

BAPTISM of the LORD

“I, the LORD, have called you for
justice, I have grasped
you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as
a covenant for 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.”

Isaiah 42:6-7



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Monday & Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm.

Mass Schedule /Horario de Misas:

Saturday/Sábado

Spanish/Español 5:30pm

Sunday/Domingo

English/Inglés 8:00am & 11:00am

Spanish/Español 1:00pm

Daily Mass/Misa entre semana

Tuesday-Friday 8:00am

Holy Days/ Días Santos

Usually /Usualmente 8:00am & 7:00pm
(*Watch Bulletin for updates*)

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración al Santísimo

Friday/Viernes 9:00am-9:00pm

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturdays/Sábados 4:00pm-5:00pm

Jóvenes Para Cristo

Lunes 7:00pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática

Jueves 7:00pm

Apostoles de la Palabra

Miercoles 7:00pm

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Parish Mission Statement

“As a diverse and welcoming Catholic community, we are dedicated to continue the mission of Jesus Christ through sincere worship, service and education.”

“Como una comunidad diversa y acogedora que somos estamos dedicados a continuar la misión de Jesucristo por medio del culto sincero, servicio y educación.”

“Giving Our First Fruits to God”
“Dando Nuestros Primeros Frutos a Dios”

Total Contribution for the Week of 1/02/2022	\$8,858
All Christmas masses 12/26/2021	\$5,950
Last year, same week Año Pasado, misma semana	\$6,759
Last year, same week Año Pasado, misma semana	\$4,890
Property Development—Capital Campaign Bank Account balance as of 11/30/2021 Balance de Cuenta de Banco para el Fondo de Desarrollo 11/30/2021	\$81,0067
Loan Balance as off 11/30/2021 El Balance del Préstamo al 11/30/2021	\$397,822

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WELCOME TO/ Bienvenidos a

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

Registration forms are in the back of Church or available from the office.

Formas para registro en la parroquia están disponibles en la mesa que esta en la parte de atrás de la iglesia o en la oficina.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

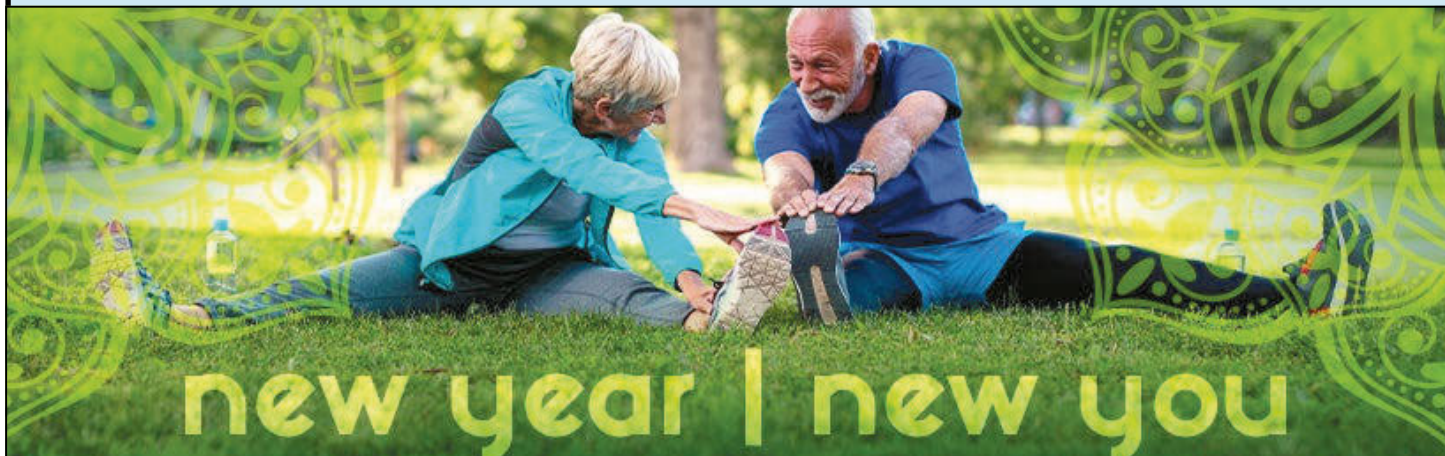
What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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**GOD
CLAIMS US
AS HIS OWN**



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

9 de Enero de 2022
El Bautismo del Señor

Con la celebración del Bautismo del Señor se da por terminado el tiempo de Navidad. El Bautismo de Jesús es como una nueva epifanía, es decir, una nueva manifestación de Dios por medio de Jesús ahora en el Jordán. “El Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él y se manifestó exteriormente en forma de paloma, y del cielo vino una voz: Tú eres mi Hijo, hoy te he dado la vida” (Lucas 3,22). La revelación del Padre se manifiesta proclamando a Jesús como su Hijo.

