

Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17



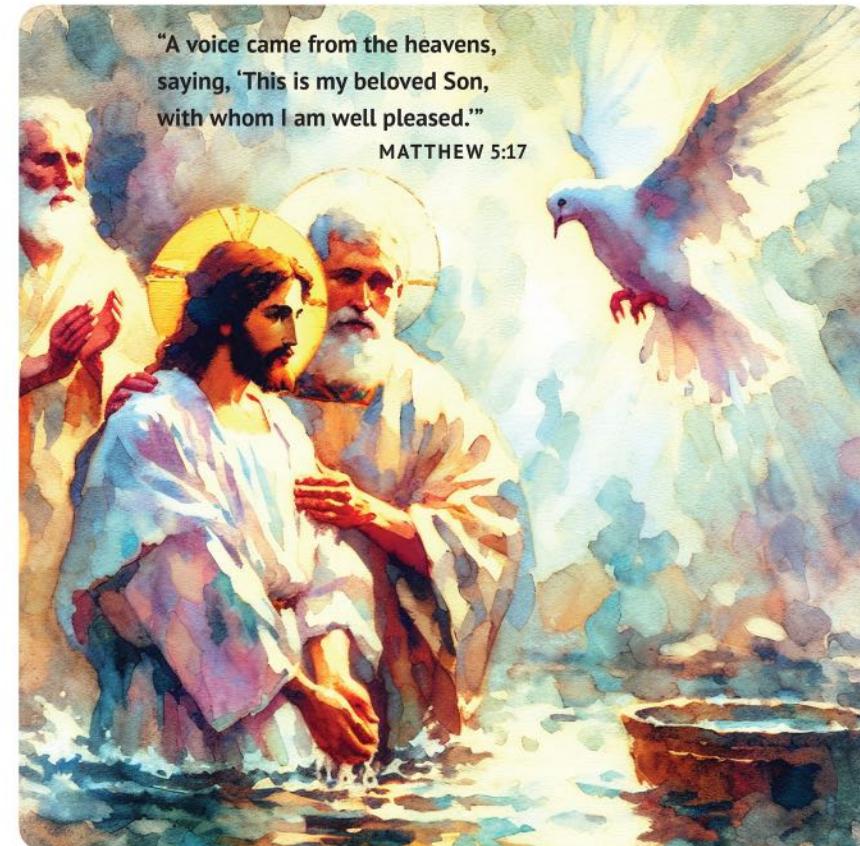
Jesus, Servant Leader

MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.



“A voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

MATTHEW 5:17

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●

Reflect

This week, I’ll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.



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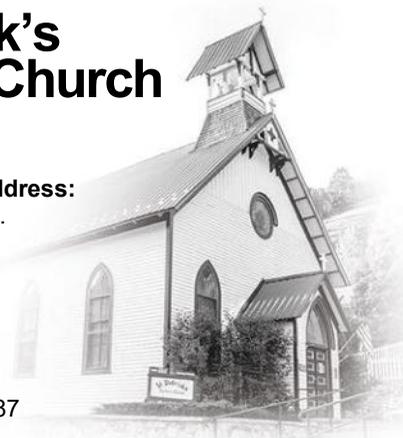
Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday - 7:00 PM; Wednesday – Friday: 8:00 AM
Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil - 5:30 PM and 8:00 AM

Confessions: 30min. prior to each Holy Mass (or by appointment)

Holy Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Mission, Nucla.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon
Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM



January 11th, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 10th
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, January 11th
9:00 AM - Stefanie Balm

Tuesday, January 13th
7:00 PM - +Russell Charles Freedman Jr.

Wednesday, January 14th
8:00 AM - Fr Elijah Thompson

Thursday, January 15th
8:00 AM - +Margie Branson

Friday, January 16th
8:00 AM - +Jerry Hidalgo

Saturday, January 17th
5:30 PM - +Victor & Beverly Lorenz

Sunday, January 18th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

*If you would like to have a Holy Mass intention for your loved ones, living or deceased, please contact the Parish Office by calling: 970-728-3387 or place your request in the collection basket near the entrance of the church.
- Suggested donation for each mass is \$10.*

Healing Prayers - Rezos Por Tus Curaciones

Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers...

Kevin Kiernan, Bob Kammer, Cody Couture, Dakota Couture, Eric Block, Judy Donnelly, Mike Napolitano, Mary E. Lynch, Liz Bradley, Care Bear, Carl Carson, Joshua Nault, Phil Couture, Jose Cuaron, Kim Lynch, Allison Myer, Marianne Edward, CarolAnn O'Dea, Juan Esparza, Martha Gagliano, Stanislaw Kowalczyk

Upcoming Events: *All Are Welcome!*

First Fridays of the month - Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Holy Mass and Adoration - 8:00 AM.

Tuesdays: 6:00 PM- Holy Adoration. **7:00 PM –** Holy Mass

Second Tuesdays of month: 7:30 PM – Men's Group

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM
Women's Group Faith Fun Fellowship – Church

Thursdays: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Mass - Church

First Sunday of the month - Holy Adoration 30 minutes before each Holy Mass.

Each Sunday during Summer- Coffee and donuts after 9:00 AM Holy Mass.

Last Saturday of the month - Bilingual Holy Mass

“So also we, being many, are one body in Christ, and each one is a part, the one of the other.”
Romans 12:5

Parish Announcements:

We would like to welcome all Visitors who are with us celebrating the Holy Mass this weekend.

Please check our **Parish Website /Calendar** for updated schedule of events.

Please join us for praying the Holy Rosary on Sundays before 9:00 AM Holy Mass. It starts at 8:30 AM.

Candlelight Holy Adoration and Mass on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM.

We need help with taking down and putting away Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 17th at 10:00 AM.

We are in need of Graphic Designer. If you know anyone, please contact Parish Office.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,391.00

January 1st: \$962.00

Please visit: stpatrickstelluride.com/donate to offer your financial support.

“For where your treasure is, there also is your heart.”

Mathew 6:21

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The Baptism of the Lord is a significant feast in the Catholic Church, marking the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It emphasizes themes of identity, mission, and the importance of baptism in the Christian faith.

Key Themes:

Identity of Jesus: The event reveals Jesus as the Son of God. The voice from heaven affirms His divine sonship, highlighting His unique relationship with the Father.

Mission and Ministry: Jesus' baptism signifies the start of His mission to bring salvation. It serves as a model for believers, illustrating the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

Call to Discipleship: The feast invites reflection on personal baptism and the call to live out one's faith actively. It encourages believers to embrace their identity as children of God.

Scriptural Basis:

The event is described in the Gospels, particularly in Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, and Luke 3:21-22. Each account emphasizes the divine affirmation of Jesus and the significance of the Holy Spirit.

Reflection Points:

Consider the meaning of your own baptism and how it shapes your identity and mission. Reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in your life, as seen in Jesus' baptism.

Contemplate how you can live out your faith in daily actions, following the example set by Jesus.

This feast encourages a deeper understanding of baptism's role in the Christian journey and invites believers to renew their commitment to their faith.

Viva Cristo Rey!

