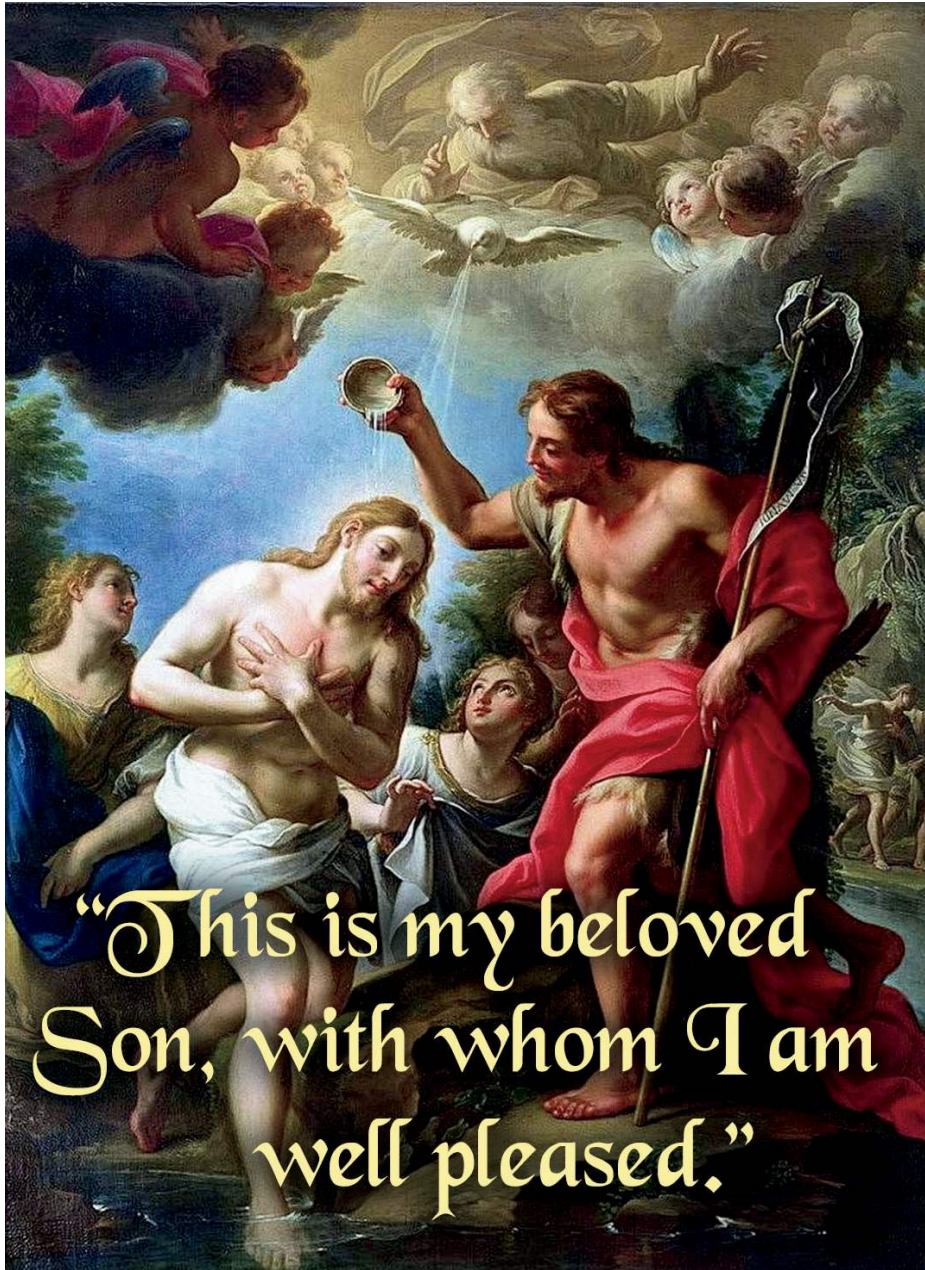


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January 11, 2026



THE
Baptism
OF THE
Lord

Saints of the week of January 11- 17, 2026
13 -Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday | 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00 pm - 3:50 pm or by appointment

ROSARY

Monday - Friday after 8:00 am Masses

ADORATION / ADORACION

1st Friday Adoration in English at 8:30 am
Spanish 6:00 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass

2nd and 4th Friday of the month

6:00 pm, Adoration followed by Mass for the sick at 7:00 pm.

