

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JANUARY 12, 2025



• THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD •

“MY BELOVED SON.”

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

## WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:  
8:30 am

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Monday 6:15-7:30 pm  
October 21st to May 5th

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Readings for today are all connected in some way with the Baptism of Jesus, which we traditionally celebrate the Sunday after the Epiphany. Therefore, I would like to comment on the meaning of this great event in the life of Christ, the "God-Man," rather than commenting on each scripture passage: *Isaiah 42:1-7; Acts: 10:34-38; and Luke 3:15-22.*

The entire focus or purpose of Christ's life, His coming to earth and living as Man and dying as if He were the lowest of criminals, was to reconcile humanity to God. Certainly, this could have been done in a less dramatic way, but it was God's way of showing mankind how much we are loved. Also, because God, being perfect in all respects, lives by the rules of divine perfection and thus the reconciliation process He required came about in a powerful and amazing way.

The Baptism of Jesus Christ was the first theological event in the life of the adult Jesus. Up to this point and time of His life, Jesus had "set aside His divinity" and lived as any ordinary human being to experience all the life-building joys and trials that it takes to grow from infancy to a mature adult. Now, with that part of His mission completed, He is ready to take up His role in the Father's Plan of Salvation. That is why the evangelists, Mark and John, begin their Gospels with the Baptism of the Lord.

John the Baptist, a relative of Jesus, had been preaching and baptizing a form of repentance that was not new to the Jews of that culture; but his was more energized with a sincerity and urgency that the others did not have. John's baptism was a ritual form of personal repentance and acknowledgement of one's sins.

So, you might ask, why did Jesus need to be baptized? The answer is more difficult to verbalize than one would think, because Jesus was "without sin." Therefore, it was not, in any way, an act of acknowledgment that he was imperfect in his relationship with God the Father, or his fellow human beings.

In truth, Jesus was baptized for those who are subsequently baptized in the "Name of Jesus," after His death and resurrection. What was once just a personal pious act, now becomes a commitment to God through Jesus Christ. In addition, the Holy Spirit is released into the soul of the baptized, thereby overcoming the consequences of original sin and initiating him or her into the family of the faithful. This is why Jesus elevated this ritual to the level of a sacrament (*See Matthew 28:18, 19*).

There is so much more to this event than meets the eye. It seems so simple, yet we have difficulty in seeing and acknowledging its importance. However, God the Father put His "stamp of approval" on this event with His confirming statement: "You are my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." So, each time you dip your hand into the baptismal font in a church and bless yourself, remember, this act is a renewal of your baptismal commitment.

Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

*Rev. Edward J. Smith*

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## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

### BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Office.

*Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.*

### MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling

*Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance*

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office

## PASTORAL STAFF

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Extraordinary Ministers of  
Holy Communion - Marybeth Brailer

Lectors - Nadya Cole

Sacristans - Mike Darby

Ushers - Fran Stack



## SUNDAY READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

**PSALM:** O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

**SECOND READING:** He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

**GOSPEL:** After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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### Sunday - Jan 12th - The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am - †Lillian Margaret Neal  
*Requested by: The Kocay Family*

### Monday - Jan 13th - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - †Evolie Matotek  
*Requested by: Bob & Sue Muska & Family*

### Tuesday - Jan 14th - Weekday Mass

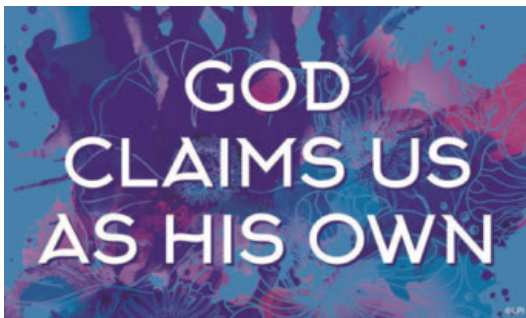
8:30 am - †Barbara Hunyad  
*Requested by: Jerome Kozar*

### Saturday - Jan 18th - Sunday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm - †Nick Penick  
*Requested by: Mary Jane Penick*

### Sunday - Jan 19th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Norma Michalski  
*Requested by: Norman Michalski*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 12, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” — Lk 3:16bc

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## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, January 18th at 4:00 pm

*Lectors:* Laura V.

