

Saint Dominic Catholic Community



*God's Call to Build:
Our Bridge To The Future
Dios Nos ha Llamado a
Construir: Nuestro Puente Hacia
El Futuro*

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Osvaldo Segura

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Religious Education

From the first week of
September through the
last week of May

CCE Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday
Thursday & Friday
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday 4:00 -8:00
Sunday 9:00-3:30

Baptism of the Lord

Bautismo del Señor



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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultured community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!



ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH
NEW PARISH HALL

BRAVE / ARCHITECTURE B/A

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office @ 281-458-2910

Harry Sonnier	Pauline Sanchez	Marie Lewis
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	Bob Rodriguez	

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Jesus Velasquez, & Hna. Lupita Romo, DJ
3rd Saturday 9:00 am. (English & Spanish)
E. M. of Holy Communion:- Albert Allala - 713-301-4566
1st Sunday Cry Room after each mass
E. M. de Eucaristia: Sr. Lupita Romo 2nd Monday 7:00 pm
Lectors English: Albert Allala 2nd Sunday after each mass
Lectores Spanish: Reyna Mendez
Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Sundays 5:00 pm
Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello
Ushers/Greeters English : Dee Gonzalez
Acomodadores Español: Miguel Rodriguez
Offertory Collection Counters: Gloria Casey
Parish Pastoral Council- Juan Hernandez, 1st. Monday 7:00 pm
Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez quarterly & as necessary
Baptismal classes- English Melner Calvo, Alex Bozon, Michael Cubacub
Clases Pre-Bautismales Español Lauro y Veronica Leal,
Rogelio y Reyna Mendez, Valentin y Araceli Cobos
Catholic Daughters Juanita Hernandez, 3rd Thursday 6:30 pm
Family Ministry/Couples for Christ - Albert Allala
Knights of Columbus: Raymund Helfrich, 1st. Sunday 9:30 am
Legion of Mary- Rosana Gonzalez, Saturday 9:00 a.m. English
Legion de Maria -Rosana Gonzalez Martes 7:00 p.m. Español
Facilities Maintenance Daron Monteilh & Clarence Jenkins
Asamblea De Oración, Froylan y Gaby Andrade Jueves 7:00 pm
MFCC St. Dominic: Osvaldo y Nancy Segura
Parish Youth Ministry: Deandria Gonzalez Thursday 7:00 pm
Clase Pre-Nupcial : Luis y Silvia Cervantes
Pre-Nuptial Class: English Melner Calvo, Clem Monta, Alex Bozon

Eucharistic ADORATION 1st Friday

Holy Hour for Vocations:

on Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

Next Full Day Adoration : February 5, 2016

8:30am-9:00 p.m. **Jesus asks us, “Can you not spend an hour with me?”** For further information, call Mrs. Gloria Casey @ 713-453-4968

Pre -Baptismal Registration

Must register in the parish office,
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am –3:30 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child’s birth certificate; required to register

Sponsors if married must be married by the Catholic Church and marriage certificate required.

If single they must be at least 16, and bring copy of their Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Parents and godparents must attend two pre-baptismal classes held 1st & 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 - 9:30 pm.

Donation for class is \$50.00

Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.

Children 7 years and older must be prepared through the parish Catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial

Lunes –Viernes, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm una semana antes de la clase.
Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados

deben estar casados por la iglesia Católica es requerido presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar su acta de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a dos pláticas pre-bautismales el primer y segundo martes del mes de 7:00-9:30 pm.

Donación para la platica: \$50.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 9:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 anos de edad.

Niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia. (Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

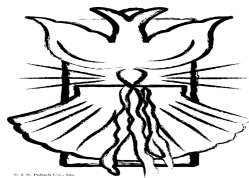
Presentación de Tres Años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.

Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrase

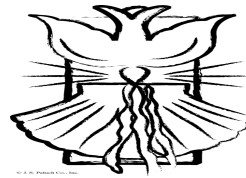
Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in advance; drop by the office and fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date of the first preparation session. The candidate should register for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and must join our parish youth program. Pick up Quinceañera information check-list.



A Message from the Pastor

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Dear Friends in St. Dominic.

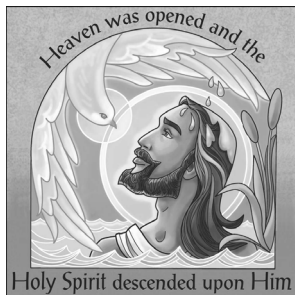
At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.

Many of the Fathers of the Church, as well as the medieval Scholastics, saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. His Flesh blessed the water, and the descent of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice of God the Father announcing that this was His Son, in Whom He was well pleased, marked the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

In the gospel, St Luke tells us that at the time of Jesus' baptism, which marked the beginning of his public ministry, the people were filled with expectation. There were two reasons for this. First, rumor had it that according to the prophecies of Daniel, the time was ripe for the arrival of the promised Messiah, the King anointed by God to restore the independence and greatness of the long-suffering people of Israel. Scholars at the time did not agree about the actual characteristics and identifying marks of that Messiah, but a sense that the time had come was widespread. Second, no true prophet had arisen in Israel in over two centuries. And so, when John the Baptist came onto the scene, they knew something big was afoot. Many hoped that he himself was the Messiah. The prophecy of Daniel and the preaching of John the Baptist, then, were clear, dramatic signs sent by God to indicate the coming of Jesus.

Even so, Christ found a welcome in only a few hearts; the majority gave him up to be crucified. Why? Could it be that the people of Israel were expecting one kind of Lord, and God wanted to give them another? We often fall into the same trap; we know clearly the things we want, but God sends us others, and we resent it. But if Jesus is truly the Lord, and if the greatest prophet of all time was not even worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals (a job reserved to slaves at the time), why do we expect him to do things our way? Why do we expect him to adjust to our schedule? Isn't it possible that he knows better? God often acts in unexpected ways, so it is up to us to adjust our expectations, or else we may miss his grace altogether.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Rev. Roger Estorque



Queridos amigos en San Dominic,

A primera vista, el Bautismo del Señor puede parecer una fiesta extraña. Puesto que la Iglesia Católica enseña que el Sacramento de Bautismo es necesario para la remisión de los pecados, especialmente el pecado original, ¿por qué fue bautizado Cristo? Después de todo, Él nació sin pecado original, y vivió toda su vida sin pecar. Por lo tanto, Él no tenía necesidad del sacramento, como nosotros. En la presentación de sí mismo humildemente al bautismo de San Juan Bautista, sin embargo, Cristo dio el ejemplo para el resto de nosotros. Si aun Él debe ser bautizado, aunque Él no tenía necesidad de él, ¿cuánto más debería el resto de nosotros estar agradecidos por este sacramento, que nos libera de la oscuridad del pecado y nos incorpora a la Iglesia, la vida de Cristo en la tierra! Su bautismo, por lo tanto, era necesaria - no para él, sino para nosotros.

Muchos de los Padres de la Iglesia, así como los escolásticos medievales, vio el Bautismo de Cristo como la institución de la sacramento. Su Carne bendijo el agua, y el descenso de el Espíritu Santo (en la forma de una paloma) y la voz de Dios Padre anunciando que se trataba de su Hijo, en quien Él era complacencia, marcó el inicio del ministerio público de Cristo.

