

## My Son, My Daughter

**W**ho was not asked, at the dawn of young adulthood, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Today there are so many options for girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us, or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up, or did we just get older?

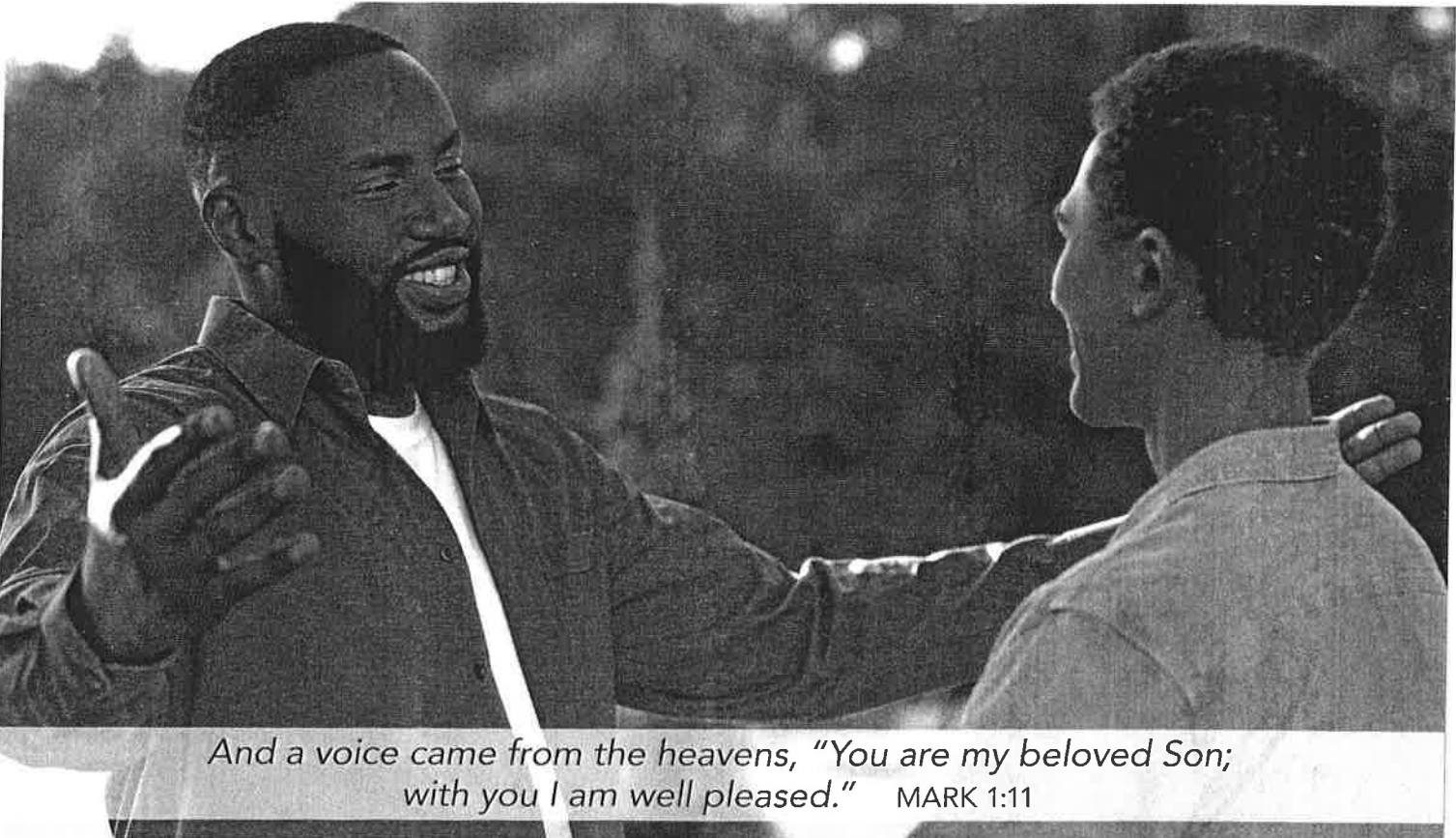
Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and into Ordinary Time, when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciple do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start

anew. Today's Gospel passage places Jesus before us as a model to follow. He is at the threshold of his ministry. Stepping out of the waters of the Jordan, he is told: "You are my beloved Son." As Son, his role is to bring God's goodness to the world. Through baptism and profession of faith, we too are filled with God's spirit. We too are beloved sons and daughters of God, called to bring God's goodness to the world. What does this mean for us? To what kind of lives does this call us? What do we want to be when we grow up?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- \* *What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?*
- \* *Look deep within yourself. To what might God be calling you?*



*And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."* MARK 1:11

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### **The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 10, 2021**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The celebration of the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord formally concludes the Christmas season. From here we journey five weeks in ordinary time to Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.

