

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

Give comfort to my people,
says your God!

En la PRIMERA LECTURA, el profeta Isaías habla del siervo del Señor, el elegido, que promoverá sin descanso la justicia, a quien el mismo Señor ha puesto como luz de las naciones. En el EVANGELIO, Jesús aparece como este siervo de Dios, “el Hijo muy amado de Dios”, que se acerca a recibir el bautismo de Juan el Bautista. En SEGUNDA LECTURA, san Pablo dice que “Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret”, “paso haciendo el bien, sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él”.



Masses For The Week

- sab 10** **Vigilia de La Epifanía del Señor**
04:30 pm +Manuel & Hilaria Trevino (Esther Salinas)
+Ricardo Segura (His Brothers)
+Ruben & Dora Rodriguez (Sus Hijos)
+Ana Maria Trevino (Su Esposo E Hijos)
+Elida Cortinas (Toni Palacios)
- Sun 11** **The Epiphany of the Lord**
11:30 am Missa Pro Populo
- Mon 12** **NO MASS**
- Tue 13** **Christmas Weekday**
08:00 am In Thanksgiving for Javier Soto Birthday
- Wed 14** **Christmas Weekday**
08:00 am +Jose & Candelaria Aranda (Herminia Torres)
- Thu 15** **Christmas Weekday**
08:00 am +Hilario & Ramona (Herminia Torres)
- Fri 16** **Christmas Weekday**
08:00 am +Simon & Catarina Aranda (Herminia Torres)
- Sat 17** **Christmas Weekday**
08:00 am +Ramon & Clemencia Morado (Herminia Torres)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+Craig Lawrence (His Mother)

Good News!

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord (A)
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17
MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St. Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●

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Dear Padre

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Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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2026 Annual Laredo Pro-Life Rosary Walk
Caminata Anual del Rosario Pro-Vida
Sunday, January 25th, 2026 at 2:00 pm



Join us on Sunday, January 25th, 2026, at 2:00 pm as we pray the rosary on a 2 mile walk culminating with a Mass at San Agustin Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop James Tamayo. We will be asking God to protect human life at all stages from conception to natural death.

We will start at the corner of Boston Street and Santa Ursula Avenue, Laredo, Texas. Shuttle service will be available from San Agustin Cathedral to the starting site from 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm.

For more information call The Family Life Office, Diocese of Laredo, at (956) 727-2140.

Acompáñenos el domingo, 25 de enero, 2026 a las 2:00 pm en nuestra caminata de 2 millas, rezando el Rosario, culminando con una Misa en la Catedral San Agustín, celebrada por el Señor Obispo Jaime Tamayo. Rogaremos a Dios que proteja la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

La caminata empezara en la esquina de la Calle Boston y la Avenida Santa Ursula en Laredo, Texas.

Para más información llame a la Oficina del Ministerio a la Familia, de la Diócesis de Laredo, (956) 727-2140.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, and Ernesto Sánchez, Jr.

We are baptized
in the SPIRIT
of the LORD



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Colecta de la Semana Pasada
Envelopes: \$ 2,895.00
Loose: \$ 204.50
Children's Envelopes: \$ 30.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 3,129.50

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,205.60



Wedding Anniversary Mass

If you or someone you know is celebrating 25 or 50 years of Catholic Marriage

*****Silver, Gold or Diamond Wedding Anniversaries*****

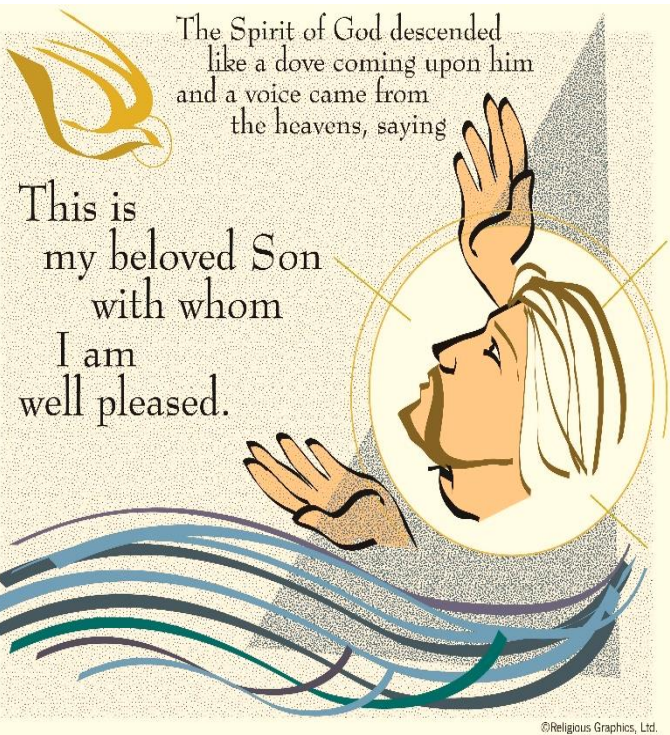
The Diocese of Laredo would like to recognize this important milestone in your married life with a special Mass at San Agustin Cathedral on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Please register for this special event at your Parish Office or contacting the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Laredo at (956) 727-2140.

Deadline for registration is Friday, January 23, 2026.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Laredo would like to extend an invitation to the 2026 Annual Diocesan Conference, Pilgrims of Hope. This will take place at TAMIU Student Center (5201 University Boulevard, Laredo, Texas 78041) on Saturday March 7, 2026, from 8:00AM to 4:30PM. Please, Save the Date! This conference will give us the wonderful opportunity to continue meditating in the motto of the Jubilee Year 2025. Let us come together to make this a successful and memorable conference!



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