

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we close the wonder of Christmas and turn our hearts to the waters of the Jordan, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a moment that unveils the very heart of God and marks the beginning of our own divine journey. At the Jordan, the Father declared, “You are my beloved Son,” a profound revelation of the Holy Trinity and Jesus's mission. Though the sinless Savior needed no baptism of repentance, he stood with us, entering the messiness of our human condition to lift us to glory.

This feast calls us to remember our own baptism. We, too, were made children of God, cleansed by water and the Spirit. Do you know the date of your baptism? Do you remember the place where you were baptized? Look at your baptism photos, hear the voice of the Father speaking “You are my beloved child,” pray for your parents and godparents, and rekindle that flame. God's grace pours out so we can live as his beloved children.

As we make a transition from the joyous celebrations of Christmas into the Season of Ordinary Time, let this be a time to recommit to our baptismal promises. Let us be witnesses to Christ, serving others and living lives filled with the grace of God, just as the Father is pleased with his Son.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped decorate our church, transforming our sacred space into a beautiful, welcoming beacon of Christ's birth with your tireless efforts, talent, and shared spirit, making our worship truly joyful and meaningful for all who entered. Your dedication, whether hanging ornaments and lights, arranging flowers, or setting up the Nativity, truly embodies Christian service and strengthens our church family. May the light and joy of the Nativity fill your homes this New Year, and thank you again for your generosity and hard work!

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