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January 9, 2022 ▪ The Baptism of the Lord

2022 New Years resolutions: Community, faith, and scholarship



By Tom Hoopes

These three areas can give direction to your new year, and the rest of your life.

In 2022, resolve to let the Gospel penetrate your heart through community, faith, and scholarship.

In 2021, Benedictine College, where I work, launched a plan to “Transform culture in America through our mission of community, faith, and scholarship.”

That’s a tall order, but the plan is modeled on St. John Paul II’s document *The Church in America*, where he dedicated the Americas to Our Lady of Guadalupe and said, “Through her powerful intercession, the Gospel will penetrate the hearts of the men and women of America and permeate their cultures, transforming them from within.”

That only happens one person at a time — and one resolution at a time. Here are some ideas for New Year’s resolutions.

Resolve to build community in 2022 — in your family, in your parish, in your neighborhood.

One of the worst things about the pandemic and our political polarization is that it attacks our ability to build community. Social isolation was bad before; now it’s worse.

Building personal relationships is the way to fight back. One problem we face is that the entertainment media has “scripted” family and friend relationships to look certain ways: Beautiful people are brought inexorably together with other beautiful people. They suffer from neat and tidy problems and provide neat and tidy answers.

Friendship in the real world is more awkward and more messy. We help each other as much by our sharp edges as by our poise and brilliance. So don’t let perfect Hallmark movies be the enemy of good real-life relationships:

- ♦ Resolve to sacrifice computer or smart-phone time once a week and call a family member instead — especially, but not limited to, those family members who encourage, rather than discourage, your faith. If possible, go beyond a call and arrange a visit with them. Before your family can love like Bishop Robert Barron describes, they have to actually meet their “Uncle Tommy.”

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

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Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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- ♦ Resolve to find a parish opportunity for face-to-face contact: A Well-Read Moms group, a That Man Is You session, a Great Adventure Bible Study, or whatever your parish may offer. Then make friends with whoever shares your journey.
- ♦ Resolve to deliver Christmas cards to your neighbors in person and then follow up in the new year with Valentine's Day cards in February and Easter cards in April. Being committed to people who are hard to be committed to *is* the New Evangelization.

Resolve to build your faith life in 2022.

You need hope in 2022. Hope makes the hard times bearable, and love is the rigging that keeps your life working right. But you can't have hope or love without faith.

The only way to get faith is to talk to Jesus. You can't get to know a human being you refuse to talk to, and you can't know the Second Person of the Trinity if you won't talk to him. There are a variety of aids in the art of prayer, but ultimately it all depends on the resolution to keep trying. Some ideas:

- ♦ Resolve to pray the brief morning prayer, daily meditation, and/or evening prayer from the *Magnificat* at Aleteia.org.
- ♦ Resolve to meditate daily, before anything else, or at whatever better time you can keep sacred.
- ♦ Resolve to pray a daily Rosary.
- ♦ Resolve to visit the Blessed Sacrament once or more per week.

Resolve to bolster your intellectual life in 2022.

The last area is scholarship. Your faith needs *fellowship* to live and *prayer* to last, it needs *scholarship* to thrive. Faith revivals always dissipate unless they are rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Luckily, we are living in a time when it is easier than ever to get high-quality intellectual faith formation.

Resolve to read the Aleteia email newsletter every day to feed your faith with news and encouragement

- ♦ Resolve to sign up for and use whatever best feeds your faith: videos by Bishop Robert Barron or Father Michael Schmit or materials from the Augustine Institute, Catholic Answers, EWTN, etc.
- ♦ Resolve to read some of the great books available for the faith: Books by Brant Pitre (especially *The Case for Jesus*) and Jennifer Fulwiler (*Something Other Than God*) and Scott Hahn.

Last, put all these resolutions in the hands of the Blessed Mother.

We begin the year with her for a reason: She is the expert in building community, nurturing faith, and growing in wisdom. And, as St. John Paul II said, Our Lady of Guadalupe will transform culture in America.

