



CCB Parent Connector



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***So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)***

Happy New Year!

I hope you all experienced a very joyful and holy Christmas this year. I say that because it can be quite difficult to stay focused on celebrating the birth of Christ amidst all of the hustle and bustle. So, if you often look to the New Year as a time to begin again, you are in good company. But, perhaps this year can *actually be different*. Imagine that!?! What if we started this year Jesus? What if we resolved to get to know Him better? What would that look like? Well, for starters, you could finally read the book you received at baptism preparation, “Rediscover Jesus – An Invitation.” If you have already read it, that is fantastic. The author, Matthew Kelly, puts forth a very easy-to-follow Prayer Process in Chapter 26. The idea is to set aside some time each day to just be with Jesus. Sit quietly and become mindful that you are in the presence of Christ. Then allow yourself to move slowly through the following steps:

1. **Gratitude:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
2. **Awareness:** Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were or were not the best version of yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
3. **Significant Moments:** Identify something you experienced in the last 24 hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
4. **Peace:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
5. **Freedom:** Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best version of yourself.
6. **Others:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
7. Pray the Our Father.

*It's that simple. Talk to God each day and you will get to know Jesus better. Reading the Gospels is another incredible way to get to know Jesus better. Give it a try. It's a NEW YEAR!*

# Baptism and Bagels!

## Join us on January 13<sup>th</sup>!!!!

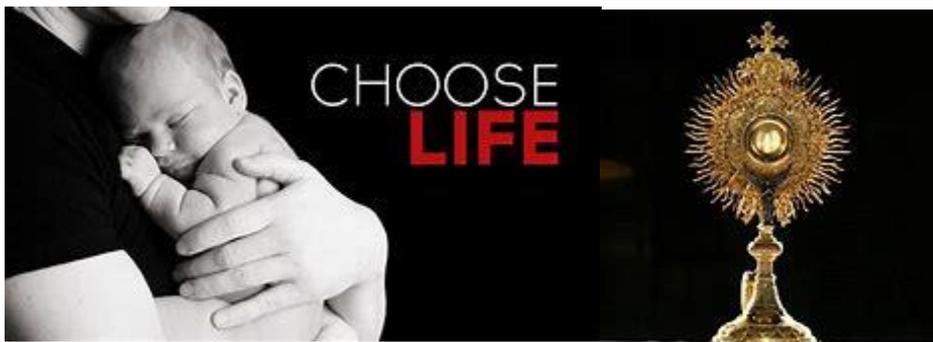


Join fellow parents of recently baptized children for the **10:30 AM Mass on January 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Theresa Church** to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Following Mass we will gather in the **parish hall for a light brunch** and to hopefully allow an opportunity for some of you incredible couples to meet, chat and introduce your beautiful children to each other! Please let me know if you will be joining us (even if just for the brunch, please come!).



**RSVP to this email or call me (Adrienne) at 978-663-3624 so I can plan accordingly!!!**

**Holy Hour for Life - Sunday, January 20**  
**3PM - 4 PM**  
**St. Theresa Church**



**Let this be a wonderful NEW YEAR for you and your family!**