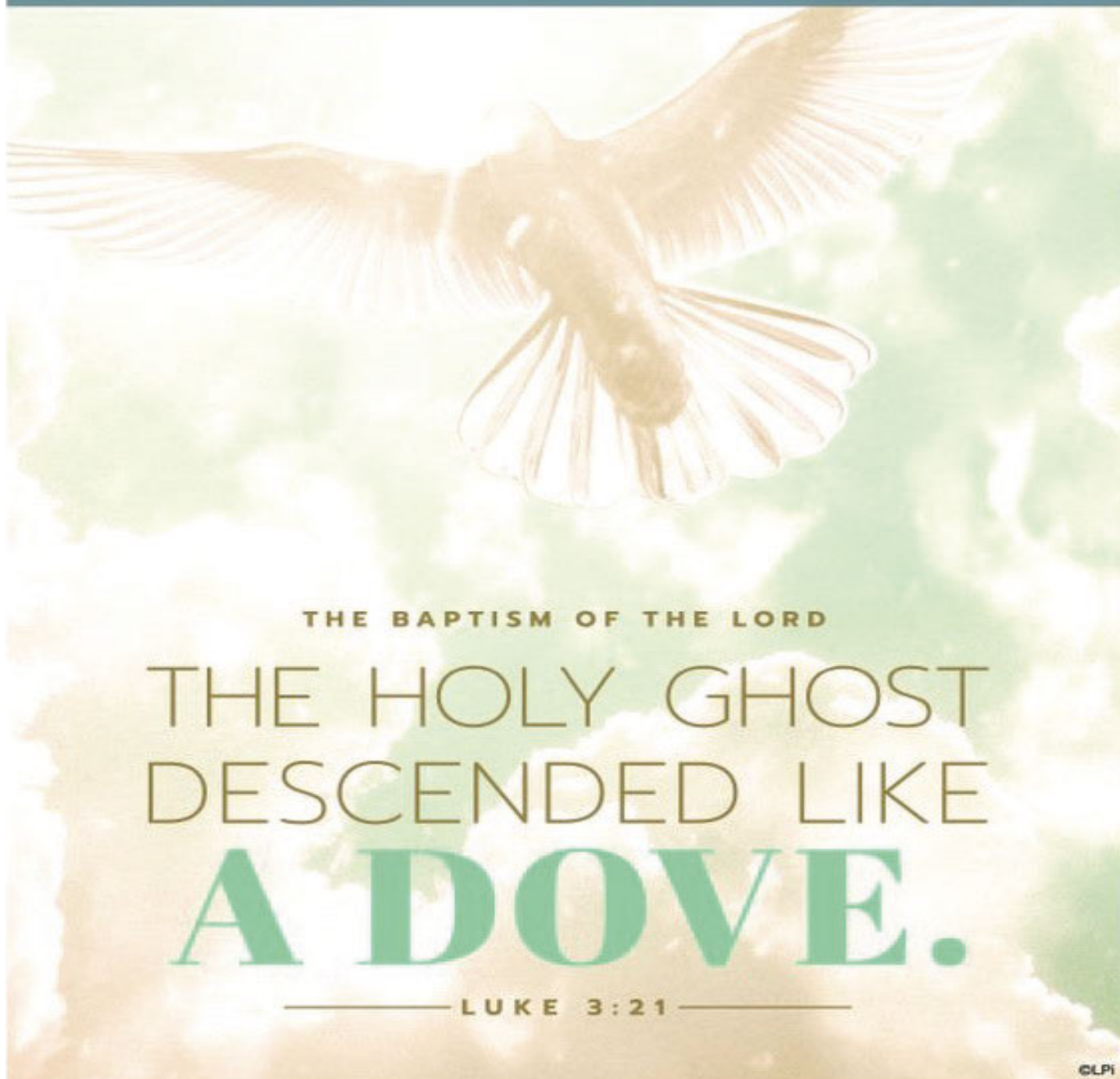


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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE HOLY GHOST
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A DOVE.