El Papa Francisco en una de sus catequesis lo muestra en tres puntos muy importantes para todos los que hemos sido bautizados en Cristo Jesús: “Jesús quiso recibir el bautismo predicado y administrado por Juan el Bautista en el Jordán. ¡Cuánta humildad tiene Jesús! Y al hacerlo, manifestó lo que hemos celebrado en Navidad: sumergirse en el río de la humanidad”. Jesús, va con todo a lo que refiere la cuestión humana, menos en el pecado. “El Evangelio subraya que Jesús, apenas salió del agua vio rasgarse los cielos y el Espíritu que bajaba hacia él como una paloma. El Espíritu Santo desciende en plenitud sobre Jesús para darle la fortaleza de cumplir su misión”. Por medio de nuestra vocación es que tenemos nuestra misión en la vida. ¿Cómo la estamos cumpliendo? “La fiesta del bautismo de Jesús invita a cada cristiano a recordar su bautismo”. ¿Sabes, o recuerdas la fecha de tu bautismo? Hay que preguntar sobre ese día y de cómo se celebró la fiesta de hacernos hijos e hijas de Dios. (Papa Francisco 1/7/2018).

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MASS INTENTIONS/Intenciones de la Misa

Mon	Jan.	10	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	Jan.	11	8:00am	+José Luis Contreras Lopez
Wed	Jan.	12	8:00am	+Thanksgiving
Thu	Jan.	13	8:00am	+Ngoi (Maria) Nguyen
Fri	Jan.	14	8:00am	An & Ken Nguyen
Sat	Jan	15	5:30pm	People who died of covid
Sun	Jan.	16	8:00am	People who died of covid
			11:00am	+Juana Supilona
			1:00pm	People who died of covid

I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely

from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

AT MY GRANDSON'S BAPTISM, THE PRIEST PUT A BIB ON THE BABY. I DO NOT REMEMBER SEEING THIS BEFORE. WHY IS THIS DONE? IS IT SOMETHING NEW?

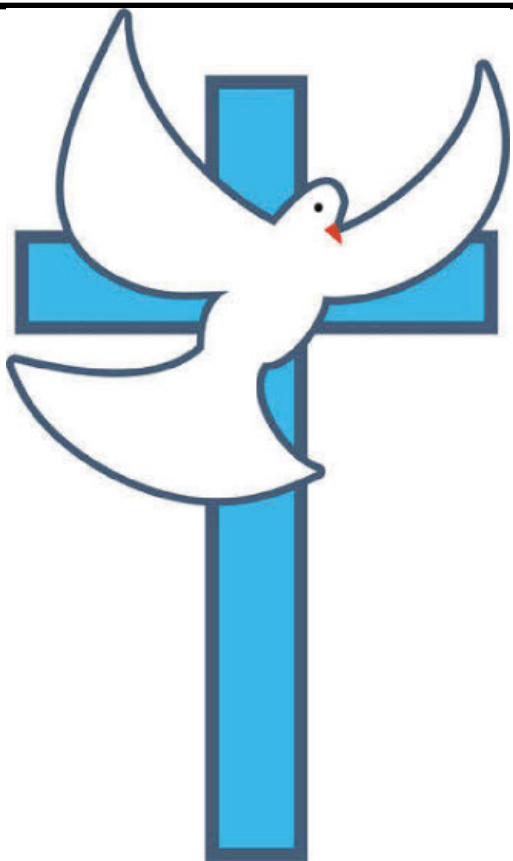
When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically

presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply

placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.





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Baby Bottle 2021

Respect Life Bottle Drive – Our First Fabulous Success! Thank You!!!

Our Parish Respect Life Committee thanks you for making the Bottle Drive so successful!
Over half of the bottles have been returned with MANY pounds of coins ~ plus bills & checks totaling
\$1,065.79!!!

Proceeds from this drive will benefit two life-saving charities:

ROAD TO HOPE and PROJECT RACHEL / PROJECT AURORA.

The ministries, the babies and most importantly, our Lord,
Thank you ~ Thank you ~ Thank you!!!!

For more information on these charities, visit websites
road2hopepdx.org and hopeafterabortion.com / project-aurora.org

**If you still have a bottle, please return it to the Parish Office, filled partially filled or empty (so we can re-use it next time). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Respect Life Bottle Drive – ¡Nuestro primer éxito fabuloso! ¡¡¡Gracias!!!

¡Nuestro Comité de Vida de Respeto Parroquial le agradece por hacer que Bottle Drive sea tan exitosa!
Más de la mitad de las botellas han sido devueltas con MUCHAS libras de monedas ~ más billetes y cheques
por un total
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Las ganancias de esta campaña beneficiarán a dos organizaciones benéficas que salvan vidas:
CAMINO A LA ESPERANZA y PROYECTO RACHEL / PROYECTO AURORA.

Los ministerios, los bebés y lo más importante, nuestro Señor,
¡¡¡Gracias ~ Gracias ~ Gracias!!!!

Para obtener más información sobre estas organizaciones benéficas, visite los sitios web -
road2hopepdx.org y hopeafterabortion.com / project-aurora.org

**Si todavía tiene una botella, devuélvala a la Oficina Parroquial, llena parcialmente llena o vacía (para que podamos reutilizarla la próxima vez). Su generosidad es muy apreciada.



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