Primer Viernes de cada mes, comenzamos a las 6:00 pm con la Adoracion al Santisimo seguido de la Coronilla y Misa al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus 7:00 pm.

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Program	Coordinator	Language	Date	Hour	Location
Adult Choir	Eric Keiper	English	Every other Thursday	6:45–8:00 P.M.	
Council of Catholic Women	Joanne Capasso	English	2nd Saturday of every month	8:30 A.M.	Parish Center
Grief Share Support Group	Joanne Capasso	English	Wednesday	10:00–12:Noon	Parish Center
Loving Hands Crocheting &	Joyce Costello	English	Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	Parish Center
Baptismal Registration	Consuelo	English/Spanish	Monday to Friday	8:00 AM-12:Noon 1:00 P.M.–4:00	Parish Office
Baptism Classes	Deacon Dony	English	By Appointment	Call the Office	
Baptism Classes	Ivan & Alexandra Munoz Martin	Spanish	Por Cita	Call the Office	
OCIA	Natalia Brugal	Spanish	Jueves	7:00 P.M.	Clase
Liturgia de la Hora	Dr. Felix Rodriguez	Spanish	Jueves	6:00 P.M.	
OCIA	Fr. Valentine Jamie Wooley	English	Sunday 8/24/25 to 4/5/2026	6:00 P.M.	Office conference room
Bible Study	Fr. Valentine Umoh	English	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	TBA
Feeding the Hungry	Biddy Labutka	English/Spanish	Monday	8:00 A.M.	Parish Center & Kitchen
Knights of Columbus	Paul Turner	English	2nd Monday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Parish Center
Legion of Mary	Valencia M. Delva	French	Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Legion of Mary
Legión de Maria	Dania Fernandez	Spanish	Jueves	7:00 P.M.	Salón Parroquial
Grupo de Oracion	Feliciano	Spanish	Miercoles	7:00 P.M.	En el Templo
Children Choir	Clare Ramos	English	Saturday	9:00 A.M.	Classroom 1
Spanish Choir	Alex & Nora Tacoa	Spanish			

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 12-18, 2026

***RIP Rest in Peace - * S/I Special Intentions**

Beginning January 11, all intentions will only have the first and last names of the person for whom the Mass is offered.

MON, JAN 12

8:00 AM RIP/ Thomas Talty
 RIP/ Lucila Palacio

TUE, JAN 13

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Konstantine Giana Kopulos
 RIP/ In memory of the brothers from the Quigley Seminary

WED, JAN 14

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Ross & Vener Velázquez
 RIP/ Kevin Grey

THUR, JAN 15

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Art Wroble
 RIP/ Paul & Mary Erlich

FRI, JAN 16

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Maria del Carmen Geldres
 S/I/ Adelaide Strickland

SAT, JAN 17

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Kathyryn Santoro
 RIP/ John Reville
4:00 P.M. S/I Giuyon Family
 RIP/ Michael Cyr Rest in Peace by Maryann
 S/I Herbert Family
 RIP Louis Kimball
 RIP Charles Mazur
 RIP Katheline Lundy
 RIP Jim Conroy

7:00 P.M. S/I Alexis Contrera Feliz Cumpleaños

SUN, JAN. 18

7:45 A.M. RIP Kathyryn Santoro
 RIP Kyle Pacheco
9:00 A.M. RIP Joe Taylor
 RIP Jack Nelson
10:30 A.M. RIP Ana Contreras
 S/I Vinod Family
12:00 Noon RIP Laurence Wolff
 RIP Vincent Casella

READING I ISAIAH 42: 1-4, 6-7

The Baptism of the Lord

Lectionary: 21

Thus says the LORD:

here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one
with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth
justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting,
not making his voice heard in the street.
a bruised reed he shall not break,
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.
I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

READING II ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered
in the house of Cornelius, saying:

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts
uprightly
is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the Israelites
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord
of all,

what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached,
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him."