— LUKE 3:21 —

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil
(Sunday Liturgy)**

5 pm

7:30 am

9 am

Sunday

11 am

1 pm (Español)

Monday

6:30 pm

Tues - Fri

7:30 am

Thursday

6:30 pm (Español)

**Friday School Mass (when in
session)**

8:15 am

Saturday

9 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday (Español): 5:30 - 6:20 pm

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Also available upon request.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of faith, we the members of St. Anthony Parish are committed to follow Jesus Christ through prayer and the sacraments, the study of His Word, the teachings of His Church, Evangelization, and through reaching out in service to our fellow human beings, parishioners and non-parishioners, with love, respect, and support.



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Ordinary Time and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

This week marks a significant transition in the liturgical calendar as we begin Ordinary Time on Monday, 13 January. This season will continue until Tuesday, 4 March, the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Ordinary Time will resume after the Easter season on Monday, 9 June, following Pentecost. During this period, the weekday readings follow Cycle I in the Lectionary.

Additionally, the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins on Saturday, 18 January, inviting us to join in prayer and reflection for unity among all Christians.

Today, on the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, we reflect on the grace of our own baptism. The second reading from the Letter to Titus reminds us of God's saving grace: *"When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:4-5).*

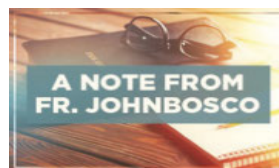
This highlights the meaning of grace—**G-R-A-C-E: God's Riches At Christ's Expense**. Salvation is a gift freely given by God, not earned through our deeds. Through baptism, God forgives our sins and welcomes us as His beloved children. The word **BAPTISM** can be understood through the acronym **RICE**, illustrating its profound significance:

- **R for Rebirth:** Through baptism, we are cleansed of original sin and reborn as children of God by water and the Holy Spirit.
- **I for Initiation:** Baptism initiates us into full membership in the Church, the community of God's children.
- **C for Consecration:** Baptism consecrates us to live as God's servants, dedicating ourselves to His will and the mission of spreading His kingdom.
- **E for Empowerment:** The Holy Spirit strengthens and equips us with the grace to reject evil and live as faithful followers of Christ.

As we celebrate this feast, may we renew our gratitude for the gift of baptism and strive to live out its call to holiness, service, and unity. Let us also pray for all who will receive this sacrament, that they may fully embrace their new life in Christ.

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). May these words inspire us to live as beloved sons and daughters of God.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. JohnBosco Duraisamy, Pastor

**Jan 4-5**

Offertory \$ 7,633.85

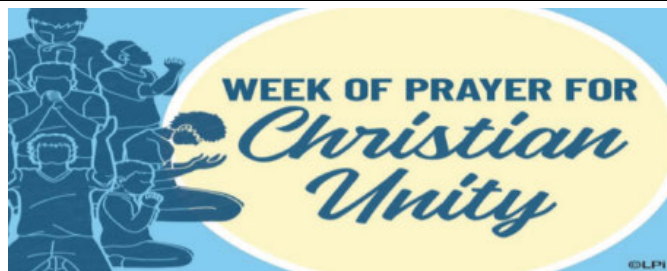
Online \$ 7,673.50

Total \$15,307.35

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Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER****ILLNESS:**

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The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the repose of the soul of Mr. Joseph "Jay" Falcone by Georgette Falcone.