In this month, we have already celebrated our American saints Elizabeth Seton (Foundress of the Daughters of Charity) and John Neumann, renowned for his pastoral zeal and setting up of parishes and parochial schools.

Major celebrations still to come are the commemoration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) and the Day of Prayer for the legal protection of the Unborn, January 22.

The calendar page has turned, and the new year is well on its way, but the challenges of the past still bedevil us: a pandemic that continues in its rage and a political climate that deeply divided us. As people of faith, our calling is to pray for the healing and peace of our nation and its people. May each of us take to heart the words of the prophet Micah: "to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God," (Micah 6.8). May the love of the One who was baptized, not because he had any sin to be forgiven, but as an act of solely in solidarity with humanity God accompany us on this journey of hope and wholeness!

Fr. Daniel T. Melaba

### **El Bautismo del Señor**

**10 de enero, 2021**

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas,*

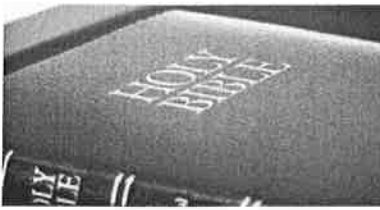
*La celebración de la Solemnidad del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor concluye formalmente la temporada navideña. Desde aquí viajamos cinco semanas en tiempo ordinario hasta el Miércoles de Ceniza, el inicio de la Cuaresma.*

*En este mes, ya celebramos a nuestras santas americanas Elizabeth Seton (Fundadora de las Hijas de la Caridad) y John Neumann, conocido por su celo pastoral y la creación de parroquias y escuelas parroquiales.*

*Las principales celebraciones aún por venir son la conmemoración de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos (18 al 25 de enero) y el Día de Oración por la protección legal de los No Nacidos, el 22 de enero.*

*La página del calendario ha cambiado y el nuevo año está en camino, pero los desafíos del pasado aún nos atormentan: una pandemia que continúa en su furor y un clima político que nos dividió profundamente. Como personas de fe, nuestro llamado es orar por la curación y la paz de nuestra nación y su gente. Que cada uno de nosotros tome en serio las palabras del profeta Miqueas: "hacer justicia, amar la misericordia y caminar humildemente con tu Dios" (Miqueas 6,8). ¡Que el amor de Aquel que fue bautizado no porque tuviera algún pecado que ser perdonado, sino como un acto de única solidaridad con la humanidad de Dios, nos acompañe en este camino de esperanza y plenitud!*

*P. Daniel T. Melaba*



## Join us in Reading the Bible in One Year Successfully

**ASCENSION** : The Official 365 Day Reading Plan for *The Bible in a Year*

In *The Bible in a Year* podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Catholic Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Find out more about *The Bible in a Year* and how to listen at [ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear](http://ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear).

### How to Use the Reading Plan:

This reading plan covers the entire Catholic Bible in 365 days. Each day in the podcast, Father Mike Schmitz will read 2 – 3 Scripture passages that coincide with the 12 periods of *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline*. The Psalms and Proverbs are spread out throughout the year to provide additional opportunity for prayer, reflection, and practical wisdom.

**Recommendation:** This plan is FREE and the Podcast actually **reads the Bible to you!** Father Mike Schmitz reads the entire Bible in 365 days AND gives a daily brief summary/lesson after each reading. If you set aside 20 – 25 minutes a day to listen to a Podcast, **you will finally reach your goal of reading the entire Bible in a Year!!** If you have any questions or need assistance to sign up, please let me know. Text me at 282-0338 or email me at [tammytheologus@gmail.com](mailto:tammytheologus@gmail.com) and I will be more than happy to assist you. Happy Reading/Listening.....Tammy Theologus



**Abuse Hotline Number:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection).

**Línea telefónica para reportar abusos:** Para reportar un abuso sexual de un menor, perpetrado por un empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Savannah, llame al Número de la línea para reportar abusos: 888-357-5330 o a la Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, 912-201-4073/4074. Para leer la política de la Diócesis sobre abuso sexual de menores, favor de visitar la página Web [www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection)

**Council of Catholic Women  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Spirituality, Leadership, Service**

**Our Spiritually Adopted Babies Program  
Month 3**

**“I can suck my thumb!”**

**Your baby is quite active in the womb now---- although her mother will not feel her for another couple of months. If her mother’s womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and mover her tongue. She can make a tight fist if you touch the palm of her hand. She is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although she obtains the oxygen her body needs through the umbilical cord. She is about three inches long now and weighs one ounce. “Keep praying for me!”**

**Ladies, the Rosary is being said every Wednesday in the chapel at 10:00AM. Please join us and remember in your prayers our members who are sick and our deceased members.**

**CCW is having a Mass said for deceased member, Kay Kovach on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Please plan to attend Mass.**



**The Wednesday Rosary Group will meet at the church at 10 am on Wednesday mornings. Come pray with us!**

Word from Pope Francis

“Our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God’s redeeming love to all, particularly the poor, in whom we see the face of Christ.”

