

*Sunday, January 11, 2026*



*After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 12, 2026**

8:15 am: + Teresa Samanica

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

8:15 am: + Catherine Reimer

7:00 pm: + Gerafina Gutierrez, Terence Antalan and Jenna Tiglao

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

7:00 pm: + Malcolm De Zilva

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

8:15 am: + Geronimo Rosales

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

8:15 am: + Maria & Paulo Furtado

7:00 pm: + Anna & Joe Spadafora

In Thanksgiving

+ Dorothy Troy

+ All Souls

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

8:15 am: Elizabeth Borchers

5:00 pm: + Emily Monga

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

8:30 am: Antonietta Lombardi (Thanksgiving)

10:00 am: St. Patrick's Parishioners

12:00 pm: + Sal Bond & Thanksgiving for Many Blessings

7:00 pm: + P.V. Varkey



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## **The Baptism of Our Lord**

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac – Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then? Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "**You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.**" It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father. And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away. This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

## **Tax Receipts for 2025**

A reminder that tax receipts for 2025 will be issued and mailed mid-February. Donations for 2025 must be received by the latest, **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** in order for it to be included in the 2025 tax receipts. We thank you for your continuous support!



### **Please Pray for the Sick...**

*Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:*

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Jacintha Fernandes, Anna Iafate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo, Teresa Kuervers, Teresa Marchese, Antonio Marchese, Wojtek Stanislawski, Theresa Fraiser, Beata, Arthur Moniz, Pasqua Dimucho, Camila M. Binauhai, Oliver Pinto, Elizabeth Blizniouk, Cathy DeBono, Samantha & Andrew Paliwada, Charlotte Carvalho, Zerina Vaz, Amal Abdou, Terry Blanchette, Justina Colaco



### **2026 Envelopes**

Envelopes for 2026 are now available for pick up. If you are not registered to our parish, please stop by at the office to register and receive your own box of envelopes for the year. We thank you for your support!

### **Mini Reflection**

When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

### **That Man is You!**

That Man Is You! addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husband and fathers. The weekly series continues every Wednesday starting **January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the church Hall. All men are welcome.

### **CWL Youth Awards**

The CWL is hosting its annual Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest, as well as sponsoring other contests and awards for 2026. Details are provided below. Information can also be found on the bulletin board and on the shelf below it near the parish office.

Students attending Catholic schools can access information about the CWL Youth Awards through their principal/vice principal, teachers or guidance counsellors.

Students attending public schools can find the information on the church bulletin board and on the shelf near the parish office.

**All eligible students are welcome to participate!**

The awards include the following:

Mary Matthews Public Speaking Contest  
(Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2026;  
Parish Contest: Sunday, February 22, 2026)

Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Contest  
(Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2026)

Jean McCann Service Award for Youth Ages 15 – 18  
(Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2026)

University of Toronto – St. Michael's College Scholarship (Deadline: Sunday, May 31, 2026)

### **CWL General Meeting**

St. Patrick's C.W.L. wishes everyone a Happy New Year and invites all women of the Parish to join us on **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7pm** for our General Meeting and Bingo at the parish hall. See you there!

