



## Mass Intentions and Schedule

† Denotes Repose of the soul

### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

**NOTE: No in-person attendance at Masses  
- Live-streamed Masses only**

#### Saturday, January 9

4:30 pm Mass intention available

#### Sunday, January 10

10:00 am Intention of Doug Jung  
by Ina Rodger

#### Wednesday, January 13

10:00 am Mass intention available

#### Thursday, January 14

10:00 am Mass intention available

#### Friday, January 15

10:00 am Funeral Mass for Mark Ashforth



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For faithful Catholics, the Christmas season begins at midnight on December 24 and continues well into January. While the rest of the world is winding down their Christmas celebrations, we're just gearing up for ours. Special feasts come after Christmas. They all have deep meaning and are rich with tradition

We start with Christmas Octave.

The octave of Christmas – eight days of celebration – begins on Christmas Day and ends on January 1, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. However, during and after the Octave of Christmas, there are number of feasts to commemorate and celebrate. Such as: St. Stephen; the Holy Family; the Holy Innocents; Epiphany; and, Baptism of the Lord.

Throughout those days, we hear in the daily readings the stories of the Nativity, but also of the prophecies of Simeon and Anna at the presentation and the finding of Jesus in the temple as well as the initiation of St. John the Baptist's ministry.

The Christmas season is filled with exciting scenes and happenings, all pointing to Jesus as the Christ. They all tell us about the magnificence and mission of the Infant born in Bethlehem that one day would be King. That's the whole point of Christmas, isn't it?

The reason we have Christmas at all is because we are grateful and filled with joy that the God-Man has come to earth to bring salvation to all of mankind. He is the Christ.

According to the Church, the Christmas season officially ends with the Baptism of the Lord; which also marks the beginning of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time begins the Monday after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Then, the Sunday that follows is "the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time." The feast of the Baptism of the Lord not only closes Christmas season but is also the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, especially since during "Ordinary Time" our Gospel passages relate the events of the public ministry of our Lord, the beginning of which is marked by His baptism.