



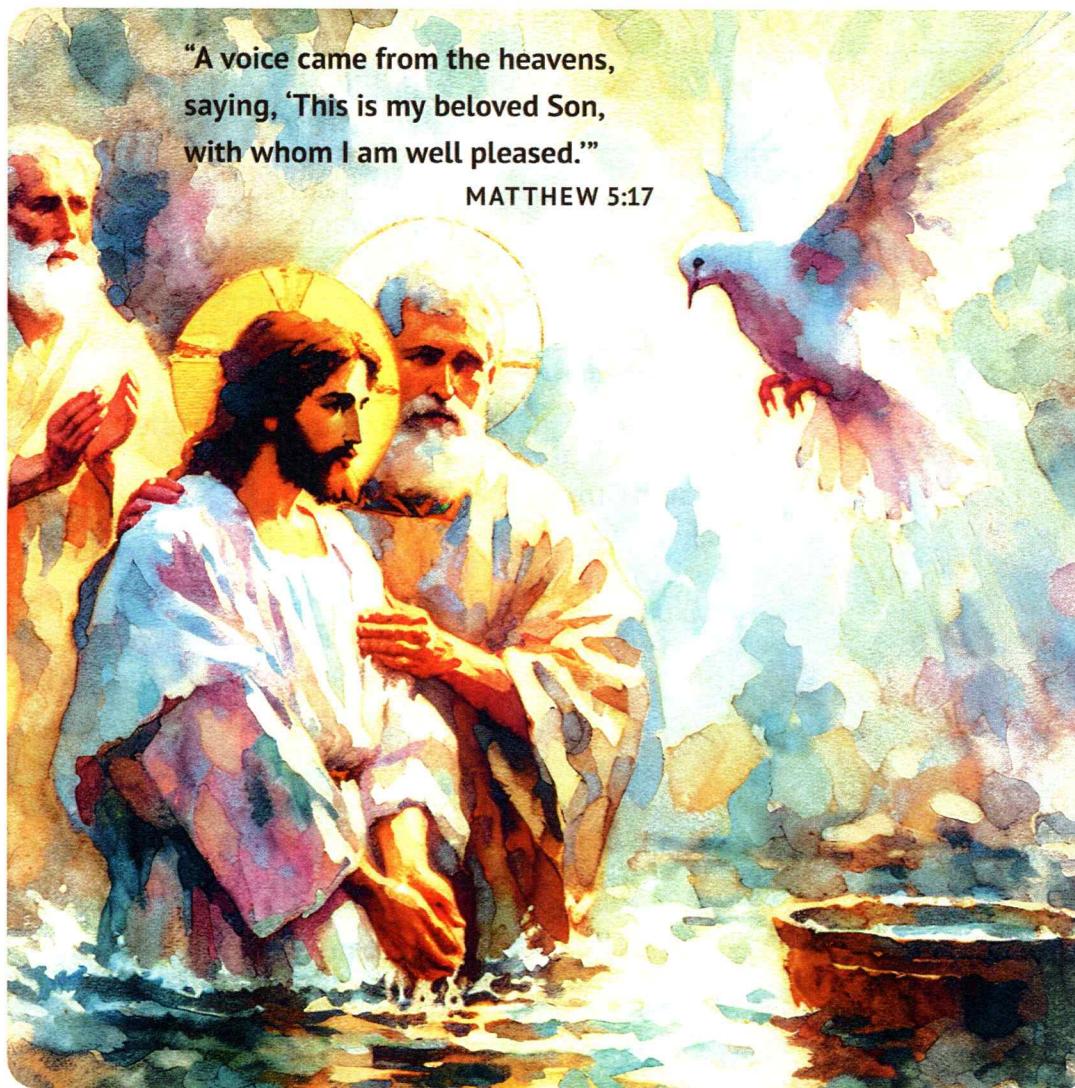
Jesus, Servant Leader

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). ●

Reflect

This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.



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Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026

Day	Time	Feast	Intention
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Weekday	Rawlin Smith
Wednesday	8:00 am	Weekday	Glen & Terri Muehlhausen
Thursday	8:00 am	Weekday	Knights of Columbus
Friday	8:00 am	Weekday	Sam Mages
Saturday	8:00 am	Saint Anthony of the Desert	Esther Cox
Sunday	9:00 am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for Next Sunday, January 18, 2026

Greeters: Youth Group

Collection: Matt Durler & Nick King

Cantor: Allen Morton

Servers: Mati Durler & Amina Khan

Lectors: Youth Group

E.M.C.'s: Regina Lix, Sheila McCarty, Ray Theis

Gifts: Youth Group

Rosary: Maurice Bleumer

Giving Report: 1-4-26

Envelopes: \$6,893.69

Loose: \$406

Electronic: \$2,193.44

Alms for Renovation Project: \$63,818.69



Today, after Mass, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations and transitioning into Ordinary Time. If you are able to stay and help, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Parish School of Religion is this Wednesday. 6:30 pm meal, classes begin at 7:00 pm. The meal this week is provided by the Religious Education Commission.

