

Pre-Mass Announcements for The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Good afternoon **or** morning! Welcome to Saint James the Apostle Church. This weekend as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we ask you to please silence all cell phones.

Our announcements this weekend are:

- 1) The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal theme is *Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!* As Catholics, we are called to elevate our faith beyond all expectations in service to those in need. The Diocese is mailing information to registered parishioners this month to learn about the impact the CMAA has on our parish and community; for example, by supporting seminarian education for future priests like our very own Deacon Christopher “Topher” Otieno. As a reminder, we will retain 70% of all pledges over our \$81,000 goal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!
- 2) Speaking of seminarian education, as Father Keith will introduce at all the Masses this weekend, we welcome Deacon Andrew Bogusz (*bow-goosh*) to our parish to share more from the Diocesan Vocations Office about last autumn’s Seminarian Endowment.

For 11:00am ONLY:

- 3) We need individual and family volunteers to assist with taking down the Christmas decorations in our sanctuary this weekend. Please join us immediately after this Mass in Sebahar Hall. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.
- 4) Poinsettias are available to take home after Mass today.

Please check the bulletin, website, and weekly FlockNote for more information.

Our opening hymn is 457 *To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came* 457. Please stand.