GOSPEL MATTHEW 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan
to be baptized by him.

John tried to prevent him, saying,
"I need to be baptized by you,
and yet you are coming to me?"

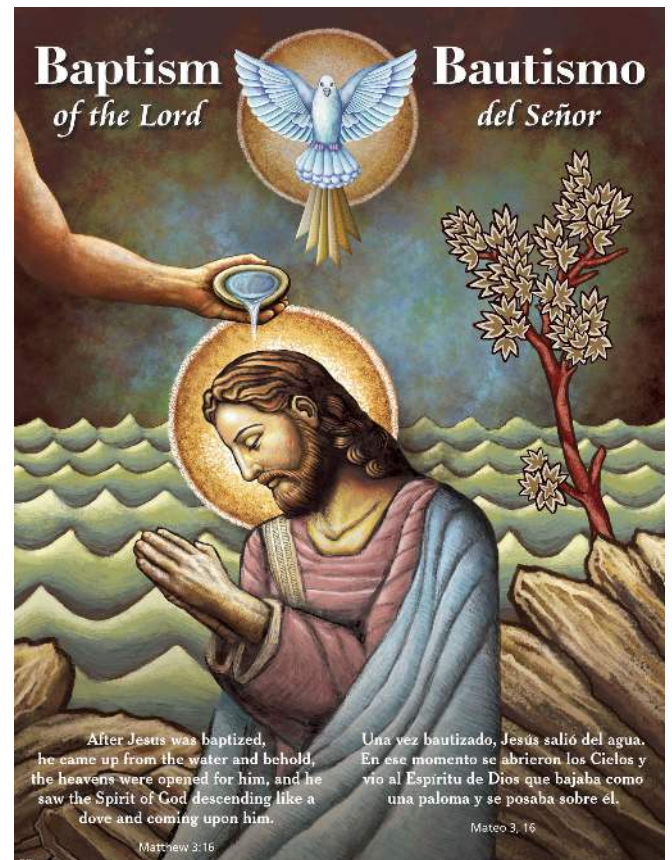
Jesus said to him in reply,
"Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us
to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him.

After Jesus was baptized,
he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him,
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove
and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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Did you take down your Christmas tree and decorations yet? If so, why? Many people assume that Christmas ends on December 25—or perhaps when the calendar turns to January. But in the life of the Church, Christmas is not a day; it is a season; and that season doesn't really come to a close until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year falls on January 11.

In a world that rushes past Christmas too quickly, the Church invites us to linger, to reflect, and to be transformed. The Christmas season ends not with decorations coming down, but with a voice from heaven reminding us who Jesus is—and who we are in Him. And the Church gives us a decent amount of time to contemplate, to absorb, and to live the mystery of the Incarnation - God coming to earth and taking on human flesh to save us. We celebrate far more than a birth. We proclaim the bold truth that God has entered human history. Our religion is unlike any other!! The entire season unfolds in stages. We begin with the Nativity, marveling that the eternal Son of God is born in humility, with shepherds in attendance. Then we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, showing us how God is at work in ordinary family life. Mary and Joseph have to flee with Jesus to Egypt in order to protect Him from the wrath of Herod. Joseph has to find new customers in order to continue his craft as a carpenter, earning enough to keep his family properly fed and clothed.

