

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## CATHOLIC PARISH

**SUNDAY,**  
**JANUARY 11, 2025**  
*The Baptism of the  
Lord*

**WEEKENDS:** SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

**WEEKDAYS:** 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS



### Baptism signifies Identity and Mission

By: Rev. John Kibombo

Today, we celebrate a profound moment of solidarity. Jesus, the sinless Son of God, stands in the waters of the Jordan to be baptized by John. He does not seek the water for forgiveness; rather, He enters the water to sanctify it, identifying fully with our human condition so that we might fully share in His divine life.

In the Jordan, the heavens opened and the Father's voice revealed the truth: Jesus is the Beloved Son. Through our own baptism, this becomes our truth as well. We are no longer defined by our mistakes or our status, but by our identity as beloved children of God. In Christ, we find a compassionate Savior, a dearest friend, and a loving brother who walks beside us.

Just as Jesus' baptism was His anointing for mission, our baptism is our commission. Imagine the transformation within Our Lady of Fatima if every one of us fully embraced this call.

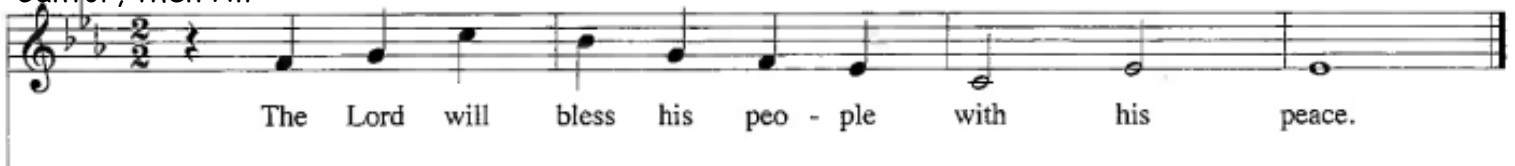
- In our families: We would lead with unconditional grace.
- In our neighborhoods: We would be the first to offer a helping hand.
- In our workplaces and schools: We would be witnesses of integrity and peace.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us that we are called to carry on the work He began. We are His hands and feet in a world that hungers for hope. Today, let us renew our commitment to serve the needs of others, recognizing that when we serve, we reveal the light of Christ that was first lit in us at the font.

May we leave here today not just as people who were baptized, but as people who live their baptism every day.

### *Responsorial Psalm*

Cantor, then All



### Communion Proper Translation:

As many of you as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR JAN 11, 2026

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17 *The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.*

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

(Source: Loyola Press Sunday Connection)

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, JAN 12**  
**NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, JAN 13**  
(8:30 am Confession)  
9 am, Fr. Vincent

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 14**  
9am, Fr. Hartin

**THURSDAY, JAN 15**  
(8:30 AM CONFESSION)  
9am, Fr. John

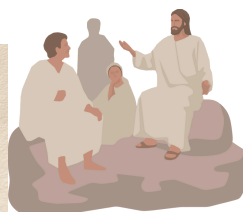
**FRIDAY, JAN 16**  
9 am, Fr. John

**SATURDAY, JAN 17**  
(4:15 PM Confession)  
5 PM, Fr. Vincent

**SUNDAY, JAN 18**  
8 am, Fr. Vincent  
10:30 am, Fr. Hartin

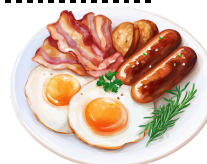
**OCIA meets Sundays at 9 am in the parish office.**

**For information please contact Deborah Schultz at 509-599-1189**



Join us Wednesday evenings for Fatima Shepherds' Table Night! Come and grow in faith and community. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Starting at 6:30, adults are invited to take part in a book study, while children (ages 6 and up) will take part in sacramental preparation. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or calling the parish office so we can plan accordingly.

**Join us after Mass TODAY downstairs in the Parish Hall for the KOC Second Sunday Breakfast!**



### Thank You, Christmas Decorating Volunteers

Heartfelt thanks to all who lovingly prepared our church for Christmas. The beauty you created invited us to pause at the Manger in awe and wonder, helping us welcome the Christ Child into our hearts.



**Congratulations** to Elaine V. Bartlett our first winner of the "Eagle-Eyed Editor" award! Thank you to everyone that played along!



