



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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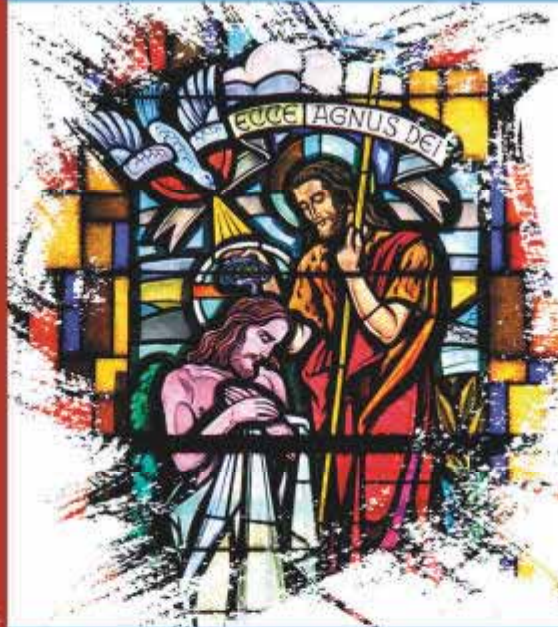
**Make Sundays Special!**

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."  
- Mk 1:7-8

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## EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

En aquel tiempo, Juan predicaba diciendo: "Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo". - Mc 1, 7-8

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### Regular Mass Schedule

- Saturday** no live-stream..... 4:30 PM
- Misa en español/Mass in Spanish ..... 6:30 PM
- Sunday:** Masses in English with live-stream..... 8:00 & 10:00 AM
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday** with live-stream ..... 8:30 AM
- Tuesday** with live-stream ..... 5:30 PM
- Thursday** with live-stream ..... 7:30 AM

### Confession

- Saturdays,** 3:15–4:10 PM
- Sundays,** 9:00–9:50 AM

### Prayer, Devotion, and Adoration

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Monday after Mass
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Wednesday after Mass
- Morning Prayer:** Thursday after Mass
- Rosary in English:** Friday, 8:05 AM
- Adoration:**
  - Monday, 2:00–4:00 PM
  - Tuesday, 4:15–5:15 PM
  - Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2021**

**Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor  
10 de enero de 2021**



## Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

### The Baptism of the Lord

Traditionally as the Church commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by his cousin, John the Baptist, the Popes have celebrated Mass on this feast in the Sistine Chapel baptizing around 30 babies.

Last year, Pope Francis encouraged the families who were there with their babies for baptism that "...in Baptism we give him or her a treasure, we give them a pledge: The Holy Spirit. It is important to baptize children, so that they grow up with the power of the Holy Spirit." He also encouraged the families to raise their children by nurturing this gift of the Holy Spirit in them through catechesis, teaching, and a lived-out example in their homes.

Due to the pandemic, we have moved to doing private and single family baptisms, but really baptisms are meant for the community, because the child becomes a new member of our family of faith. Last year in 2020, despite the pandemic and limits on gathering in person, we still celebrated 45 baptisms! About 13 of these were celebrated in Spanish. With the addition of Dcn. Jerome to our Parish, we now have another ordained minister who can preside at the Sacrament of Baptism. Dcn. Jerome is also coordinating our Baptismal Ministry and you may contact him if you would like to baptize your child.

Children are welcome at our Masses and it is okay if they cry. When a child cries in church, it's a beautiful homily!

### End of the Christmas Season

The Christmas season, celebrating the self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. Jesus' baptism, which is described in all four Gospels, also marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, which started 30 years after his birth.

As we conclude the Christmas Season, I want to echo again my deepest gratitude to the entire parish for your participation, generosity, and goodness. Coming into the Christmas Season during this pandemic, I felt as if we had some things working against us, and I worried about how things would turn out. Your response to our Christmas Food Baskets, Giving Tuesday, and Gifts from the Heart was overwhelming! Your generosity shined through and we were able to continue our outreach to those in need in our community. We also sent \$5,100 to our sister parish in Nicaragua as they were hit by two consecutive hurricanes and experienced life-changing destruction.

Those involved in our Christmas Masses deserve to be commended for your efforts and help in making our Masses beautiful and keeping everyone who attended safe.

And thank you all again for your very kind cards, gifts, and words of support that I received in these weeks. I heard from many families who have been staying safe at home and it was great to see your pictures and hear how your families are doing. It truly makes me feel so grateful to be a part of this amazing parish family. By working together and making the best of our situation, you made this Christmas special for our parish family, and I will forever be grateful for you!

