



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"-which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."....

**Rev. Barry Windholtz**

*Pastor*

**This Weekend's Hymns**

*All hymns can be found in  
the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #278

Closing Hymn: #344

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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

2020

**Sunday, January 12 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 PF Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 DE Thomas Fischer from Chris Ryan

12:00 DE Barry Savage from Barbara Juengling

**Monday, January 13**

*1st Weekday in Ordinary Time*

12:10 George Abraham

**Tuesday, January 14**

12:10 Barry Savage from Mickie Cowan and her children

**Wednesday, January 15**

12:10 Gail Convery from Chris Ryan

**Thursday, January 16**

12:10 Kevin Smullen from Pat & Ellen Homan

**Friday, January 17**

*St Anthony, Abbot*

12:10 Carol Wessel from Barbara Juengling

**Saturday, January 18**

12:10 Norma Niinemetz from Sharon & Ray Kemble

7:00 BW David Evans (birth remembrance) from Linda Kohlhepp

**Sunday, January 19**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 BW Edward Weartz from Helen, Leonard & Ray

10:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

12:00 BW Jack Macke from Martha Leonard

## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

**Raymond Jackson Gronauer** and **Savannah Rose Gronauer** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism January 5th here at St. Rose Church.

**David Redwine** and **Ellie Mae Cosgrove** were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony January 4th here at St. Rose Church.

*We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary in 2020 please call the office*

**Vocation Night**—Mt. St. Mary's Seminary is hosting a Vocation Night on Wednesday, January 29 from 5:00 pm.—9:00 p.m. The night is for men college age and older who are discerning who God wants them to be. For more information or to register, see the website at [www.cincinnati vocations.org](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org) or call Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer at 513.263.3390.

## **2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

Families will be receiving a CMA mailing in the coming weeks. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card to Mass. This year, our goal is **\$36,879.00**. For more information, please visit [CatholicAppeal.info](http://CatholicAppeal.info). Thank you!

**Would you like to remember St. Rose in your will?** It is one way to say thank you for the many things for which you have been given.

**Just a reminder:** the space in front of the convent is a bus stop and, consequently, a no parking zone. To avoid receiving a citation, please do not park in front of the convent along Riverside Drive.

*Good and gracious God, help us to recognize that each of us has a role to play in working towards the common good and caring for all creation. Grant us the grace to move from independence to interdependence; from seeing what is good only for us to what is good for all.*

*"Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan.....A global consensus is essential for confronting the deeper problems, which cannot be resolved by unilateral actions on the part of individual countries." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si', no. 164*

Lectors/Lay Distributors for January 18th and January 19th

7:00 M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe

12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Scheitering, Shawn Gillete



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Have you ever heard a story and then retold it to make it "better"? Maybe it was a question of timing, or introductions, or clarifying motivation. There are many ways stories are told and retold, and often they do get better in the retelling. This is what happens in today's gospel when we hear Matthew's version of the baptism of Jesus by John. The story Matthew had at hand was from Mark. There, John is said to have preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. So one question naturally arises: why would (sinless) Jesus undergo baptism for the forgiveness of sins? Also, Matthew has an entire infancy narrative with Joseph and Mary privy to his identity, something entirely absent from Mark's version. Thus, in Mark the heavenly voice says, "You are my beloved son" (addressed to Jesus). Not so in Matthew, where the heavenly voices says, "This is my beloved son." In Matthew, the voice is not for Jesus' sake but for the crowds. In these and in many other ways Matthew has improved the story—made it "better."

Ultimately, the gospel passage we read today is not so much about the baptism of Jesus as it is about the revelation of Jesus' identity to John and the others. Even the passive voice phrase "After Jesus was baptized" is only one word in Greek. Matthew spends much more time on the revelation of Jesus' identity, the spirit of God, and the voice from heaven. As with so many episodes in the gospel, we would do well to focus on the theological insights conveyed by the author.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, you were baptized in the Jordan, disclosing your identity as God's Son. Give us the grace to recognize our identity as children of God by our own baptism. Secure in this identity, we will be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. In your name we pray. Amen.

For Reflection:

• How is the revelation of Jesus' identity made known to you in our world today?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

- 1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in The Roman Missal called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



Readings for the week:

Table with 7 columns: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and 2nd Sunday in Ord. Time. Each column lists the corresponding Bible readings for that day.