

Mass Intentions (Jan 10-16, 2026)

Sat. Jan 10/4:30 p.m. Deceased members of Anthony & Nelson family -
- Rose Anthony

Sun. Jan 11 /10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Pasqualina Di-Murro - Velia
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott family
Maria Perpetua Borre - Maria Socorro Borre
Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino
Alba & Luigi Paliotti, Luigina & Edgardo Poce - Giuseppe Poce
Paul & deceased members of Chung family - Jeanine & Jacqueline Chung

For God's grace upon Ernesto Pabillo celebrating his 80th birthday - Ma-Fe family

Thu. Jan 15/10:00 a.m. Raymond, Ivy & Fabian Edward - Edward family

Fri. Jan 16/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott,
Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A)

"You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you".

First Reading (Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7)

Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights.

Second Reading (Acts 10.34-38)

The Lord anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel (Matthew 3.13-17)

When Jesus had been baptized, he saw the Spirit of GOD coming upon him.

Reflection:

Each one of us is called to share the new life of the risen Christ. Baptism gives us this new life; it also gives us a share in Christ's priesthood. Jesus, by offering the gift of himself on behalf of others, became the high priest of humanity, bringing people to GOD and GOD to people.

By our baptism we share in his priestly mission to bring others to GOD.
How can we do this?

It is clear that today parish priest and ministers cannot manage alone. They cannot reach out to everyone in their area. Each and every one of us is called to witness to Christ by our words and actions.

Why are there so few converts to Christianity in our affluent Western society? Some blame today's materialism; others say it is because of confusion caused by suffering and scandals. Perhaps part of the truth is that too often Christians do not try hard enough. We may have good suggestions for spreading the faith; but all too often we neglect to think about how we ourselves can do just that. Today let us rediscover the meaning and value of our own baptism. The Gospel calls us to try to see Christ in others. But do we sometimes forget to see him in ourselves, as the source of our strength?

May you continue to live out your mission as a follower of Jesus and son/daughter of GOD the Abba!

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
FOR THE LIX WORLD DAY OF PEACE**

1st JANUARY 2026

**Peace be with you all:
Towards an "unarmed and disarming" peace**

"Peace be with you!"

Dear brothers and sisters, whether we have the gift of faith or feel we lack it, let us open ourselves to peace! Let us welcome it and recognize it, rather than believing it to be impossible and beyond our reach. Peace is more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey. Even when it is endangered within us and around us, like a small flame threatened by a storm, we must protect it, never forgetting the names and stories of those who have borne witness to it. Peace is a principle that guides and defines our choices. Even in places where only rubble remains, and despair seems inevitable, we still find people who have not forgotten peace. Just as on the evening of Easter Jesus entered the place where his disciples were gathered in fear and discouragement, so too the peace of the risen Christ continues to pass through doors and barriers in the voices and faces of his witnesses. This gift enables us to remember goodness, to recognize it as victorious, to choose it again, and to do so together.

An unarmed peace

Shortly before being arrested, in a moment of intimate confidence, Jesus said to those who were with him: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." And he immediately added: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (Jn 14:27). Their distress and fear were certainly connected to the violence soon to befall him. But, more deeply, the Gospels do not hide the fact that what troubled the disciples was his nonviolent response: a path that they all, Peter first among them, contested; yet the Master asked them to follow this path to the end. The way of Jesus continues to cause unease and fear. He firmly repeats to those who would defend him by force: "Put your sword back into its sheath" (Jn 18:11; cf. Mt 26:52). The peace of the risen Jesus is unarmed, because his was an unarmed struggle in the midst of concrete historical, political and social circumstances. Christians must together bear prophetic witness to this novelty mindful of the tragedies in which they have too often been complicit. The great parable of the Last Judgment invites all Christians to act with mercy in this awareness (cf. Mt 25:31-46). In doing so, they will find brothers and sisters at their side who, in different ways, have listened to the pain of others and freed themselves inwardly from the deception of violence.

Although many people today have hearts ready for peace, they are often overcome by a great sense of powerlessness before an increasingly uncertain world. Saint Augustine had already pointed out this particular paradox: "It is not difficult to possess peace; it is, perhaps, more difficult to praise it. To praise peace, we may find that we lack the necessary talent; we search for the right ideas and weigh our words. But to have peace, it is there, within reach, and we can possess it without effort." [3]

To be continued

A second collection will be taken after communion for St. Peter the Apostle.

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**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving thanks to the Lord.**

Our collection for January 4 was - \$ 846.10

**It is only the hand that is open to give that is open to receive.
God cannot give us what we refuse to take and
God cannot give to us when our hands and hearts cling to things.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