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Joanne C., Lynne K., Pam W.

*Server:* Lucy K.

### Sunday, January 19th at 10:00 am

*Lectors:* Rose J.

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Anna A., Anna S.

# OFFERTORY REPORT

**FISCIAL YEAR (7/1/24-6/30/25)**

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$5,779.00  
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/22/2024) ..... \$5,419.00  
 7/1/2024 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - \$ (312.00)



**MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME**

*If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.*



## THE PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER ENTRUSTED TO THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

**JANUARY 2025  
 FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION.**

*Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. Amen.*



### PRAYER REQUESTS

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho	Ann DiFrancesco
Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass
Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace	Dan George	Renee Golowski	Carol Gonzales
D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski
Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson
Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Alan McCartney	Rita McConley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Frank Murphy
Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo	Jack Tocchi
Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens
Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka			

*Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.*

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Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

**Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm**

# ADORATION CHAPEL

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: New Life

Spend thirty minutes to an hour in meditation and silent prayer with Jesus during Eucharistic adoration. Even if you cannot be physically present in a church or adoration chapel with the Blessed Sacrament, you can unite yourself spiritually to Jesus in the Eucharist as you spend this time in prayer.

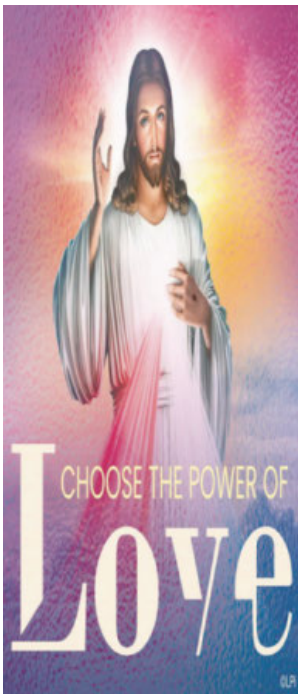
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Allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of Himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive His loving gaze. You are His beloved child. Rest in His loving gaze. Thank Jesus for the gift of Himself in the Eucharist. Ask Jesus for the grace to help you to generously share the new life you have received through the gift of being reborn by water and the Holy Spirit at your Baptism.

Allow the words of scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage, "I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you and set you as a covenant of the people; a light for the nations." (Isaiah 42:6)

Again, allow the words of scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you in a personal way through this passage, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:7-8)

~Collect, The Baptism of the Lord



## DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - PART 3: WITH A SINFUL SOUL

**Jesus: My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace** (*Diary*, 1485).

*\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

### My Prayer Response:

*Lord Jesus, reveal to souls that Your mercy is greater than all the sins of the world. Draw us to Your Sacred Heart, so our miseries may disappear in the depths of Your mercy. Have mercy on us all. Amen.*

Get daily meditations emailed to you at [forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/](http://forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/).

## JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](http://PROLIFECORNER.COM)

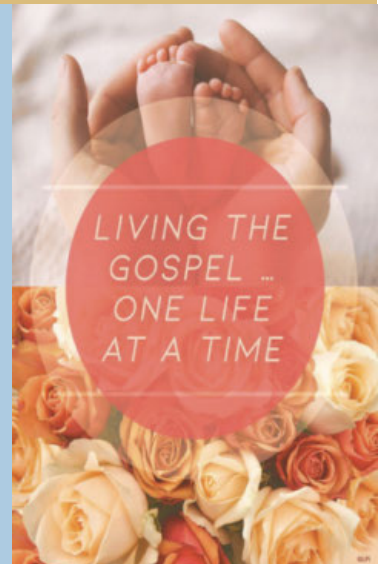
Even though Roe v Wade is no longer a federal law, we still face abortions every day. However, due to the individual states deciding their own abortion regulations, abortions have thankfully decreased somewhat. We must continue to work and pray diligently to end abortion in our nation and save God's beautiful unborn babies. It is our hope that these quotes will inspire you to share them and to join pro-life. **Continue to pray to end abortion.**

