



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11, 2026

Immaculate Conception

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Date	Reader	Offertory
Jan. 18 (Sun.) 9 am	Darren	D & J Bazylinski
Jan. 25 (Sun.) 9 am	Blanche	D & C Chotowetz
Feb. 1 (Sun.) 9 am	Vicki	M Chotowetz
Feb. 8 (Sun.) 9 am	Ray	C. Cook
Feb. 15 (Sun.) 9 am	Aimée	R & J Cook

MASS TIMES: Jan & Feb.

Luseland Saturday 5 p.m.
Dodsland Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Major Sunday 9 a.m.

Kerrobert Sunday 11 a.m.

Collection: 837**GOSPEL REFLECTION: – Matthew 3:13-17**

Here the Gospel reveals that Jesus is God's beloved and the chosen servant of which Isaiah spoke. In Jesus we find God's radical identification with the human condition in all things, including the repentance for sin. In that complete identification and "self-emptying" of God, all things human were filled with God's righteousness. It is for this reason that Jesus "needed" to be baptized.

1. Why do you think Jesus insisted on being baptized?
2. How do you experience baptism as God's declaration of love for you, God's revelation?
3. How does your parish give baptism its proper significance?

MAJOR CWL FEES

Our annual dues are once again owing. This year the CWL fees are \$40.50. We will accept either a cheque to Aimée or Blanche or we do accept e-transfer to majorcwl@yahoo.com. Thank you for continuing support of our local CWL. If you have any questions, please contact Blanche (306-430-1475) or Aimée (306-535-6935)

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: IMPLEMENTING A SYNODAL WAY OF PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND GOD'S KINGDOM TODAY

Synod Implementation in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon was recently launched by Bishop Hagemoen.

"Baptism is the foundation of Christian life. This is because it introduces everyone to the greatest gift, which is to be children of God, that is, to share in Jesus' relationship to the Father in the Spirit. There is nothing higher than this baptismal dignity, equally bestowed upon each person, through which we are invited to clothe ourselves with Christ and be grafted onto Him like branches of the one vine. The name "Christian", which we have the honour of being called, contains the grace that is the basis of our life and enables us to walk together as brothers and sisters." - For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission - Final Document # 21.

Find more information about the implementation phase of the Synod on Synodality at:
<https://rcdos.ca/syond>.

THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

This is a worldwide prayer network responding to the challenges that confront humanity and the Church's mission as expressed in Pope Leo's monthly intentions. In praying with these intentions, we extend our gaze onto the whole world and enter personally into the joys and hopes, the pains and sufferings of our sisters and brothers everywhere. Visit <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

MASS GUIDELINESS (CONTINUED) EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY

vii. Rite of Commissioning

12. The usual date for mandating will be the Solemnity of Christ the King. However, another suitable date may be chosen for pastoral reasons. Those nominated and approved by the pastor or chaplain are to be mandated during a liturgical celebration in the parish church using the proper Rite.

13. When the priest celebrant deputes a layperson as Extraordinary Minister during a particular Mass, he uses the rite found in the Missal.

viii. Serving at Mass

14. The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass participates in the entire Mass (even though he or she may have attended a previous Mass).

The Extraordinary Minister may walk in the entrance and recessional processions⁷ and has a designated place in or near the sanctuary.

Each pastor should decide on the vesture of the Extraordinary Minister, e.g. whether an alb should be worn (*Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani*, July 2000); otherwise, the clothing should reflect the sacred dignity of this function. It is the pastor's responsibility to ensure proper dress and decorum.

The Extraordinary Minister should generally not perform any other distinct liturgical function or role (e.g. lector, leader of song, usher) within the same Mass.

The Extraordinary Minister does not assist in breaking the Host.

The celebrant does not distribute Holy Communion to the Extraordinary Ministers until he has received both species himself. In the situation of Communion under both species: the Extraordinary Minister may receive under both species according to established local parish custom. After reception, they are then given the paten, ciborium or chalice by the celebrant and proceed to the Communion station.

He or she may sanitize their hands at the credence table before distributing Communion and afterwards. Prior to sanitizing one's hands after Communion, any particles from Communion on one's hands should be consumed or imparted into the paten or chalice to be purified. Any ablution water is to be poured into the sacrarium, or in churches or oratories which do not have a sacrarium, it is to be poured directly into the ground.

The celebrant (or another priest or deacon) generally brings the ciborium from the tabernacle and returns it there.

When distributing Communion, the Extraordinary Minister raises the Sacred Host and says: "The Body of Christ," waits for the communicant to respond "Amen," and places the Host in the hands or upon the tongue of the communicant. The individual communicant has the option of receiving in either manner. The Extraordinary Minister should take care not to drop particles of the Host onto the ground or onto the hands of the communicant. If a Host falls, it is not given to the communicant; but is reverently consumed by the Extraordinary Minister or placed on the paten or corporal.

j) When Communion is given to the faithful under both species, the Extraordinary Minister may be asked to administer the chalice. When presenting the chalice, the Extraordinary Minister says "The Blood of Christ," to which the communicant responds "Amen." The Extraordinary Minister wipes the chalice with the purificator.

When Holy Communion is given under both species, the communicant is not to dip the Host into the chalice (*Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani*, 2002, 287). Furthermore, the giving of communion by intinction (i.e. dipping the host into the chalice) can only be administered by an ordained minister.

The liturgy does not call for a blessing to be given at Communion time, but where the custom has arisen of the priest offering a blessing to those who do not receive Holy Communion, the Extraordinary Minister may simply say: "May God bless you" (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1669; canon 1169).

After distributing Holy Communion, the Extraordinary Minister returns the ciborium or chalice to the priest at the altar.

A CALVINIST WALKS INTO HEAVEN — AND THE ANGELS HAVE SOME QUESTIONS

A Calvinist arrives at the gates of Heaven to and sees two lines to enter: "Predestination," and "Free Will."

Naturally, he heads to the predestination line, where an angel stops him and asks him why he's there. "Well, I picked this line because I'm a Calvinist and believe in predestination," he says.

"If you picked this line, you made a choice," replies the angel. "Head over to Free Will."

After a few minutes another angel approaches the Calvinist and asks him why he's in the free will line. "Someone told me I had to come here," he replies.