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January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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Baptism



of the Lord

I AM BAPTIZING YOU WITH WATER ©JPMC

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'ame de Luc Estime et de Marie Gracieuse Zephyr
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
For the people of the Parish
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
For the people of the Parish
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Action de grace a Dieu pour Dieudonne Fils

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2026

- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS 2026



We invite all parishioners to consider requesting a daily Mass for their intentions. The Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving, whether you're celebrating an anniversary, expressing gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for loved ones who have passed. It is always a meaningful way to honor these intentions within the Mass. **The Mass book for 2026 is open.** Please visit the rectory to request a Mass intention.

Monthly Intentions for 2026

January: *For prayer with the Word of God*



Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

The Baptism of the Lord

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



They start forming while we are still toddlers. They continue through our teens. They grow more serious in our college years (if we go there) and they actually never completely go away. I refer to “Why?” questions.

Today’s great Feast provides the background for a serious example. Why was Jesus baptized? After all, if a major reason for our own baptism is to free us from original sin and its effects, whatever has it to do with a sinless Jesus, the only Son of God?

Jesus Himself gives us the answer when John the Baptist balks at the idea of baptizing Him. He tells John to do it “to fulfill all righteousness.” But what does that mean?

We must deal with the word for two reasons. First, there is the fact that Jesus uses it. Second, the word appears many times in the bible. Righteousness is all about God’s plan for mankind and the various helps he uses to stay the course. That course is *God’s plan and purpose*. One can see its application in the phrase that “all things are right with the world” to mean that justice and peace prevail and are both aligned with the divine will.

Of course, such discussion leads to the very personal “why?” or “why not?” questions we must ask ourselves concerning this whole project we have been given as Christians. We must live according to our baptismal promises. If you are not sure of what they are, just search the internet sometime today or in the coming week. They make for a good basis for any Christian New Year’s resolutions.

A secondary answer to the question of why Jesus was baptized, is the fact of His identification with us, in all things but sin that is. One of the beautiful comments I have read about the Baptism event is this: At our baptism, the water makes us holy. In the Lord’s case, He makes the water holy.

Once upon a time a renowned Southern Baptist preacher came upon an old man fishing. He watched and waited until the old gentleman pulled in an unusually ugly looking fish.

“What kind of fish is that ?”asked the preacher. “Dey calls it a Baptist fish.” the old man answered. “What’s a Baptist fish? asked the preacher. The old man explained: “Dey calls dem dat ’cause dey spoils so fast after dey is taken out of de water.”

God love you and give you, His peace.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE RECENTLY DEPARTED ESPECIALLY:

Dina Jacques



MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2026

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	316
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	195
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	105
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	405

Readings for the Week – January 11, 2026

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 Mk 1:14-20 **Tuesday** 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28 **Wednesday** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39 **Thursday** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45 **Friday** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12 **Saturday** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17 **Sunday** Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Agatha Bristow, Georgette Charles, Umatile Pierre, George Farid Puzo, Herma Farrell, Jean Harbin, Ghenane Herbert, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte, Fleurisca Lexius, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, T Perard, and Rosalind Wahab

VOCATION - JANUARY 11, 2026

“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

SAINT OF THE DAY

Baptism of the Lord—Feast

Prayer: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will continuously be aware of all that divides us and will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I do repent once again, dear Lord. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.*

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Our Parish School of Religion begins with the 9:45 AM Mass and ending at 12:30 PM. All children in Grades 1 through 8 who attend public school must be registered. Parents who have not yet registered their children are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, as we are still accepting registrations. Youth and adults needing Baptism, Communion, or Confirmation are invited to join our OCIC or OCIA programs. For more information, please contact Mother Vilma, our Faith Formation Director, at 718-462-0223

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

We invite all young members of the parish to join the St. Jerome Youth Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with peers who are eager to deepen their faith, engage in church activities, participate in community outreach, and build meaningful friendships. We also encourage parents to inspire their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to get involved. We look forward to seeing them take active roles in our church community. For more information or to register, please contact Ms. Woodlyn Sance, the youth minister at 718-462-0223.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

“Let the Children come to me,” says the Lord. Altar Servers are needed: Parents with children who have already received First Communion are invited to volunteer their children for the ministry of Altar Server. Training will be provided. If interested, call the rectory at 718-462-0223 and leave names and phone number.

PROTECTING ALL CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT

St. Jerome R.C. Church complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please contact Mother Vilma D. Orejola or online at www.virtusonline.org. The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel, priest, deacons, teachers, ushers (adult & youth), altar servers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call the Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499.