### Come and adore!

Adoration every Thursday after the 9:00am Mass-7pm  
To sign up for a fixed hour, or to offer yourself as a substitute adoror, please call 509-701-9687

**If you are looking for baptism, marriage, Holy Eucharist for the homebound, or funeral services, please contact the parish office.**

## PARISH STAFF

**Priest Administrator:** Fr. Vincent Gilmore; **Senior Priest:** Fr. Patrick Hartin;  
**Parochial Vicar/Director of Faith Formation:** Fr. John Kibombo; **Deacon:** Patrick Cheung;  
**Assistant Parish Administrator:** Rachael Lentes; **Receptionist:** Mindy Muglia;  
**Music Director:** Joel Cummings; **Bookkeeper:** Carolyn Berry;  
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## WEEKLY DONATIONS

**Dec 29 - Jan 4:**

Tithe: \$23,460

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As we conclude the season of Christmastide, we look ahead to a brief period of Ordinary Time. During this season, our Mass ordinary will change slightly. We will use Penitential Rite C, spoken and led by Deacon Patrick. The Gospel Acclamation will be taken from the Worship Hymnal, #326—a simple chant that will likely be familiar. In addition, the Amen sung at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer will return to a chant setting, as in Advent. We will continue to use Richard Proulx’s Community Mass as well as the Mass of Wisdom. These small changes will help mark the transition of the liturgical season, while maintaining continuity as we continue learning newer music. Once again, the choir is in need of additional singers! If you feel called to participate, please contact Music Director Joel Cummings at [jcummings@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:jcummings@dioceseofspokane.org)



**“The Sacred Sound of Victory: Bells at the Consecration”**  
~ by Mindy Muglia

One of my fondest memories of taking my six boys to Mass was that every time the bells rang, announcing the Consecration, I would lean down and whisper with excitement, “Jesus is coming!” It would always cause my boys to perk up and pay attention to Father holding up the Body and Blood. Their little heads, trying to see around the people in front of them in the hope of seeing Him, were not much different from their efforts to catch a glimpse of St. Nicholas filling their stockings. As a convert, one of my first and favorite memories was the bells being rung throughout the entire Gloria at Easter Mass to announce the Resurrection. He is risen!! Alleluia!!

I have always known bells were special and unique to our worship at Holy Mass. Did you know... During the Consecration at Mass, the ringing of bells is a sacred and meaningful tradition. Historically, bells were used to draw the attention of the faithful to the most solemn moment of the Eucharist, when bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Even today, their clear sound calls us to stillness, awe, and adoration as heaven touches earth upon the altar. Spiritually, the bells serve as a powerful reminder of the Crucifixion. They proclaim that Christ’s sacrifice, once offered on Calvary, is made present again in an unbloody manner at every Mass. In our Catholic tradition, this moment is so holy and powerful that evil cannot endure it. The sound of the bells announces Christ’s victory over sin and death, and it is said that demons flee at this reminder of the Cross, where their defeat was sealed. As the bells ring, we are invited to lift our hearts in reverence, to adore Christ truly present, and to rejoice in the saving power of His sacrifice.

**Christmas Poinsettias**  
The Christmas poinsettias will be available to take home after the 10:30 a.m. Mass and throughout the week in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take one and enjoy this reminder of the Christmas season in your home.

**In the coming weeks, parishioners may receive a phone call as part of our parish census. These calls are simply to confirm your most current contact information so we may stay connected with you and ensure we meet the ministry needs of the parish. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date!**

**Rosary for Life**  
The Respect Life Group of St. Joan of Arc church Post Falls Idaho invites fellow Catholics to join them at Planned Parenthood (123 E Indiana Ave Spokane, WA)  
**Saturday January 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM noon,**  
to pray the rosary for the end of legal abortion.  
Come and join us!

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Jan 13**  
Joanie Reger+  
Req. by Veronica and Helga Reger

**11am-Funeral Mass for John Gaiser**

**Wednesday, Jan 14**  
Bill Wallace+  
Req.by Family  
**Thursday, Jan 15**  
Ann Beaman+  
Req. by Friend

**Friday, Jan 16**  
Michelle Allen  
Req. by the Faebers

# DAILY READINGS

- 2026 JANUARY 12 MONDAY**  
Reading 1, Samuel 1:1-8  
Psalms 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19  
Gospel, Mark 1:14-20
- 2026 JANUARY 13 TUESDAY**  
Reading 1, Samuel 1:9-20  
Psalms Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8  
Gospel, Mark 1:21-28
- 2026 JANUARY 14 WEDNESDAY**  
Reading 1, Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20  
Psalms 40:2-5, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
Gospel, Mark 1:29-39
- 2026 JANUARY 15 THURSDAY**  
Reading 1, Samuel 4:1-11  
Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26  
Gospel, Mark 1:40-45
- 2026 JANUARY 16 FRIDAY**  
Reading 1, Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22  
Psalms 89:16-17, 18-19  
Gospel, Mark 2:1-12
- 2026 JANUARY 17 SATURDAY**  
Reading 1, Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19;  
10:1  
Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Gospel, Mark 2:13-17
- 2026 JANUARY 18 SUNDAY**  
Reading 1, Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
Gospel, John 1:29-34  
Reading 2, Corinthians 1:1-3





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