Next comes the Epiphany, the great feast of the entire season (ironically called “Little Christmas”), when Christ is revealed to the rest of the world, as represented through the visit of the Magi — pagans who are able to recognize the King and Savior. But the story does not end at the manger. The season reaches its fulfillment at the Baptism of the Lord. At the Jordan River, Jesus steps into the waters—not because He needs repentance, but to show that He chooses to stand with sinners. Then the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the voice of the Father declares: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” This is why the Church sees the Baptism of the Lord as the true closing of Christmas. Here, Jesus is fully revealed—not just as the newborn child, but as the beloved Son of the Father, the One sent to redeem the world. Here, Christmas moves from infancy to mission.

So, Christmas is not just about what happened long ago; it is about what God continues to do now. Through our own baptism, we are joined to Christ as God's sons and daughters, and sent to live as witnesses in the world.

So when the Church closes the Christmas season this January 11, it's not ending the celebration—it is sending us forth. Just as Jesus leaves the Jordan and begins His public ministry, we are reminded that the light revealed at Christmas is meant to be carried into the ordinary days that follow. May the joy, humility, and light of Christmas remain alive in our hearts, shaping how we live as baptized followers of Christ.



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ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart, in choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy

CCD SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY


Sunday - January 4, 11, 25
Monday - January 5, 12, 26
Tuesday - January 6, 13, 27
Wednesday - January 7, 14, 28
No classes - January 18 - 21

Second-Year Confirmation Retreat

 **Saturday, January 17, 2026**

 **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

First Reconciliation - Second-Year First Holy Communion Students

 **Saturday, February 17, 2026**

 **10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Please keep the children in our CCD program in your prayers, especially those who will be receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year.

“After Jesus was baptized, he came from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased’ ” (Mt 3:16-17).

In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus’ baptism by his cousin, John the Baptist. Do you remember your baptism? Maybe not! We know that Jesus did not need to be baptized because He is God, so why does He ask John to be baptized like you and me?

Even though you might not remember being baptized, there are two very important things that happened when you received that sacrament: 1) You were made a **son** or **daughter of God the Father**, and 2) you were cleansed from all sin. Just like at Jesus’ baptism in the Gospel, you became God’s “**beloved** son/daughter,” with whom He is well pleased!

Even though Jesus was already God’s Son, and was already free of sin, He was baptized as an **example** for us and to show us what happens when we are baptized. In your baptism, you joined the **family of God**, with a newly pure heart!

Jesus’ baptism was the beginning of his mission in the world. Because of *your* baptism, you are equipped to live as Jesus did, **sharing the news of God’s love** to your family, friends, and neighbors.

El Bautismo de Jesús

El Bautismo de Jesús en el río Jordán es un evento central en la vida de Cristo, narrado en los cuatro Evangelios. Marca el inicio de su ministerio público, la manifestación de la Santísima Trinidad y la santificación de las aguas bautismales para toda la humanidad. Celebrado en la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor (domingo después del 6 de enero), nos invita a renovar nuestra fe en el sacramento del Bautismo.

El Relato Bíblico

Los Evangelios sinópticos (Mateo 3,13-17; Marcos 1,9-11; Lucas 3,21-22) y Juan (1,29-34) describen el episodio con detalles complementarios:

Jesús se acerca a Juan Bautista: Aunque sin pecado, Jesús insiste en recibir el bautismo de penitencia de Juan en el Jordán, diciendo: "Déjalo ahora, porque así nos conviene cumplir toda justicia" (Mt 3,15). Esto muestra su humildad y solidaridad con los pecadores.

Manifestación de la Trinidad: Al salir del agua, se abren los cielos, el Espíritu Santo desciende como paloma sobre Jesús, y una voz del Padre declara: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; en ti pongo mi complacencia" (Mc 1,11). Es la primera teofanía explícita de la Trinidad en el Nuevo Testamento.