### Think about this:

**"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves.**

**Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes."** ~Vatican Council II

*Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!*





## MANY, MANY THANKS . . .

We would like to acknowledge and give thanks to all those who contributed in making our church and our services during the Christmas season holy, sacred and beautiful!

The decorating committee did another fine job in bringing to life the Nativity Scene and adding a sense of joyfulness to the interior of the church. We thank all those who offered their time and talent in any way to this labor of love. Many hands helped in bringing all of the decorations and the trees up from the basement. Many helped in setting them up and many helped in taking them down.

A very, very good sign of wonderful teamwork, thank you to all!!

Thank you to our music director and our choir for providing wonderful and inspiring music.

Thanks to our ushers who are always on duty bringing a sense of respect and security during the Mass.

Thank you to our Eucharistic ministers and all who take the Eucharist to our parishioners unable to come to Mass.

Thank you to our Sacristans for the long hours and faithful service they provide.

Thank you to all who helped create an atmosphere of God's presence in our lives during this holy season.

## GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

### “LET’S GET ACQUAINTED” CARDS IN PEWS

Please help us update your information in our systems. We are asking for ALL parishioners & visitors to complete a “Let’s Get Acquainted” card in your pew. If you know someone who is homebound or in a care facility, please fill out a card for them or take one to them so they can complete it. Once your card is complete, place it in one of the designated drop boxes located at all exit doors. Thank you!



### SENIOR SOCIABLES MEETING - 1/16

St. Anthony Senior Sociables will meet on Thursday, January 16th at 12:30 pm at Mezquite Restaurant, 35846 Detroit Road in the Avon Commons are.

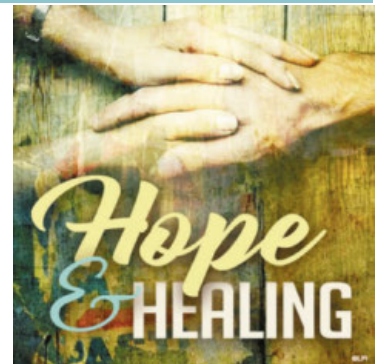
Please call Karen Less at 440-949-2934 with your reservation. *Hope to see you there!*

### TRAVELING HEALING MASS - 1/17

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Healing Mass for January will be held at St. Julie Billiart Parish, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd., N. Ridgeville on Friday, January 17th at 7:00 pm.

Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise & worship will begin at 7:00 pm & the liturgy will start at 7:30 pm. Healing prayer teams will be available after the mass for individuals prayer. There will also be a social after the mass.

For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. **All are Welcome.** *Come, Sing and Praise God with Joy as we enter into the Jubilee Year 2025.*



### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - 1/19

*You are not alone! Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your grief journey.*

Please join CCA at one of our free, monthly grief support groups either In-Person at 3 pm & Virtually at 5 pm via Zoom on the same day.

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Meetings are open discussion with a topic or whatever is in your heart.

**The first 2025 January Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th with the closest location at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 32789 Detroit Rd.**

The Topic is “Facing the New Year with Hope and Love”

Your RSVP is appreciated but not required. Please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 for more info or sign up for the virtual group at <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

Visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for the most updated schedule of events with the CCA.

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- 2 **Make an ASF donation at:** [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel)  
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- 3 **Claim the scholarship tax credit on your 2024 Ohio income tax return**  
You will receive a receipt for your Angel Scholarship donation that can be sent with your 2024 state tax return.

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