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Mass Schedule:

Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Monday	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m.
Saturday	4:00 p.m. at Saint Anthony Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday	3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. at St. Anthony's
Monday & Friday	following Mass
Tuesday	after Mass

Devotions:

Following the daily mass as follows:
Tuesdays Saint Anthony of Padua
Wednesdays Saint Jude the Apostle

Rectory Office Hours:

The Office is located at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Ave.

Monday – Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday	Closed

Sacrament of Baptism:

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month (except the season of Lent) at Saint Anthony Church. A preparation class is required for parents and godparents on the 2nd Sunday of each month prior to the baptism. Please call the parish office to arrange for the baptism at least a month in advance

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please contact a priest at least a year in advance to schedule your wedding

Pastoral Care of the Sick:

Please contact the parish office at (617) 876-6754 or one of the priests for a loved one to receive a visit and the Sacrament of the Sick.

Welcome to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

We welcome you to our celebration today. If you wish to register as a member of the parish, please complete the following form and return it to us:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

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Mass Intentions

January 11 · Sunday		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
4:00p.m.	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Saint Anthony Church</i>	
5:00 p.m.	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Italia Pasquariello	
January 12 · Monday		Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners	
January 13 · Tuesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time
12:10 p.m.	Mary & Leo Gallitano	
January 14 · Wednesday		Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners	
January 15 · Thursday		Weekday in Ordinary Time
January 16 · Friday		Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00 a.m.	Frank Miano	
December 18 · Sunday		SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00p.m.	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Saint Anthony Church</i>	
5:00 p.m.	<i>Saturday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>	
9:30 a.m.	Peter and Christina Nordela	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at Saint Francis of Assisi Church

All are welcome, invited and encouraged to pray at the chapel at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish each Tuesday morning from 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Following benediction at Noon, daily Mass is celebrated.

Thursdays at Saint Anthony Parish

All are encouraged to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at Saint Anthony Parish for Exposition and Adoration from 9:30a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Immediately following Benediction daily Mass is celebrated in Portuguese.

Our Weekly Offerings

December 28th	\$ 297.00
Christmas	\$ 659.00
January 1st	\$200.00
Utilities	\$151.00

Thank you very much for the gifts & weekly offertory donations which are signs of your faith & your commitment for the financial well-being of our parish community. God bless you with His grace & most precious gifts!



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By Dr. Scott Hahn

The Anointing

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Cycle B)

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 (or Acts 10:34-38 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7)/ Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10 (or Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30)
Acts 10:34-38/ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan - that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus" - opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king; that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed...with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10,17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary - Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage-way to healing and freedom - a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

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Pastor's Page

Greetings!

As we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**, knowing the effects of the sacrament, we should be wondering- "Why did Jesus submit himself to be baptized?" A very good question, even one that John himself asked. John recognized his need for baptism saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" One suggestion is that as priest (the "High Priest") Jesus had to be called by God, and washed with water by an existing priest. John the Baptist was a priest, inheriting the office from his father. This explains why Jesus, who according to Christianity is sinless, submitted to a ritual that signified repentance for sin. However, Jesus was not ordained into the priesthood of Aaron, but into a superior priesthood - the Order of Melchizedek. Jesus says that his baptism is "fitting" and the "fulfillment of righteousness." Since there is no scripture suggesting that the messiah should be baptized, what is being fulfilled is the will of God. God willed that Jesus should be completely immersed in the human experience so as to redeem us from sin. Whatever the reason, Jesus teaches us about the need for baptism. Since we are born with original sin and are prone to sin because of our human nature we become baptized to die with Christ and rise with him, out of the waters of baptism, to a new life in Christ. As we are baptized we take on Christ and become Christian. We are named Christian. Just as we are taught not to do anything that would bring shame upon our family name, likewise we should do nothing that would bring shame upon the name Christian and all that entails.



With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend the Christmas season liturgically comes to a close and we now enter into the season of Ordinary time. Ordinary generally means common or mundane, yet any one of us would, or should admit that there is nothing common or mundane or "ordinary" about the life of Jesus Christ. Nor, for that matter, is our worship of God in the Eucharist. Rather than mean common or mundane the term "ordinary" comes from the word ordinal as in the ordinal (as opposed to the cardinal) numbers. As a review, the cardinal numbers are one, two, three, etc. Ordinal numbers are those we use to place things in order, first, second, third, etc. All the weeks of the year that do not fall into the named Sundays, because of the season in which they fall, are ordered. These seasons are Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, which ends with Pentecost. The first week of Ordinary time begins with the last Sunday of the Christmas season, this year the Baptism of the Lord. When we celebrate the Eucharist we celebrate the mystery of our salvation, the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter allow us to enter more deeply into that aspect of our Lord's life. Far from being Ordinary our celebration is always extraordinary, beyond the ordinary. Next week when you return to church it will seem more plain and the vestments will be green. What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living. (from the Saint Andrew Bible Missal.)

Most every parish has a Saint Vincent de Paul Society, and they do so for a very good reason. The Society is the arm of the church and of the parishes that do the work of Social Justice in the Church. Each and every one of us, because of our Baptism, must be socially conscious to the plight of the poor, hungry and homeless of the world and our community. What better way to do this than right here in our own community? The St. Vincent de Paul group of Saint Anthony Parish is a very small but assiduous group and in urgent need of new members. They are very diligent in managing the needs of our less fortunate friends and neighbors in our community. Won't you consider joining this very important Church Society? The benefits you reap by membership might not be immediate, but I assure you the Lord will look kindly upon the sharing of your time! If interested you may join by giving your name and telephone number to me.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Walter



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