



ST. THÉRÈSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH EDENVALE

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11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Petersen OMI

Rev. D Gregory (Deacon)

Rev. F. Graham (Deacon)

Rev. P. Rohrbeck (Deacon)

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Matthew 3:16-17)

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,
and the spirit descended upon Him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm 29

R: The Lord will bless his people with peace

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
Bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. **R**

2. The voice of the Lord upon the waters,
The Lord on the immensity of waters;
The voice of the Lord full of power;
The voice of the Lord full of splendour. **R**

3. The God of Glory thunders;
In his temple they all cry: “Glory!”
The Lord sat enthroned above the flood;
The Lord sits as King forever. **R**

Second reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation: (Cf. Mark 9:6)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father’s voice was heard: “This is my beloved Son, listen to Him.”

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Communion Antiphon: (Baruch 3:38)

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Reflection:

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and with the fire of your love and goodness.
May I always find joy and delight in seeking to please you in doing your will just as you have delighted in the joy of pleasing your Father and doing his will.

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COMMUNITY

VARIOUS INTENTIONS TO PRAY FOR:

*Our Sick – Dear Lord, in your great compassion and love, we ask you to lay your healing hands on the sick and aged of our parish and all our loved ones.

*The Unemployed – Dear Lord, we pray for those struggling to find employment, that through their hardship they will put their faith and trust in you.

*Those who are grieving: – O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships.

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: Intention for January:

For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SACRAMENTS AND PREPARATION

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you have a family member in the parish who is housebound and in need of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a course of instruction before the baptism of their child. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment. Please ensure that you book your baby's baptism date with the office. No baptism will be done without a booking.

MARRIAGE

Couples are required to attend a pre-marriage course of instruction or an Engaged Encounter weekend. Please Contact Fr. Jonathan three to six months before the event.

CATECHETICS

Please diarise enrolment dates for 2026

Junior Catechism: Phases 1 – 3

(Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Saturday 17th January at: 10am

Coordinator: Mary-Ann –

maryann@ntnis.co.za or 082 877 9066

Kids for Christ: Phase 4 (Youngsters who have received first communion)

Saturday 24th January at: 10am

Coordinator: Gaily -

gailypillay@gmail.com or 083 589 0063

Senior Catechism: 3 phase course

(traditionally starting in Gr 8) leading to Confirmation.

& Bridging Classes:

Saturday 31st January at: 10am

Coordinator : Leisle –

leisle.williams@icloud.com

or 082 923 1256

These meetings will take place in the church hall and run from 10am to 12 noon for all phases. Parents attendance is compulsory to ensure your child's registration.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is intended to instruct in the Catholic Faith those adults who are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation. RCIA is your compass to the Catholic Faith. Please call the parish office to arrange a meeting with **Fr. Jonathan**.



Recognizing us as children

The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord closes the cycle of Christmas. Jesus has grown up and he leaves his village and moves on with his life in a new direction. First of all, he decides to be baptized by John which meant a real change of life. To be baptized was to open one's heart to God's presence.

Jesus left his people and after baptism, moves into the desert for a time of prayer. There in the desert he meditated, no doubt, on the Word of God. It is possible that he encountered this same prophetic text that we read in this Sunday's first reading. And he would feel totally identified with what is said in that text. That would be his way of life. Without shouting, without destroying anyone, respecting everyone, but firmly proclaiming the law of God, the right of the children of God. His word would be a light for the nations, a liberating word for the oppressed and a healing word for the sick.

Jesus feels called by God for a mission. Not only that. He experienced and deeply felt that God was his Father. From then on, that profound experience never left him. It gave him the strength to fulfil his mission until the final surrender on the cross. In the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles we have the text: "He went about doing good and healing those who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him". What more could be said about Jesus?

We need to remember and relive our Baptism to discover our authentic and deepest call to be children of God, to live at all times as children of God. The first reading is also a whole program of life if we want to be consistent with our baptism. And the best thing that could be said about us at the end of our life is that we spent our life doing good to everyone because God was with us. All the holy saints of the Church have done the same. They lived their life doing good because God was with them. Our baptism gives us this vocation because we are God's children. We have no other owner but the one who wants our freedom and our happiness, the one who wants us to be children and brothers and sisters to each other.

For your reflection

What does the Baptism I received so many years ago mean to me? Do I really feel like a child of God and a member of the community of brothers and sisters? How do I live my life, being a child of God and a brother or sister to one another?

NEXT WEEK

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday	17h00
Sunday	07h30 ; 09h30 ; 17h00

Weekday Masses

Monday	08h30
Tuesday	06h15
Wednesday	School Mass at 08h00 17h30
Thursday	08h30
Friday	06h15 & 17h30
Saturday	08h00

Public Holidays 08h30

CONFESSION:

Thursday	After morning Mass
Saturday	After morning Mass

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BENEDICTION

Will begin at 5pm every first Friday.

Every other Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 followed by Mass at 5.30pm.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated at Little Eden every first Friday at 10am.

First Saturday Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is prayed after morning Mass.

St Thérèse Worshipping Community:

Our Vision

A pilgrim community striving to be a visible expression of God's presence to everyone through faith, hope, unity, and love.

Our Mission

A Church that lives by faith, is recognised for its love, and is a voice of hope to the community and Beyond.