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January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After all, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs us that baptism is “the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.” (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, but it’s much more than that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though without sin, Jesus’ baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, “You are my beloved Son.” So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father’s saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God’s beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Baptism is often referred to as “the doorway to the Church” because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized, and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn’t. Each day that we “put on Christ” and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.

SERVE Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been “anointed,” in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
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Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8, Saturday after Epiphany
4:00 p.m. Terry Ray (Dec)

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Trudy Murray (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Maria Carmen Zille (Dec)

Monday, January 10, Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Oscar José Klein (Dec)

Tuesday, January 11, Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Roberto Carlucci (Dec)

Wednesday, January 12, Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, January 13, Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Jean Arthur (Liv)

Friday, January 14, Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Patricia LeGeyt (Dec)

Saturday, January 15, Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Ankerberg Family (Dec)
4:00 p.m. Anita Beers (Dec)

Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Lucia Daniele (Dec)
9:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Nick Calandra (Dec)

Scripture Class

Blessed Trinity Scripture Classes will resume **January 11, 2022** with a new series "Our Catholic Life", Tuesday mornings 9:30am to 11:00am in the Faith Formation Room.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Barbara Townsend at 727-867-3605.

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or drop in the offertory basket.*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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 ©LPi

Weekly Giving

Online Giving December 20- January 2

Offertory	\$ 3,005
Building Fund	\$ 50
Christmas	\$12,000
APA	\$ 175
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 255
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10

December 25-26, 2021

Offertory	\$ 5,202
Other	\$ 60
Christmas Flowers	\$ 115
Gift Shop	\$ 232
Retirement for Religious	\$ 230
Christmas	\$ 12,030
Memorials	\$ 25,300
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 280
APA	\$ 535

January 1-2, 2022

Offertory	\$ 8,880
Building Fund	\$ 262
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 292
Gift Shop	\$ 302
Christmas	\$ 1,775
Other	\$ 10
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 100

**Thank you for
your generosity!**



Christmas Flowers

In addition to the names previously listed, the following have also donated to our beautiful Christmas flowers.

Mrs. Arthur Hanley

Mr. & Mrs. Agustin Membreno

Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Ulreick



An Evening of Prayer and Discernment

Be a Part of History in the Making

At this time in our Church's history, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is asking people to come together to dialogue and pray about our Church's future. **You are invited to participate with an Evening of Prayer and Discernment on Friday, February 4, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle at 7:00pm.**

All are invited to gather together for learning, praying, listening and sharing. We welcome each person as we join together to consider how the Holy Spirit is leading the Church in the third millennium. Your voice is needed! To learn more, visit JourneyingTogether.org

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not
let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us
down the wrong path nor
partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so
that we may journey together to
eternal life and not stray from
the way of truth and what is
right..

All this we ask of You, who are
at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father
and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

Catholic Days at the Capitol, Feb. 1-2, 2022

Make the trip. Make a difference.

Join Catholics from around Florida as they gather in Tallahassee for Catholic Days at the Capitol. This annual advocacy event will be held on February 1-2, 2022. The event includes a briefing on key legislative proposals, a breakfast with the Bishops of Florida, legislative visits with the offices of state Senators and Representatives and the Red Mass of the Holy Spirit.

This is a great way to bring your voice and your values to the political process.

Learn more and register at
dosp.org/life/catholic-days-at-the-capitol/






Apply for a K-12 scholarship worth on average \$7,000 a year, per child to attend a private school.

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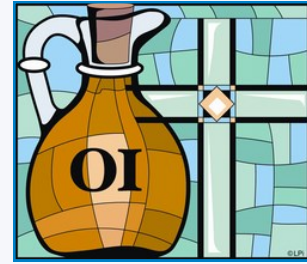
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Brown, Buck
Brown III, George
Brown, Shaquita
Cary, Joan
Chavez, John
Christ, Kathryn
Cline, Wayne
Comeau, Teresa
Daniel, Joshua
Deacon Lionel Roberts
Detore, Alice
Deuel, Fred
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Smith, Anita
Stankiewicz, Cy
Storey, Barbara
Thompson, Susan E.
Thuline, James
Velez, Carmelita
Vishnisky, Wayne
Walsh, Thomas
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Youngman, Ruthe



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.