becomes suddenly, dramatically, and unmistakably present. We should remember, however, that Paul's new faith came from somewhere. He knew what Christians believed. His familiarity with Christ was the basis for his conversion. Those of us who were raised with the knowledge of Christ may also have experienced moments of wonderful transcendence in our journey toward God, but those moments came from somewhere: they arose from our daily study, prayer, and effort to live more faithfully as God's children. *Today's Readings: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15–18.*

### Sunday, February 2

#### Presentation of the Lord

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we heard a story from Matthew's Gospel account in which Gentiles, represented by the Magi, followed a star's light to pay homage to the infant Jesus. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek word meaning "to reveal." Luke's Gospel contains a different story of an epiphany. He tells how Simeon, guided by God's spirit, praises God for allowing him to see the Christ child, God's instrument of salvation. His famous prayer, the *Nunc Dimittis*, is part of the Church's Night Prayer.

The liturgy for this feast day includes a blessing of candles. Your parish may invite you to bring a candle to be blessed or to take one after Mass. Set this candle in a suitable place in your home. Take a moment to light the candle and pray each evening, repeating the words of Simeon and praising God for revealing his light and glory to you. *Today's Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.*

### Monday, February 3

#### St. Blaise

In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus shows such power over evil that people are frightened of him. Our Lord shares this extraordinary power with his Church. As we celebrate the Optional Memorial of St. Blaise today, we celebrate the healing, protection, and peace that comes to us from God. If you do not know anything about St. Blaise, do a little research about him. Thank God for the many ways and the many people who reveal his saving love. *Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13; Psalm 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; Mark 5:1–20.*



# BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR



## Bautismo

Dios y Padre nuestro, Dador de vida,  
tu Hijo se sumergió en la condición humana.  
Al hacerse uno de nosotros  
nos permitió hacernos uno contigo.  
Por el bautismo nos liberas del pecado,  
nos recreas,  
y nos das la fuerza de tu Espíritu.

Mientras luchamos por vivir como miembros  
del Cuerpo de Cristo,  
guíanos firmemente por el sendero  
de la santidad.

Límpianos de los pecados que nos manchan.  
Aviva en nosotros la flama de la fe.  
Guárdanos atentos a tu palabra.  
Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.  
Amén.

**Domingo, 12 de enero de 2020**

**Ungidos**



*Lecturas del día: Isaías 42:1–4, 6–7; Salmo 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10 (11b); Hechos 10:34–38; Mateo 3:13–17.* El bautismo de Juan era un signo para la era venidera, aunque el propio Juan no consiguió esa nueva era, porque le compete solo al Hijo de Dios. Al reconocerlo, Juan no quiere bautizar al que es más grande que él, pero Jesús insiste. Jesús actúa humildemente. Se solidariza con los pecadores que ha venido a salvar.

Jesús se somete al bautismo de Juan “para cumplir toda justicia”, es decir, para realizar el designio de Dios, ya anticipado en la primera lectura. Mediante Isaías, Dios anuncia que tomará la mano de su Siervo, a quien eligió para un propósito especial. En la segunda lectura, reaparece el motivo de elección cuando Pedro anuncia que Jesús es el ungido de Dios.

Antiguamente, sacerdotes, profetas y reyes eran ungidos para mostrar que Dios los elegía para cumplir dichas funciones en favor de su pueblo. La palabra griega *christós* significa “ungido”, y es un título de Jesús; Mesías viene del arameo. El descenso del Espíritu sobre Jesús y las palabras celestes en el bautismo de Jesús revelan que Jesús es el elegido de Dios.

En las aguas de nuestro bautismo, fuimos incorporados al Cuerpo de Cristo, fortalecidos por el Espíritu de Dios y ungidos para actuar como Cristo sacerdote, profeta y rey. Dios nos llama a adorarlo, a proclamar el Evangelio y a trabajar junto a su Hijo hasta que él lleve a plenitud su reino entre nosotros.



## ESTA SEMANA Y DESPUÉS

### Tiempo Ordinario

#### El trabajo de Jesús

El ciclo de lecturas para los domingos y entre semana refleja la experiencia de la Iglesia Católica. A lo largo del Tiempo Ordinario, avanzamos contemplando el trabajo de Jesús por el Reino, enseñanza tras enseñanza, relato tras relato. Los domingos también escuchamos una carta del Nuevo Testamento. Así es como la primera parte de nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas se basa en la vida de Cristo y la enseñanza de los apóstoles. De tener lecturas fijas, aprendemos que no podemos escoger qué escuchamos de Dios. No podemos ignorar algunos aspectos del quehacer de Jesús en detrimento de otros. No vamos a omitir una carta porque nos incomoda. El Evangelio nos desafía y nos consuela, nos sanciona y nos eleva. En las semanas que vienen, escuche lo que Dios habla. Quizá descubra algo nuevo, algo que usted nunca hubiera escuchado por su cuenta.

### Sábado, 25 de enero

#### La conversión de san Pablo

Los que fuimos bautizados de infantes, soñamos con un momento como el que tuvo san Pablo, en el que Dios se presenta repentina, dramática e inequívocamente. Hay que recordar, sin embargo, que la nueva fe de Pablo vino de alguna parte. Sabía lo que los cristianos creían, pero el fundamento de su conversión fue su familiaridad con Cristo. Quienes crecimos conociendo a Cristo pudimos haber experimentado momentos de maravillosa trascendencia en nuestro caminar hacia Dios, pero esos momentos llegaron de algún lugar: de nuestro estudio diario, de la oración y del esfuerzo por ser fieles hijos de Dios. *Lecturas del día: Hechos 22:3–16, o Hechos 9:1–22; Salmo 117:1bc, 2; Marcos 16:15–18.*

### Domingo, 2 de febrero

#### Presentación del Señor

En la fiesta de la Epifanía escuchamos el relato de san Mateo, en el que los paganos, representados por los Magos, siguieron la luz de una estrella para rendir honores al niño Jesús. *Epifanía* viene de una palabra griega que significa revelar. El evangelio de san Lucas tiene un relato diferente de epifanía. Cuenta que Simeón, guiado por el Espíritu, alaba a Dios por haberle permitido ver a Cristo niño, el instrumento de la salvación divina. Su famoso cántico, el *Nunc Dimittis*, forma parte de la plegaria nocturna de la Iglesia.

La liturgia de este día incluye una bendición de velas. Quizá su parroquia lo invite a traer una vela a bendecir, o quizá a llevarse una después de la misa. Coloque esa vela en un lugar apropiado en su casa. Dese tiempo para encender esa vela y orar al anochecer con las palabras de Simeón y alabar a Dios por manifestarle su luz y su gloria. *Lecturas del día: Malaquías 3:1–4; Salmo 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebreos 2:14–18; Lucas 2:22–40.*

### Lunes, 3 de febrero

#### San Blas

En el pasaje del evangelio, Jesús demuestra tal dominio sobre el mal que las personas se atemorizan. Ese extraordinario poder nuestro Señor lo comprarte con toda su Iglesia. Al celebrar la memoria de san Blas, celebramos la curación, protección y paz que nos viene de Dios. Si usted no conoce a san Blas, indague algo sobre su persona. Agradezca a Dios por los medios y personas que hacen presente su amorosa salvación entre nosotros. *Lecturas del día: 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13; Salmo 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; Marcos 5:1–20.*