Juan el Bautista testifica: "He visto al Espíritu que bajaba del cielo como una paloma y se posaba sobre él" (Jn 1,32), confirmando a Jesús como el Cordero de Dios.

Santificación de las aguas: Jesús, inmerso en el Jordán, hace de las aguas un instrumento de gracia. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica enseña que "Cristo tomó sobre sí el pecado del mundo y se hizo bautizado; el agua del Bautismo es signo de esta asunción del pecado". Así, nuestro Bautismo nos une a su muerte y resurrección (Rm 6,3-4).

Inicio del mesianismo: El Bautismo inaugura la misión de Jesús como Mesías sufriente, ungido por el Espíritu para predicar, sanar y redimir.

Modelo para los cristianos: Nos llama a una conversión continua, a vivir como hijos amados de Dios y a acoger el Espíritu Santo en nuestra vida diaria.

Celebración Litúrgica y Espiritual

En la liturgia, la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor cierra el tiempo de Navidad. La Iglesia bendice el agua y renueva las promesas bautismales, recordándonos nuestra identidad filial en Cristo.

Aplicación práctica:

Renueva tus promesas bautismales diariamente con una oración simple: "Señor Jesús, Hijo amado del Padre, bautízame de nuevo con tu Espíritu Santo".

Vive la humildad de Jesús: acoge el Espíritu en los sacramentos y en la oración.

En resumen, el Bautismo de Jesús revela el amor trinitario y nos incorpora a la vida divina. Que este misterio fortalezca tu fe y te impulse a ser testigo de Cristo en el mundo.



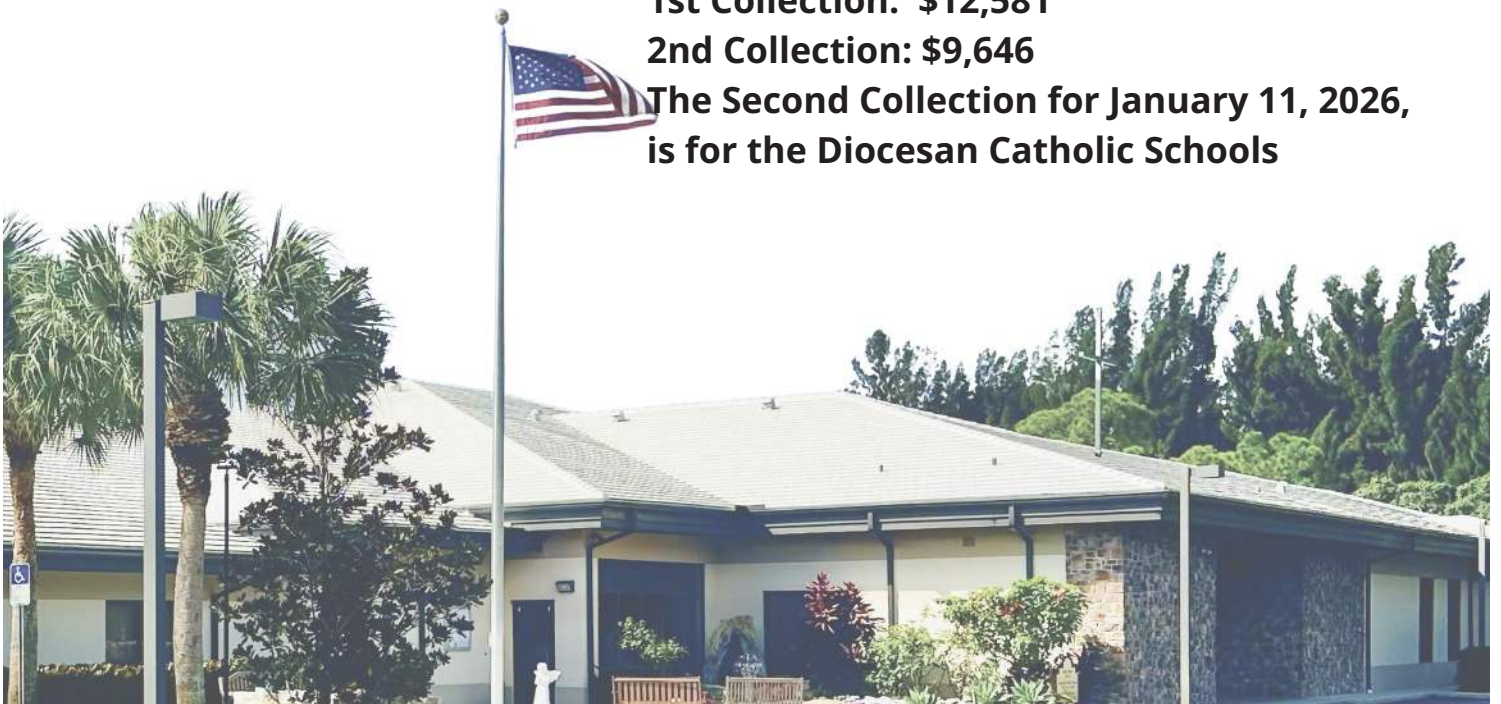
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already paid down