Religious Education



As we conclude the Christmas season, we are thankful for the opportunity to share these special moments with you and for the joy our Religious Education students bring to our parish community.

On Sunday, December 21, the children from the Sunday School of Religion shared the joy of Christmas by singing carols for our parishioners. Though time for practice was limited, they sang wholeheartedly, and their sincerity truly touched our parish community. The caroling was followed by a joyful Christmas party in the school gym, made even more festive by the presence of Santa Claus, who delighted the children and added cheer to the celebration.



On the same day, our parish was blessed with a Christmas Concert featuring the various choirs of St. Jerome Parish. This meaningful event was made possible through the efforts of our pastor, Fr. Hilaire, together with Carlo Balthazar, our Choir Coordinator, in collaboration with our Choir Leaders.

The concert reflected our pastor's heartfelt desire to foster unity, reminding us that many voices can come together as one in praise of the Lord.



A Bit About...

Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.

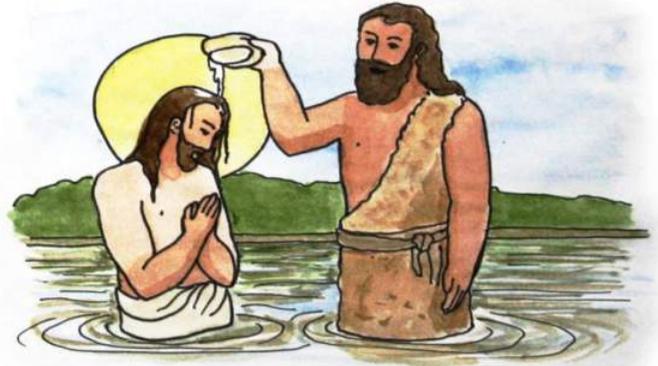


Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1. John 6, heavens 7, me 8, water 9, Son 11, is 12, after 14, until 16, Jordan 19, told Down: 1, Jesus 2, need 3, show 4, Baptist 5, heard 10, out 11, into 13, river 15, God 17, at 18, no

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The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday January 11th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist see that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Hilary of Poitiers January 13



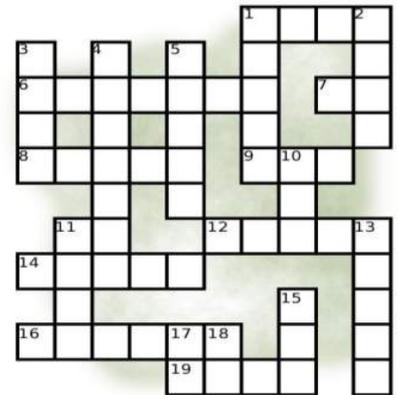
ON HIS WAY HE HEARD HYMNS THAT TAUGHT ERRORS ABOUT THE FAITH, SO HE BEGAN TO WRITE ONES THAT TAUGHT THE TRUTH. *Hm...*

BACK IN HIS OWN DIOCESE, SAINT HILARY CONTINUED TO TEACH THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH, AND WAS ALWAYS KIND TO HIS ENEMIES. *I have a question...*

SAINT HILARY DIED AROUND THE YEAR 368. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT IT IS GOOD TO STUDY THE FAITH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD IN HARD TIMES. WE CAN ALSO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER OR PERSECUTE US BECAUSE OF IT. *Come for dinner and we can have a chat about it.*

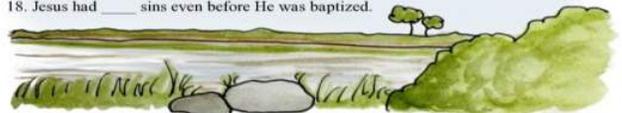
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Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

- Across:
1. What was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
 6. The _____ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
 7. John said to Jesus, "You should baptize _____!"
 8. John baptized with _____
 9. "This is my beloved _____ with whom I am well pleased."
 11. "This _____ my beloved Son..."
 12. _____ Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
 14. Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to _____ His sandal!"
 16. What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
 19. Jesus _____ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.
- Down:
1. Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
 2. John said, "I _____ to be baptized by you!"
 3. Jesus did this to _____ us how important baptism is.
 4. The John in this story is called John the _____
 5. They _____ a voice from Heaven.
 10. John came _____ of the desert to preach and baptize.
 11. When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes _____ our soul.
 13. Jesus was baptized in a _____
 15. The Heavens opened and the Spirit of _____ appeared.
 17. Jesus came from Galilee to John _____ the Jordan.
 18. Jesus had _____ sins even before He was baptized.



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