## Prayer for Life

For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life; We pray to the Lord:

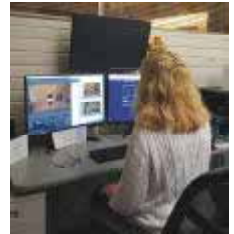


## Prayer for Justice

For all faithful citizens: May we champion Christ's call to "bring forth justice to the nations" by advocating for policies that dismantle systemic inequalities; We pray to the Lord:

## Livestreaming Help Wanted!

Are you willing to learn how to livestream the Mass for the parish? This is a budding ministry, that means so much to those unable to attend Mass in person. You will be trained, and you can schedule yourself according to your own availability. We'd love to hear from you! Contact Katie Bolander [bolanderkatie@gmail.com](mailto:bolanderkatie@gmail.com) to learn more.



## Parish Office Hours

Effective January 4 the parish office next to the Gathering Area will be open as follows:

- Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00AM - noon and 3:00 - 5:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM - noon

The church will still be open for individual prayer, and you can drop off papers, offerings, and small items through the document drop slot in the wall of the Gathering Area or on the table in the hall outside the office door.

## In Thanksgiving

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of families who have indicated that memorial gifts for their loved ones be given to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Thank you to the Dr. James Ebben family!



- Charles and Shirley Stathas
- Lorraine Grant
- Stan and Faye Kiefer
- Jerry and Karen Wallander
- Ken and Marie Potts

## Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”



Do you know the date of your Baptism? It was the greatest day of your life! Baptism is the primary sacrament which leads us into relationship with God through Jesus Christ; we are spiritually born again, as we die to the old, unredeemed self and rise in the power of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Baptism literally changes our identity; we become an adopted son or daughter of the Father.

Bishop asks a great question...do you know the date of your baptism? Consider learning it, and making note in your calendar, so that each year you can celebrate your spiritual rebirth.

*From Bishop Hying, in Go Make Disciples Newsletter, August 2020 , No.4*



## Gospel Reflection By Dcn. Jerome Buhman

Happy New Year to everyone! It is fitting that we should celebrate the baptism of the Lord as the new year begins because in many ways “New Year’s” can be compared to baptism. It is a time of reflection on promises and resolutions, a celebration of a new beginning, a time of hope and joy.

First, New Year’s is a time to reflect on the past year, on the joys and struggles of the past twelve months, a time to evaluate how we succeeded in fulfilling our resolutions from last January. In the same way, the celebration of the Lord’s baptism is a time for us to reflect on our own baptisms and evaluate how we have lived out our baptismal promises as members of the body of Christ.

Also, Like New Year’s, baptism is the beginning of something new. Christ’s baptism signaled a beginning of his public ministry, a call to serve the Father in a new way. Our own baptisms call us to serve God in a “public” way, by being evangelists in our daily lives; perhaps our New Year’s resolutions could include ways to live out our baptismal promises in new ways.

At New Years, too, we look forward with optimism to our life in the year ahead; after an unusual and trying year, New Year’s provides us with a springboard of hope for the coming months. The baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of his salvific work, which provides us with our hope for eternal life.

New Year’s is a celebration of hope and joy, and the baptism of the Lord is as well. Christ provides us with the example today of opening ourselves to the Father to do his will in the days ahead, and through that act, to one day achieve the joy of heaven.

Happy New Year and Happy New Life!

## MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support.

As of January 5:

Campaign Goal.....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,051,098
Received to Date .....	\$1,411,774
Number of Households Participating .....	461

## Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual



If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Deacon Jerome at [dcn.jerome@stamadison.org](mailto:dcn.jerome@stamadison.org) to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.

Regarding the Baptisms: although public celebrations of Masses are still very small, Father Bart can celebrate the ritual of Baptism without a Mass. There are specific guidelines to follow if you choose to baptize your child during these moments of the pandemic. Please contact Dcn. Jerome to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

## Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

With the December 8 Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Holy Father wrote “*Patris corde*” against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

**TO DO:** Add the exclamation, “St. Joseph, pray for us!” at the end of your prayer time each day throughout the coming year.



Fr. Bart welcomes a new member into our church. Just like Mary and Joseph these parents will help raise and guide him as he grows and learns.