*Palabra del Papa Francisco*

*Nuestro bautismo nos ha cambiado, nos ha dado una nueva y gloriosa esperanza y nos da el poder de traer el amor redentor de Dios a todos, particularmente a los pobres, en quienes vemos la cara de Cristo.”*

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**La Escuela Catequética Fray Pedro de Corpa está ofreciendo un curso gratuito titulado Vida en Cristo con el Padre Pablo Migone, si te interesa contáctanos por WhatsApp al 912-201-4067 o por correo electrónico [hm@diosav.org](mailto:hm@diosav.org) y te mandaremos la información necesaria.**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, ESPECIALLY PARISHIONERS:**

Joyce Bachofner, Arcelia Saucedo, Elizabeth Smith, Peggy Thomas, Carlene Murray, Rose Mary Fulford, Bob & Kathy Odam, Colleen Matich, Debbie Cahill, Leslie Bennett, Abraham Gomez, Tom DiBiase, Glenn & Shelly Chase, Clinton Vaughn, Morgan Hess & Ann Marie Hess, Genevieve Martin, Keith Fullenkamp, Bill & Glenda Brewington, Phyllis Buck, Lucy Todd, Carol McCloskey, Nathan Brooks, Cathy Long, Joanne Vaughn, Sam Scott, Ginger Worley, and Jerry Debbie Wilkerson.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OURS:**

Robert Cushing Jr., Pat Marsh, Hannah Phillips & Family, Lindsay Joyce, Patricia Carter, Jason McCullum, Michael Driggers, Maurice Hannah, Earl Black, Tom Grizzaffe, James Kenneth Cox Jr., Merinda Mixon, Toby Foster, Harris Lott, Florence Struempfer, Francis Ann Cook, James Stokes, Cindy Taylor, Kris Kruse, April Snider, Robin Johnson, Thomas Williams, Angel Sinai Gomez, Kim Messenger, William Willis, Sandy Wright, Ashley Hoffman, Sue Rossi, Betty Denyko, Sr. Chris Cullen, MFIC, David Greg Russell, Chloe Robinson, William Martin IV, Michelle Rio, Bobby Ziolkowski, Joseph McHendry, Dr. Richard Lynch, Rose Parisee, Adrian Arnold, Erin Crosby, Rosa Maria Santos, Ida Cook, Claudia Taylor, Megan Schultz, Dora Bullard, Millie Bailey, Edmay Tardif, Ken Jorishie, Craig Carter, Dallin Thorton, Don & Marilyn Sanderson, Bill Byrd & Family, Reginald Ghioto, Chris Garafola, Marlene Brooker, Wesley Sowell, Jennifer Raulerson, Sidney Bennett, Carol McNeary, Delia Fonzeca, Frank Oliveto, Michael Casavanc, Anette Vulah, Teresa Greer, Calista Oliveto, Tommy Pritchard, Pam Cox, Don Graham, James Spivey, Lee Martin, Diana Martin, Mark Smith, Amy Houle, Iris Boatright, Janice Strickland, Amy Brandon, Mark Parker, Jan Keen, Andrew Brandon, Julie Hoddinot, Audwin Fluker Sr., Anna Lia Brandon, Perry Kolchek and Steve, the father of Barbara Blasko.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** LT. Tim Boyce, U.S. Navy, Rann Howell, Ethan Stanley, and Richard Jacobs.



**Votive Candles**

Please remember your \$5.00 donation when you light a **votive candle** in the church. There is a deposit box for your donation attached to the lower left side of the stand.



**Mass Intention Requests**

If you would like to request a **Mass Intention** in memory of someone, the donation is \$10.00. Please contact the church secretary to check date availability and to make your donation.

## St. Joseph Offertory

January 3, 2021

Offertory Total \$4,701.00  
New Year Day \$841.00

Next week, our parish will take up the 136<sup>th</sup> annual **National Black and Indian Mission Collection**. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help then spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

*La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia empezará la 136ª Colecta anual para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo a esta colecta ayuda a construir la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska de costa a costa. ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos dependen de su generosidad para ayudar a proclamar el Evangelio de Jesucristo!*



### Loaves and Fishes Report

December, 2020

*"When the song of the angels is stilled, the star in the sky is gone, the kings and princes are home, the shepherds are back with their flock, then the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart."*

36 families were helped, some in many ways

25 families were given food

9 families were helped with rent

6 families were helped with utilities

45 people were helped with clothing

2 people were helped with medications

2 families were helped with transportation needs

1 person was helped with a heater

10 children from two families were given Christmas gifts

We received a large donation of \$5,000 from one parishioner and an additional \$355 from other parishioners. Thank you St. Joseph parishioners.



