The Baptism of the Lord

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”

— Acts 10:34—25

Mass Times

Monday — Saturday:
12:15 PM
Sunday: 11:00 AM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Confessions

Monday—Saturday: 11:00 AM—12:00 Noon
Wednesday: 5:30 PM—6:30 PM
Also by appointment

National Shrine Hours

Historic Church: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Saturday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sunday
Open Certain Holidays

Porziuncola Chapel: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wednesday - Saturday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sunday

Saturdays in the Porziuncola Chapel:
Holy Rosary Sodality at 2:30 PM & Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM

First Saturdays in the Historic Church
St. Padre Pio Prayer Group 10 AM—1 PM
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 10:50 AM—12 PM

Marriages at the Shrine • By special permission • All inquiries: Please contact the Shrine office for Rector’s initial assessment • Note: Arrangements at least six months in advance
Baptism • Contact the Shrine office for details

Church & Office: 610 Vallejo Street (at Columbus) San Francisco, CA 94133
Office: (415) 986-4557 Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Email: info@shrinesf.org Website: ShrineSF.org

Elevator Access: Please ask the Rector or one of our Shrine volunteers if you need assistance with our Main Church elevator, or automatic door for the Porziuncola Nuova chapel.
SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

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DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary
1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: St. Anthony of the Desert
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
Monday, January 20

The historic church, Porziuncola Nuova chapel and Shrine office will be CLOSED in observance of the holiday.

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SHRINE SCHEDULE—WALK FOR LIFE
Saturday, January 25

Church & Porziuncola CLOSED until 5PM

Please note there will be no morning Confession or 12:15PM Mass on Saturday, Jan. 25. We encourage our community to support the Pro-Life cause and our San Francisco Archdiocese by your participation:

Celebration of Holy Mass, 9:30AM @
Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption,
1111 Gough St, San Francisco

Rally, 12:30PM—1:30PM at Civic Center Plaza, S.F.

Walk, Begins 1:30PM, along Market Street ending at the Embarcadero Plaza

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Mass Intentions — JANUARY 12 to 18

Sunday 11:00 am John Gerard Chupa (Intention)
Monday 12:15 pm Alex Harlett (Intention)
Tuesday 12:15 pm † Juan Jose Ochoa
Wednesday 12:15 pm † Eddie Lynch
Thursday 12:15 pm Tyler Hutchison (Intention)
Friday 12:15 pm Alisa Peralta (Birthday)
Saturday 12:15 pm † Kan Tai-Sze

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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Catechism of the Catholic Church

535 Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". A crowd of sinners - tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes- come to be baptized by him. "Then Jesus appears." The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." This is the manifestation ("Epiphany") of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God.

536 The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.

537 Through Baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, be reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and "walk in newness of life":

Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.

Everything that happened to Christ lets us know that, after the bath of water, the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us from high heaven and that, adopted by the Father's voice, we become sons of God.

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Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form, Shrine historic church at 6PM.
Reflections on the Wisdom from St. Francis

by Fr. Bobby

“Francis was like an angel of God, going forth in the spirit of John the Baptist to preach penance and peace.” (St. Bonaventure, Life of St. Francis)

Francis’ baptismal name was Giovanni Battista (John the Baptist). But his father didn’t like having a son named after a man who wore camel’s hair. So he named him Francesco and that was his name for the rest of his life. Yet, after his conversion he lived in the spirit of John the Baptist, pointing out the way of Jesus Christ and inviting others to follow him. As a friar minor, he would agree entirely with what Saint John the Baptist said, “He must increase, and I must decrease.” That is how Francis tried to live his life. May God bless and keep you always!

Fr. Robert Barbato, OFM Cap. is the pastor of Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang, CA.

ST. BERNARD OF CORLEONE, OFM Cap.
Religious, January 12

Bernard Latino (baptized Philip) was born at Corleone in Sicily in the year 1605. He was a quarrelsome person in his youth and was prone to violence, but converted to a better way of life. Bernard became a Franciscan tertiary and dedicated himself to works of mercy in favor of the poor, sick and oppressed. Eventually, he sought admittance to the Capuchin Order, and distinguished himself for his commitment and religious fervor. Devoted entirely to God alone, he made every effort to become like Christ crucified through heroic love and genuine deeds of penance. After time, he even developed an unusual gift—he was able to cure animals by praying an "Our Father", then leading the animal around a crucifix three times to restore them to health. On his deathbed, Bernard was able to bequeath this ability on another friar.

He died in 1667, and was beatified by Pope Clement XII on May 15, 1767. Pope John Paul II canonized him on June 10, 2001.

From the website of the Capuchin Province of St. Mary, Northeastern United States
PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION INFORMATIONAL EVENING

The office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold informational evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the church as Permanent Deacons. The evening will include discussion of the ministry of the Deacon in the Church, the Formation program, and the application process.

Who should attend? Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 60 may apply for the program and are invited to the evening. However, married applicants must be married at least five years. All married applicants need the complete support of their wives in order to pursue the program; therefore, wives are encouraged to attend.

Attend any of these remaining dates:

**Jan. 15, 7-8:30p, St. Timothy, 1515 Dolan Ave. San Mateo.**
**Jan. 22, 7-8:30p, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco**

For more information please contact the Diaconate Formation Office, 415-614-5531
diaconateformation@sfarch.org

Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi

“God bless you and keep you. May God smile on you, and be merciful to you; May God turn his regard towards you and give you peace. May God bless you.”

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

RELEVANT RADIO: San Francisco—Bay Area– KSFB – 1260 AM, plus now on 101.7 FM
Live Stream: [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com)
TV MASS: Sundays at 6:00am on KTSF Channel 26 and KOFY Channel 20.

Archbishop Cordileone's New Video Channel:

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) Videos—Television, Online Live Streaming & Radio

VATICAN YOUTUBE CHANNEL
https://www.youtube.com/user/vatican#p/a

BIBLIA CLERUS
http://www.clerus.org/bibliaclerus/index_eng.html

“This program offers Sacred Scripture, its interpretation in light of Sacred Tradition and the teachings of the Magisterium, with appropriate theological commentary and exegesis.”

CATHOLIC CATECHISM COMPENDIUM

Any and all signs, posters, fliers, pamphlets, booklets, etc. must be submitted to the Rector for review, possible edit or revision, and necessary authorization before the desired materials can be properly posted, displayed or distributed on the properties of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi. Shrine itself is prohibited without prior approval of the Shrine Rector. It is also Shrine Policy that the removal, altering, and or discarding of any and all approved signage, posters, pamphlets, booklets, etc. will be by Shrine Rector authorization only. Any and all materials that do not abide by this Policy of the Rector: Fr. John De La Riva, OFM Cap., will be removed and confiscated.

*Please note: The St. Francis Church, the Porziuncola Nuova Chapel, and the Rectory residence together constitute the properties of the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.*