Picture from 11/25/18

## Construction Update – Phase 2

In 2019, we kicked off our Make Disciples Capital Campaign! We know that many of you sacrificed and gave to support the MDCC because you believe in the work of moving forward and ensuring a bright future for our Church and our parish community. As we begin this new year, let us give thanks for the gifts we have received and for the wonderful work and blessings that we all enjoy as members and friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

**Phase 2 planning has already begun!** During the past 3 months, Fr. Bart, staff members, and committee members have been meeting bi-weekly with our Architect and Construction Company to begin preparations for Phase 2 of our MDCC projects. Phase 2 work will include the renovation of the parish kitchen and the social hall. We are currently finalizing our budget numbers based upon our updated final design choices, as our original designs, budgets, and rough estimates are almost 3 years old! I am happy to report that we are currently on schedule and on budget, despite cost increases and the challenges of the pandemic. We plan to begin and complete Phase 2 this summer!

**What has changed in Phase 2?** Initial planning for Phase 2 happened almost 3 years ago, so there have been a number of changes to the original plan, as we have spent quite a bit of time discussing the uses of our spaces and our hopes for the future. This past year of dealing with the pandemic affected all our lives and factored into much of our planning.

- 1) During our discussions, it became clear that having more flexibility and additional spaces that can comfortably seat groups of up to 25 people while social distancing was very important. Because of this, we amended our original plans and now plan to add an additional room divider to the social hall. This will give us the ability to have 3 good-sized spaces for slightly larger groups, allow social distancing, and give us the most flexibility in our space. Now that we are planning for 3 independent spaces, we've had to make quite a large number of other adjustments.
- 2) We are adding a door from the kitchen into the social hall, not only for traffic flow when the whole social hall is open, but also so that each of the two areas in front of the kitchen can access the kitchen even if the wall is closed to create separate meeting spaces.
- 3) All three of the rooms will get a coffee and beverage station, each with storage for coffee cups and glasses, coffee and beverage supplies, an instant single-serve coffee machine, integrated garbage and recycling receptacles in the countertop, and a sink.
- 4) All three rooms will also get a movable island to be used to serve food in each of these separate areas; or they can be lined up together to serve larger groups when the whole social hall is open. These islands will have closed cabinetry storage underneath, as well as receptacles to plug in crockpots and other appliances as necessary!
- 5) The center section of the social hall will get a built-in brick fireplace to match the rest of the building and a large seating ledge in front of the fireplace, to give a central focus for all to gather around.
- 6) The main doorway into the social hall will be pushed back into the entryway a few feet to create transition space as you enter the social hall from the main hallway. The doors will be replaced with new doors with more glass to allow some natural light and to create a more welcoming transition.

- 7) The single doorway from the back hallway by the library, parish offices, and bathrooms will be widened to a double doorway. This will give us much better traffic flow and help reduce the congestion that happens here. Because of the way the doors swing, this change will require that we move the door for the men's restroom and make some adjustments to the layout of that space as well.
- 8) And perhaps the biggest change is that we will rotate the orientation of the social hall, so that when all the walls are open, the "front" of the room will be where the Small Social Hall is currently. Because of all these changes, we also had to make significant changes to the new AV system to be installed in the social hall, so that all three sections can operate individually or as one cohesive system when the walls are all open!

**Watch for more updates in the coming weeks!** As we continue with this project, there will be more regular updates here in the bulletin to keep everyone up to speed on the design plans, as well as progress reports once construction actually begins this summer.

## Use an Allowance to Help Teach Giving

Happiness comes from being content with what we have and knowing we are making a difference in the world. You can guide your children on the path to happiness by teaching them how to use and manage their money to bring them contentment and let them experience the joy of helping others. One way to do this is to get 4 clear jars. One jar is for savings which teaches patience and planning. One jar is for investing to teach them to look towards their future. Another jar is for spending to cover their needs and wants. The last jar is for giving to their church and to help others. Help your children learn about finances and find happiness in the process!

## Roe vs. Wade Anniversary Events

The St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Team invites you to remember the tragic 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision by participating in the following events and visiting our Pro-Life Information Table in the gathering space for resources. Please contact Greg Chesmore at [gchesmore@yahoo.com](mailto:gchesmore@yahoo.com) for additional details. Please join us in speaking for LIFE!