Vocations Commission is hosting another Feast of the Holy Spouses dinner on Saturday January 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm. Couples that are interested can sign-up on the sheet in the back of Church or you can contact Briana Stephenson at 620-440-2544.

The Dodge Knights are hosting a breakfast this morning to benefit their Boy Scout Troop. It is at the Holy Family Gathering Space at the Cathedral.

Knights of Columbus meet Monday evening at 6:45.

What is Cor? Cor is a gathering to provide men the opportunity to encounter Christ, to pray together, to grow in their faith and for fraternity. All men of the parish are invited to attend the first gathering Thursday evening at 7:00 in the parish center.

Wright K of C Pro-life Breakfast will be Sunday, January 18 following Mass in the parish center. We will also kick-off our annual Baby Shower that day.

Wright K of C Annual Men's Pitch Tournament will be held Sunday afternoon, January 18 in the parish center. Registration begins at 1:00.

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2026.

Save the Date

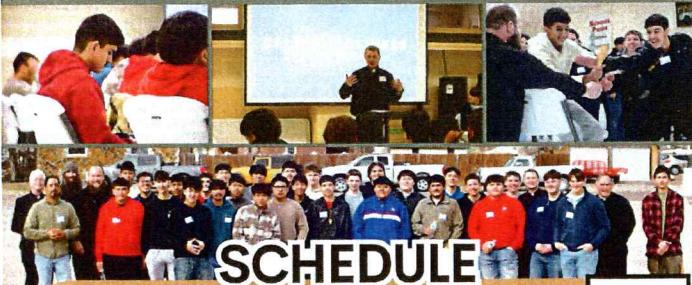
To mark the anniversary, a diocesan celebration will be held on Saturday, September 12th, 2026, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The day will have talks, Mass, Eucharistic procession, confessions, a meal, and a historical display. September 12th was chosen because it commemorates the installation of the first bishop of the diocese (September 12, 1951). Additionally, Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared our patroness on the same date ten years later (September 12, 1961).

Please mark **Saturday, September 12th, 2026**, on your calendar and plan to attend! All are invited! More details will come soon.

Discernment Day: All high school boys (9th-12th grade) are invited to attend Discernment Day on Saturday, March 7th from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Rose in Great Bend. It will be a day of prayer and talks inspiring young men to live a holy life and receive spiritual tools for how to discern a vocational call. For more information and to register, contact Fr. John Stang at vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org.

DISCERNMENT DAY

Open to high school boys from around the diocese who want to grow in prayer, virtue, and brotherhood.



SCHEDULE

MARCH 7TH

9AM	Check-in at St. Rose in Great Bend Team competitions and talks throughout the morning
NOON	Angelus and Lunch Team competitions, and Eucharistic adoration in the afternoon
3PM	Send-off!

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Dear Padre,

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

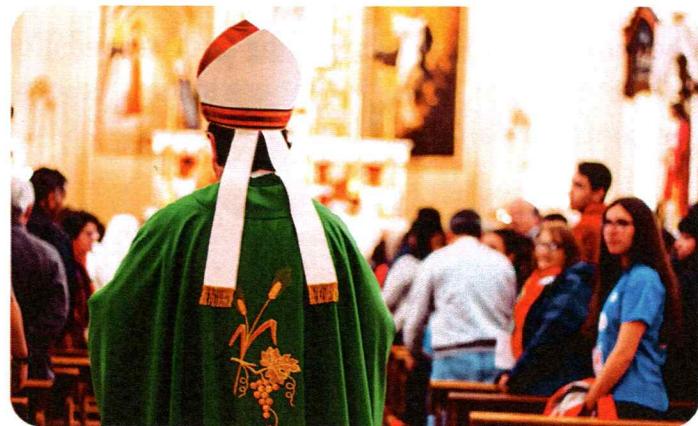
This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation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

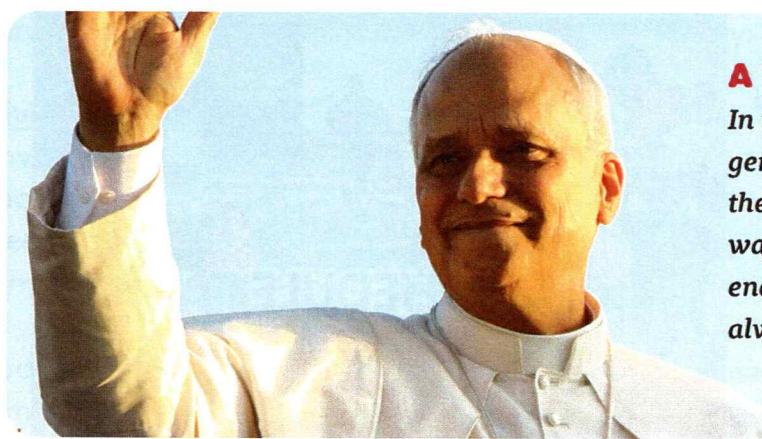
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Sm 1:1-8	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Is 49:3, 5-6
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17	1 Cor 1:1-3
Do you have a question for the Padre?						
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about <i>Dear Padre</i> .						



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIII

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025