The Adoration Candles are lit for the special intentions of the Meggs Family

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Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat. Jan 11 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. John Bosco	
Sat. Jan 11 5:00 pm	Anna and Clifford Ginfrida+	Maria Ginfrida
Sun. Jan 12 7:30 am	Peace and prayer for souls	The Vietnamese Community
Sun. Jan 12 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Barbara and Al Link	Sam Smith
Sun. Jan 12 11:00 am	Ana Ayers+	Maria Ginfrida+
Sun. Jan 12 1:00 pm	For the People	
Mon. Jan 13 6:30 pm	Special Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. John Callahan	Owen McNulty
Tues Jan 14 7:30 am	Bridget and Mary Finerty+	Dcn. & Mrs. Fortnum
Wed. Jan 15 7:30 am	Special Intentions of Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB	Suzanna Linton
Thurs. Jan 16 7:30 am	For the People	
Thurs. Jan 16 6:30 pm	Juan Valencia+ Aaron Morales+ Candido Ocampo+	Hermila Ornelas Onate
Fri. Jan 17 7:30 am	Frank L. Watson+	Dr. & Mrs. Glinski
Fri. Jan 17 8:15 am	Marcelino Hernandez+ and all the souls in Purgatory	Laura Montoya
Sat. Jan 18 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. John Bosco	
Sat. Jan 18 5:00 pm	Stephen J. Naso III+	Bereavement Group
Sun. Jan 19 7:30 am	Thanksgiving to Our Lord	The Vietnamese Community
Sun. Jan 19 9:00 am	Shawn Peters+	Dcn. & Mrs. Woodall
Sun. Jan 19 11:00 am	For the People	
Sun. Jan 19 1:00 pm	Juan Valencia+ Aaron Morales+ Candido Ocampo+	Hermila Ornelas Onate

Readings for the Week

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: St. Felix of Nola
Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: St. Paul of Thebes
Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: St. Marcellus I, Pope
Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-1

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Weekend Ministry Schedule

Jan 11
5:00 pm Mass
EMHC: Pat Kull
Lector: Gary Kooper

Jan 12

7:30 am Mass Lectors: Qui Huynh Vy Luu	11:00 am Mass EMHC: Mike R Lector: Cecilia Meggs
9:00 am Mass EMHC: Kathleen Smith Lector: Ann Squires	1:00 pm Mass EMHC: Francisco R Marisol V Lector: Olivia Mendoza

Jan 18
5:00 pm Mass
EMHC: AJ Bloom
Lector: Michael Stehlik

Jan 19

7:30 am Mass Lectors: Chi Nguyen Huynh Nguyen	11:00 am Mass EMHC: Rrobin Tange Lector: Mark Buyck III
9:00 am Mass EMHC: Barbara Davis Lector: Katie Tilton	1:00 pm Mass EMHC: Rae Anne M Moraima R Lector: Teofilo Juarez

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



We pray for the reposed souls of:

John Joseph “Johnny” Guerriero, III

June 23, 1963—December 22, 2024

Leonard Philip Morris

May 4 1944—December 20, 2024

José Roberto Hernández

February 15, 1949—December 23, 2024

May God receive them in the Kingdom of Heaven with open arms. We ask that you keep the Guerriero, Galemme and Hernandez families in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.



After a nice break with family for the holidays, our students are back at it again with putting their young minds to work. Hitting the books with Math, English, and Science; but also remembering the importance of their religious education.



School Updates

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Previous Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

Answer: The three kings that visited baby Jesus.

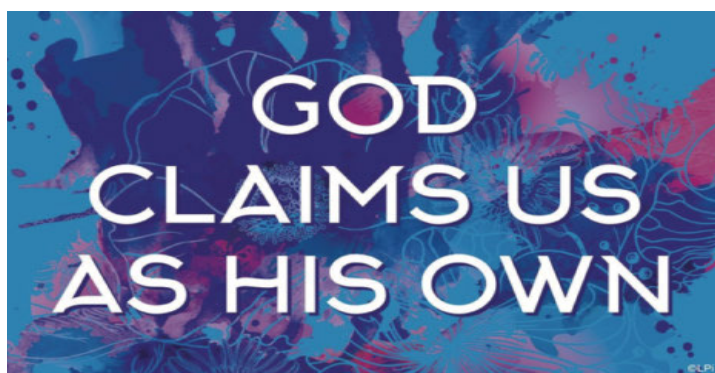
This Week's Question: What is the incense burner used at Mass called?