Marking 47 Years of Tragedy – Roe vs. Wade Anniversary Events

**Tuesday, January 19 - 6:30 PM** Zoom Presentation (please contact [gchesmore@yahoo.com](mailto:gchesmore@yahoo.com) to RSVP and receive link)

*The Supreme Court and Abortion: When might Roe be overturned?*

Guest: Barbara Sella, Wisconsin Catholic Conference

**Friday, January 22 at St. Thomas Aquinas**

8 AM Rosary for Life

8:30 AM Daily Mass

9 – 10 AM Holy Hour for Life

12 – 1 PM Prayer at Planned Parenthood, 3706 Orin Rd., Madison

La carta del Padre Bart empezó en la página 6

Al concluir la temporada navideña, quiero hacer eco nuevamente de mi más profundo agradecimiento a toda la parroquia por su participación, generosidad y bondad. Al entrar en la temporada navideña durante esta pandemia, sentí como si tuviéramos algunas cosas en nuestra contra y me preocupaba cómo saldrían las cosas. ¡Su respuesta a nuestras canastas de comida navideñas, el martes de donaciones y los obsequios del corazón fue abrumadora! Su generosidad brilló y pudimos continuar con nuestro alcance a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad. También enviamos \$ 5,100 a nuestra parroquia hermana en Nicaragua, ya que fueron golpeados por dos huracanes consecutivos y experimentaron una destrucción que les cambió la vida.

Aquellos que ayudaron en nuestras Misas de Navidad merecen ser felicitados por sus esfuerzos y su ayuda para hacer que nuestras Misas sean hermosas y mantener seguros a todos los que asistieron.

Y gracias a todos nuevamente por sus amables tarjetas, obsequios y palabras de apoyo que recibí en estas semanas. Escuché de muchas familias que se han mantenido seguras en casa y fue genial ver sus fotos y escuchar cómo les está yendo a sus familias. Realmente me hace sentir muy agradecido de ser parte de esta increíble familia parroquial. Al trabajar juntos y al hacer lo mejor de nuestra situación, todos ustedes hicieron que esta Navidad fuera especial para nuestra familia parroquial y ¡siempre estaré agradecido por eso!

## El Papa Francisco proclama el “Año de San José”

Con la carta apostólica del 8 de diciembre “*Patris corde*” (“Con un corazón de padre”), el Papa Francisco recuerda el 150 aniversario de la declaración de San José como Patrón de la Iglesia Universal. Con motivo de la ocasión, el Santo Padre ha proclamado un “Año de San José” desde el 8 de diciembre de 2020, hasta el 8 de diciembre de 2021. El Papa Francisco describe a San José como un padre amado, un padre tierno y amoroso, un padre obediente, un aceptar al padre; un padre creativamente valiente, un padre trabajador, un padre en las sombras. El Santo Padre escribió *Patris corde* en el contexto de la pandemia de Covid-19, que, dice, nos ha ayudado a ver más claramente la importancia de las personas “comunes” que, aunque lejos del centro de atención, ejercen la paciencia y ofrecen esperanza todos los días. En esto se asemejan a San José, “el hombre que pasa desapercibido, presencia cotidiana, discreta y escondida,” que sin embargo jugó “un papel incomparable en la historia de la salvación.”

**PARA HACER:** Agregue la exclamación, “¡San José, ruega por nosotros!” al final de su tiempo de oración cada día durante el próximo año.

### Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

December 26/27

Offertory ..... \$17,627

#### Counters Schedule

Monday, January 11: Rosemary Neu

Monday, January 19: Aeki Baik or  
Barbara Rudin

## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Saturday, January 9

4:30 PM Margaret O'Dwyer

6:30 PM Paul Kelley ☩

### Sunday, January 10: The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Joan and William Hrobsky and Juli Mark ☩

### Monday, January 11

8:30 AM Buford Kilby ☩

### Tuesday, January 12

5:30 PM Johannes Pietro Jacob Devries ☩

### Wednesday, January 13: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Michael Thompson ☩

### Thursday, January 14

7:30 AM Evelyn and Ralph Fink ☩

### Friday, January 15

8:30 AM Lila Meyer ☩

### Saturday, January 16

4:30 PM Margaret Petron

6:30 PM Bill and Lexy Rotzoll ☩

### Sunday, January 17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Yolanda Busse ☩

## Readings for the Week of January 10

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or  
Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

## Las lecturas de la semana del 10 de enero

**Domingo:** Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 [11]/Hch 10, 34-38/Mc 1, 7-11  
o Is 55, 1-11/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5, 1-9/Mc 1, 7-11

**Lunes:** Heb 1, 1-6/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 6 y 7. 9 [cfr. 7]/Mc 1, 14-20

**Martes:** Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9 [cfr. 7]/Mc 1, 21-28

**Miércoles:** Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/Mc 1, 29-39

**Jueves:** Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11 [8]/Mc 1, 40-45

**Viernes:** Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8 [cfr. 7]/Mc 2, 1-12

**Sábado:** Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15 [cfr. Jn 6, 63]/Mc 2, 13-17

**Domingo siguiente:** 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/Sal 39, 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8. 9]/1 Cor 6,  
13-15. 17-20/Jn 1, 35-42

