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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Is My Beloved Son

—Father Ranjan D'Sa O.C.D.

At the baptism of Jesus, God revealed to the expectant people of Israel, His own Son, their Messiah who will bring salvation to them. This revelation from God is an invitation to believe in His Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

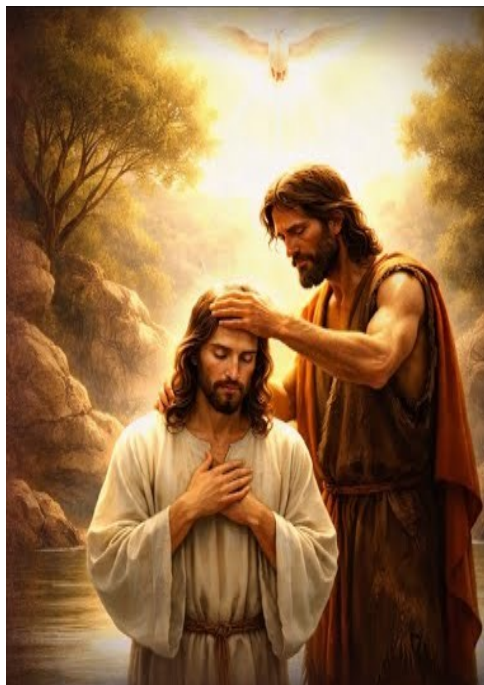
To appreciate the scene of the baptism, we need to understand a few imageries used by Matthew in his narration. The first important imagery is the opening of the heavens. According to traditional cosmology, God's dwelling was high in the sky right above the earth. Through an opening in the heavens, Matthew portrays that God came to talk to His people in and through Jesus.

Closely connected to this imagery is the Old Testament imagery of actually hearing a voice from the aperture. For Hebrews, God always spoke through the prophets. But there were no prophets who came to them for more than three hundred years. Now, according to Matthew, with the voice from the heavens, God broke the silence. God's voice would reach every ear on the earth through Jesus - the Word.

The dove is another powerful imagery in today's Gospel vignette. For the Israelites a dove is a symbol of peace (remember the dove in the great flood at the time of Noah). By interconnecting Isaiah's prophesy of an abundant downpouring of the gifts of the

Holy Spirit with the message of peace, Matthew shows that Jesus is the mediator between God and humanity, heaven and earth, and He will bring peace to all people.

Through our individual baptism in the church, we participate in the very baptism of Christ, where we become sons and daughters of God as well as mediators and messengers of God's peace and salvation.



PARISH LITURGIES

—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—

Tuesday January 13 - St. Hilary

8:30 am + Giancomina Caputi

Wednesday December 14

8:30 am + Adina Di Blasio

Thursday December 15

8:30 am + Rosita Laverde

Friday December 16

8:30 am + Michael Healy

9:00 am Adoration

—THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY—

Saturday December 17 - St. Anthony

4:00 Reconciliation

5:00 For:

Int. Deonarine Tewani, + John Duggan,
Int. Julian Senra, Int. Owen Senra, Int. Lyla Senra, + Connie & Carlos Senra, + Matija Uvodic, + Paul Cunningham, + Merrick Family

Sunday December 18

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Ranjan after the weekend Masses and fill out one of our registration forms found at the church entrances.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

The deadline for registration for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion for 2026 will be Monday, January 12, 2026.

UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION



You are invited to join Fr. Ranjan D'Sa and Dr. Peter Swirzon on a journey into the timeless and mysterious mystical realm of the Book of Revelation where the secrets of God's plan of salvation are revealed in symbols and imagery, in mysterious prophecies and allegorical figures. It promises to be a journey filled with intrigue, puzzling paradoxes and enigmas. For 10 Weeks starting

Wednesday, January 14th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in St. Dominic Parish Centre.

EPIPHANY KITS

Did you miss getting an Epiphany Kit last weekend? A limited number of kits will be available at the Narthex entrance again this weekend. You are welcome to help yourself. One kit per family.

"The heavens'were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my Son, the beloved; listen to him!"

SANCTUARY LAMP



Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the Intentions of the Danko Family and for the the Intentions of Carmelita de Silva

SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners are invited to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp that hangs above the tabernacle. This candle burns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as a sign of honour to Our Lord. If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention during a specific week, please contact the parish office. The cost is a \$10 donation per week. Your intention will be noted in our weekly bulletin

A SPECIAL THANK YOUR FROM OSCR

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Allison Corbett from the Healthy Living program at OSCR.

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For more information, please contact Saint Dominic Parish Office at (905)827-2373

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is calculable. As Pope Paul VI said, “the Mass is the perfect form of prayer!” One single Mass has more value than all the good words of men, because the Eucharistic Celebration is the work of God, Himself. If you would like to purchase a Mass Intention for someone (living or deceased), please contact the parish office. The cost is \$10.00 per intention.)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—JANUARY 11, 2026

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’” Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact, Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

“The word of God dwell among you.” (Col 3:16)

The Third Sunday of Ordinary time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to review its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This is the seventh annual celebration of this special day in the life of the Catholic Church.

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for your celebration of Bible Sunday 2026. For more information, visit our website:
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

“Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 12	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Tuesday, January 13	Rev Stanley Nwokeji
Wednesday, January 14	Sisters of St. John the Baptist C.S.J.B.
Thursday, January 15	Rev. Peter Robinson
Friday, January 16	Rev. James Petrie
Saturday, January 17	Married Couples

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CWL MEETING

There is a CWL Meeting on Monday, January 12th at 7:00pm in the parish centre. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, February 7th at St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo, ON. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

The Diocese of Hamilton provided formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and included lunch. Saturday, January 24, 2026, St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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