Interest Paid
\$102,356

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Total Paid So Far
\$313,754

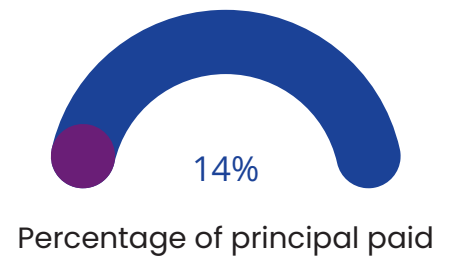
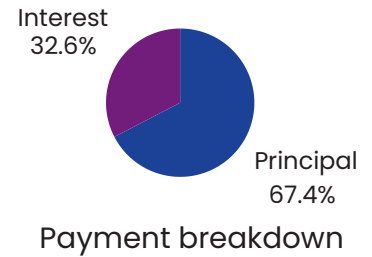
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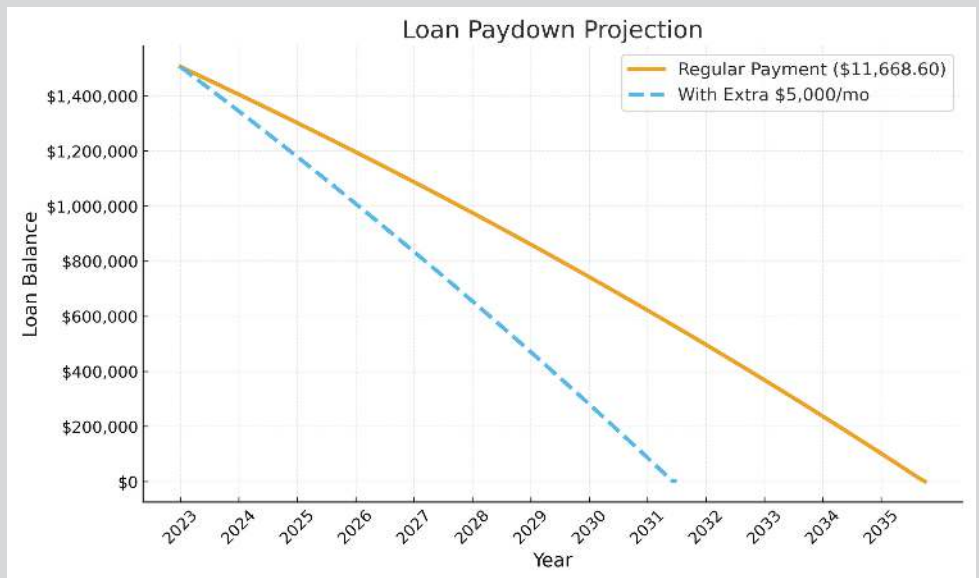
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