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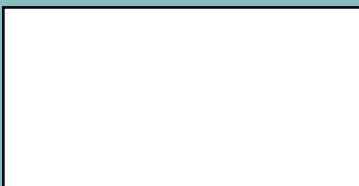
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#### El Bautismo del Señor

Tradicionalmente, mientras la Iglesia conmemora el bautismo de Jesús en el río Jordán por su primo, Juan el Bautista, los Papas han celebrado la Misa en esta fiesta en la Capilla Sixtina bautizando a unos 30 bebés. El año pasado, el Papa Francisco animó a las familias que estaban allí con sus bebés para el bautismo que "... en el Bautismo le damos un tesoro, les damos una promesa: el Espíritu Santo. Es importante bautizar a los niños para que crezcan con el poder del Espíritu Santo." También animó a las familias a criar a sus hijos alimentando este don del Espíritu Santo en ellos a través de la catequesis, la enseñanza y un ejemplo vivido en sus hogares.

Debido a la pandemia, hemos pasado a hacer bautismos privados y con solo la familia cercana, pero realmente los bautismos son para la comunidad, porque el niño se convierte en un nuevo miembro de nuestra familia de fe. ¡El año pasado en 2020 celebramos 45 bautismos! Aproximadamente 13 de estos se celebraron en español. Con la adición del diácono Jerome a nuestra parroquia, ahora tenemos otro ministro ordenado que puede presidir el Sacramento del Bautismo. El diácono Jerome también está coordinando nuestro Ministerio Bautismal y puede comunicarse con él si desea bautizar a su hijo, o para español se puede comunicar con Lorianne Aubut.

Los niños son bienvenidos en nuestras Misas y está bien si lloran. Cuando un niño llora en la iglesia, ¡es una hermosa homilía!

#### El Fin de la Época de Navidad

La temporada navideña, que celebra la auto revelación de Dios a través de Jesús, llega a su fin con la fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor. La Navidad es la fiesta de la auto revelación de Dios a los judíos, y la Epifanía celebra la auto revelación de Dios a los gentiles. En su bautismo en el Jordán, Cristo se revela a los pecadores arrepentidos. El bautismo de Jesús, que se describe en los cuatro evangelios, también marca el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús, que comenzó 30 años después de su nacimiento.

*La carta del Padre Bart continúa en la página 5*

## Misa en español

La Misa en español se celebra los sábados a las 6:30 PM

## Confesiones

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## Adoración al Santísimo

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## Reflexión del Evangelio

### Diácono Jerome Buhman

¡Feliz Año Nuevo a todos! Es apropiado que celebremos el Bautismo del Señor al comenzar el año nuevo porque, de muchas maneras, el "Año Nuevo" se puede comparar con el bautismo. Es un tiempo de reflexión sobre promesas y resoluciones, una celebración de un nuevo comienzo, un tiempo de esperanza y alegría.

Primero, el Año Nuevo es un momento para reflexionar sobre el año pasado, sobre las alegrías y las luchas de los últimos doce meses, un momento para evaluar cómo logramos cumplir con nuestras resoluciones del pasado mes de enero. De la misma manera, la celebración del Bautismo del Señor es un momento para que reflexionemos sobre nuestros propios bautismos y evaluemos cómo hemos vivido nuestras promesas bautismales como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo.

Además, como el Año Nuevo, el bautismo es el comienzo de algo nuevo. El bautismo de Cristo marcó el comienzo de su ministerio público, un llamado a servir al Padre de una manera nueva. Nuestros propios bautismos nos llaman a servir a Dios de manera "pública," siendo evangelistas en nuestra vida diaria; tal vez nuestras resoluciones de Año Nuevo podrían incluir formas nuevas de vivir nuestras promesas bautismales.

En el Año Nuevo, también, esperamos con optimismo nuestra vida en el próximo año. Después de un año inusual y difícil, el Año Nuevo nos brinda un trampolín de esperanza para los próximos meses. El Bautismo del Señor marca el comienzo de su obra salvífica, que nos brinda la esperanza de la vida eterna.

El Año Nuevo es una celebración de esperanza y alegría, y el bautismo del Señor también lo es. Cristo nos da el ejemplo hoy de abrirnos al Padre para hacer su voluntad en los días venideros y, a través de ese acto, alcanzar un día la alegría del cielo.

Feliz Año Nuevo y Feliz Vida Nueva.