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who purchased scrip! During the 2024 holiday season (from Thanksgiving to December 31), we sold gift cards totaling **\$19,751** with **\$1,054** earned for school tuition credits and assistance. Thanks to everyone who purchased gift cards, especially all the parishioners who go out of their way to support our school!

Lynch Creek Farms Christmas Wreath and Greenery Sale Results

Thank you to everyone who purchased from the Lynch Creek Farms wreath and greenery sale! We made \$266 profit for St. Anthony Catholic School from our sales.



Welcome Visitors!

Interested in becoming a New Parishioner?

Please take a moment and fill out this form. You can either drop it into the collection basket, bring it to our parish office, or mail it to us. If you are a current parishioner at St. Anthony but have had any changes to your residence, please call the office at 843-662-5674.

Would you like your new home to be blessed?
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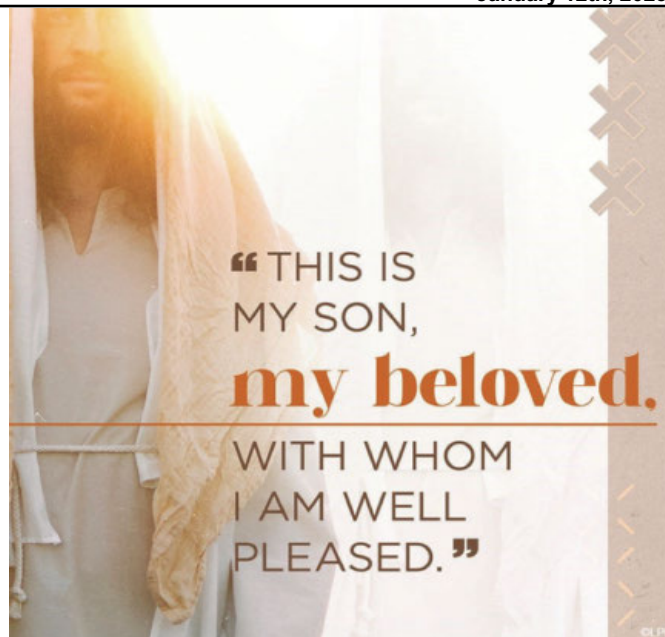
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

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MEDITACION DEL EVANGELIO



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Mayordomía diaria

¿Cuáles han sido los momentos más significativos de su vida? Probablemente celebre su cumpleaños todos los años, por lo que el día en que nació debe ser bastante importante. ¿Qué tal las graduaciones de la escuela primaria, secundaria o universidad? Con suerte, hará algo especial el día de su aniversario de bodas o cerca de él si está casado.

Luego están los momentos tristes de la vida: muertes, rupturas y tragedias. Al reflexionar sobre todos estos momentos, puede ver que no sería quien es hoy sin haberlos experimentado. Por supuesto, como cristiano, tiene un momento en el tiempo que ha tenido un impacto aún mayor en usted y tal vez ni siquiera se le haya ocurrido: su bautismo.

Puede decir que no lo recuerda porque era un bebé. Tal vez ni siquiera sepa la fecha en que tuvo lugar. Puede que no sienta que haya tenido mucho impacto en usted en absoluto. Sin embargo, ha marcado toda la diferencia.

Ya sea que sientas la diferencia o no, ese día fuiste hecho una nueva creación en Jesucristo. Fuiste marcado para Él con una marca indeleble que nadie puede quitar, ni siquiera tú. Ese día, heredaste una tradición y un linaje de fe que ha cambiado la faz de la tierra. Hoy, esa gracia bautismal te llama a una relación real y sustancial con Aquel cuyo nombre fue invocado ese día. También te llama a responder con un estilo de vida de mayordomía, donde tus dones marcan la diferencia y glorifican a Dios. Si hoy es el día en que comienzas a tomar todo esto en serio, puedes agregar un nuevo momento a tu lista.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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