Join us for Bingo Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 10am. Join us for fun, fellowship and prizes in the Social Hall. The game will be followed by a light lunch. Please plan to have a Good time and take home some loot!

## Lector Schedule

### January 9, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Tammy Theologus 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

### January 10, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Joseph Johnson 9:00 am Sunday

### January 10, 2021-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector- Luci Diaz 12 Noon Sunday

### January 16, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector- Wanda Petersen 5:00 pm Saturday

Confession Saturday 4-4:45 pm

### January 17, 2021-Mass in English

English Lector-Dan Booker 9:00 am Sunday

### January 17, 2021-Mass in Spanish

Spanish Lector-Lucy Rios 12 Noon Sunday

### Mass Intentions for Week of January 9, 2021-January 17, 2021 +(RIP) H-Health

Saturday, January 9, 2021-5:00 pm Mass+Jan Parissee

Sunday, January 10, 2021-9:00 am Mass Pro Populo

Sunday, January 10, 2021-12 Noon Mass+Higinio Santana

Monday, January 11, 2021-No Mass

Tuesday, January 12, 2021-6:00 pm Mass Thomas Riley-  
**Special Intention**

Wednesday January 13, 2021-6:00 pm Mass+Helen Parisse

Thursday January 14, 2021-5:00 pm Mass Michael Parisse  
**Special Intention**

Friday, January 15, 2021-9:00 am Mass No Intention

Saturday, January 16, 2021-5:00 pm Mass+Kay Kovach

Sunday, January 17, 2021-9:00 am Mass Pro Populo

Sunday, January 17, 2021-12 Noon Mass No Intention



**Parishioner Christmas "gifts!"** Don't forget to pick up your parish calendar (English, Spanish or bilingual) in the church foyer as well as your box of envelopes for your parish tithes. [If your name is not there on a box, it means that you either are NOT registered in the parish or that you did not ask for envelopes] Please contact Barbara in the church office 912-283-7700.

**"Regalos" de Navidad para los Feligreses!** No se olviden de llevarse sus calendarios de la parroquia (Inglés, español o bilingüe) que hay en la entrada de la iglesia lo mismo que sus cajas de sobres para las donaciones a la parroquia. [Si su nombre no está allí en una caja, eso significa ya sea que usted NO está registrado en la parroquia o que usted no ha pedido sobres] Por favor contacte a Bárbara en la oficina de la iglesia 912-283-7700.



# Dear Padre,

## My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

**A** person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; flowing water; and the intention of the “minister” to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. However, the Catholic Church does not recognize as valid baptisms performed by Christian communities that don’t believe in the Trinity—Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons, for example. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don’t have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*To baptize a child is an act of justice toward them. Why? Because at baptism we offer a treasure, at baptism we offer a pledge: the Holy Spirit. Baptism endows the child with the strength of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit that will defend and assist each of them throughout life.*

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 12, 2020



## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 11  
Weekday  
Heb 1:1–6  
Mk 1:14–20

### Tuesday

JANUARY 12  
Weekday  
Heb 2:5–12  
Mk 1:21–28

### Wednesday

JANUARY 13  
Weekday  
Heb 2:14–18  
Mk 1:29–39

### Thursday

JANUARY 14  
Weekday  
Heb 3:7–14  
Mk 1:40–45

### Friday

JANUARY 15  
Weekday  
Heb 4:1–5, 11  
Mk 2:1–12

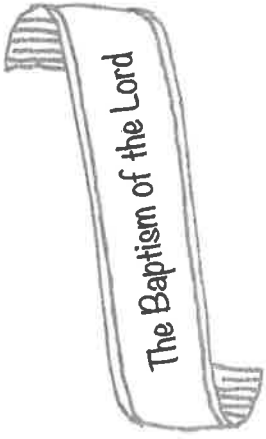
### Saturday

JANUARY 16  
Weekday  
Heb 4:12–16  
Mk 2:13–17

### Sunday

JANUARY 17  
Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19  
1 Cor 6:13c–15a,  
17–20  
Jn 1:35–42





**JANUARY 10, 2021**

One day Jesus went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John the Baptist. When Jesus came out of the water, the sky opened up and a voice said: "You are my Son, and I love you. Into your heart, I put all my love."

Based on Mark 1:7-11

  
My  
Promise  
to Jesus

**It's sweet to say "I love you." This week,  
I will remember to say "I love you" every evening:  
to my dad, to my mom, and to Jesus.**