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The Baptism of The Lord

January 11, 2026



Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Friday—Sunday: CLOSED

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am
Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Library Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Sunday's Readings/Music:

1. Readings begin on page 59.
2. Hymns on page 338 (after the grey tabbed pages.)
3. Psalms follow the readings or may be noted with a Psalm # that can be looked up in the missal past the hymns.

- Gathering: #41 On Jordan's Bank
- 1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- Responsorial Psalm: #29
✠: The Lord will bless his people with peace.
- 2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
- Presentation of the Gifts: #504 Give Me Jesus
- Sanctus: #839
- Communion: #355 I Am The Bread Of Life
- Sending: #41 On Jordan's Bank

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Happy new year! I am praying and hoping this year, 2026, is a prosperous and exciting time for all of us.

Not many of you know that before entering the priesthood my career was in the arts; namely I was a technical illustrator for tech companies in the San Francisco Bay area. I may have been trained as a technical illustrator, but my real passion is painting watercolor landscapes. I enjoy this particular media as it quickly dries giving me faster results sooner than working with oils or acrylics.

In addition to prayers, saying mass and teaching bible study classes, I've returned to my first love of painting. As I find comfort and joy with prayers and meditation, I see painting as another expression of prayer and meditation. However, because it's been a while since I've done any painting or drawing, I find that I am a little rusty at my craft. Sometimes even with prayer, I find that if I don't practice my art skills and prayer devotions, they become dry and meaningless.

That is why in prayer, as in painting, I continue to do both despite my struggles with either one. Like anything we love doing, prayer can be a struggle, and it can be frustrating. And like prayer, painting can be the same; what shall I paint? How can I make time?

How does one get inspiration when one is feeling writer's or painter's block? My attitude toward this uncertainty is simple, JUST DO IT. Get on with it, as my friend Fr. Gero would often tell me.

Sometime as in writing, painting and prayer, one experiences a dry period in one's life. Mother St. Theresa of Calcutta, for example, experienced a profound "dark night of the soul" for nearly 50 years, a period of intense spiritual dryness, loneliness, and doubt where she felt God's absence, despite continuing her devoted work for the poor in Calcutta. This internal struggle, revealed in her letters after her death, involved feeling abandoned by God, yet she found meaning in this darkness, viewing it as a way to share Jesus' suffering and deepen her commitment, choosing love through will rather than feeling.

For me prayer and painting intertwine with each other as part of my spirituality. The time I've been away from painting was superseded by my prayer life and my duties to my priesthood. But I've come to realize that art, prayer and spirituality are all the same for me. They are the same in that these actions come from the heart and soul. In prayer one must center oneself in order to achieve a relationship with God. Painting, for me anyway, is the same. As I must focus on prayer to achieve a certain desire, I must do the same when placing myself in front of a piece of paper and tubes of paint. Struggle in prayer and art often are the catalyst to achieving greater things. Struggle helps us to focus more on what the thing is we're trying to achieve, often guiding us to our reward.

Thomas Merton viewed "dry prayer" not as emptiness but as a deeper, quiet presence of God, emphasizing trust, simple awareness (like focusing on nature or painting), and acceptance of spiritual dryness as a path to deeper union, urging believers to find God even when feeling absent, often in the "desert" of monastic life, through surrender, silence, and seeing God in the mundane world, rather than seeking intense feelings." To seek "intense feelings" often times eludes us, but not to fret. Just know that the presence of God is always within us and surrounding us in numerous ways. Through art I find God by observing the beautiful artwork He does every day, and everywhere. His greatest art pieces are those you and I see every morning as the sun rises and evening at the close of day. Don't give up, struggle is good and struggle should be embraced if one is to achieve something higher than oneself. God Bless.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays, January 13th & 27th
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

10:00 am

Men's Ministry

Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 14th

Every Wednesday

Bible Study

10:30 am—11:30 am

Parish Hall

Thursday, January 15th

Every Thursday except 1st Thursday of the month

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Adoration

Monday, January 19th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 20th

Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month

11:00 am

Grieving Ministry

Library

Thursday, January 22nd

Every Thursday except 1st Thursday of the month

9:00 am—12:00 pm

Adoration



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/10	5:00 PM	† Cecelia Paik
Sunday 1/11	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Parishioners and Benefactors † Angela Marrujo
Monday 1/12	8:15 AM	† Helen Gray
Tuesday 1/13	8:15 AM	† Shawn Ilardi
Wednesday 1/14	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Fr. Leonard Marrujo
Thursday 1/15	9:00 AM	Special Intention: Fr. George Da Roza
Friday 1/16	8:15 AM	† Bill Roberts
Saturday 1/17	8:15 AM	Special Intention: Living and Deceased Members of the Ouyang and Loong Families



The new 2026 calendars have finally arrived! You can find them in the vestibule or courtyard entrances of the church.

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Let us pray for all those who have recently passed

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| + Josephine Cardaci | + Raymond Gorski |
| + Edward Emil Rinne | + Irene Gorski |
| + Elizabeth Jane Wydner | + Donna Tucker |
| + Bunk Sicotte | + Ida Castillo |
| + Francis Carion | + Dick McLean |
| + Barbara Schurhoff | + Jim Stevens |



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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Jeanette Martini
Sheila Wilkins	Joan Roensch
Michael Dunn	Chuck Fontenot
Kathleen Rose	Lucy Rose
Charles Krystofiak	

Names are on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish to be included, removed or continued for another 4 weeks, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.



In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Church office is closed on Monday, January 19th. We will be open again the following day on 1/20, Tuesday. See you when we return!

GRIEF MINISTRY RESUMES 1/20

Whether the death was sudden or tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion, and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief and figure out how to keep on living when a loved one is gone.



Our Grieving Ministry provides spiritual, emotional and practical support to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Meet us in the library January 20th at 11 am.

Bible Study returns January 14th! Late registrants are welcome. Swing by the rectory office during office hours to sign up. There is a \$25 fee for book/materials.



The subject for this year is the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Torah.