En el evangelio, San Lucas nos dice que en la época de Jesús' bautismo, que marcó el inicio de su ministerio público, el pueblo se llenan de expectativa. Había dos razones para esto. En primer lugar, se rumoreaba que según el profecías de Daniel, había llegado el momento de la llegada del Mesías prometido, el rey ungido por Dios para restaurar la independencia y la grandeza del pueblo que tanto ha sufrido de Israel. Los estudiosos de la época no estaban de acuerdo acerca de la real características y marcas de identificación de que el Mesías, pero la sensación de que había llegado el momento era generalizada. En segundo lugar, hay un verdadero profeta había surgido en Israel en más de dos siglos. Y así, cuando Juan Bautista vino en la escena, sabían que algo grande estaba en marcha. Muchos esperaban que él mismo era el Mesías. La profecía de Daniel y la predicación de Juan Bautista, a continuación, había señales claras y dramáticas enviados por Dios para indicar la venida de Jesús.

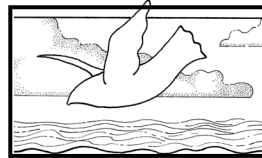
Aun así, Cristo encontró una bienvenida en sólo unos pocos corazones; Las mayoría que lo entregó para que lo crucificaran. ¿Por qué? Será que el pueblo de Israel estaban esperando un tipo de Señor, y Dios quería darles otra? A menudo caemos en la misma trampa; sabemos con claridad las cosas que queremos, pero Dios nos envía a otros, y nos resentimos ella. Pero si Jesús es verdaderamente el Señor, y si el profeta más grande de todos los tiempos ni siquiera era digno de desatar la correa de sus sandalias (un puesto de trabajo reservado a los esclavos en la época), ¿por qué le esperan hacer las cosas a nuestra manera? Porque nosotros esperaba que se ajuste a nuestro programa? ¿No es posible que él sabe ¿mejor? Dios actúa a menudo de forma inesperada, por lo que depende de nosotros para ajustar nuestras expectativas, o de lo contrario podemos perder su gracia por completo.

Atentamente suyo en Cristo
Rev. Roger Estorque



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 9th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos
Sunday	January 10th The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 am	† Laura Spence/Rita Brady
	† Donald Lewis/Clarence Jenkins
9:30 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
11:15 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
1:00 pm	† Adrian Madrigal/Adriana Madrigal
Monday	January 11th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Tuesday	January 12th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Wednesday	January 13th <i>St. Hilary</i>
7:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos
Thursday	January 14th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
7:00 pm	Asamblea de Oración
Friday	January 15th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Saturday	January 16th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† All Souls/Difuntos



ACTIVIDADES DE ESTA SEMANA

Monday	January 11th
5:30 pm	Coro Angeles de Dios/Mr. Tello
6:45 pm	OEC 6 TH , 7 TH & 8 TH Grade
7:00 pm	Coro Voces de Jubilo/ Mr. Puente
7:00 pm	Formacion Ministerio Hispano
Tuesday	January 12th
7:00 pm	Baptism Class English & Spanish
7:30 pm	MFCC 1 ^{er} Etapa
Wednesday	January 13th
6:45 pm	OEC Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation
7:00 pm	Formación de Servidores
Thursday	January 14th
5:30 pm	Coro Angeles De Dios/ Mr. Tello
Friday	January 15th
5:30 pm	OEC 1 ^{er} Comunión Español
Saturday	January 16th
9:00 am	Legion of Mary English
4:30 pm	OEC 1st Communion - English
Sunday	January 17th
9:45 am	OEC English Regular Class PK-5th
11:30 am	OEC Clase Español Regular PK- 5 ⁰

Yearly Budget	\$347,750.00
Weekly to meet budget	\$ 6,687.50
12/20/2015	\$ 6,089.99
Building	\$ 1,433.05
12/25/2015	\$ 3,897.16
Simbang Gabi	\$ 3,483.56
Building	\$ 1,346.96
12/27/2015	\$ 3,871.67
01/01/2016	\$ 1,532.10
01/03/2016	\$ 6,688.70
Dallas Victims	\$ 1,499.23

<i>GOD'S CALL TO BUILD: OUR BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE</i>	
<i>DIOS NOS HA LLAMADO A CONSTRUIR:</i>	
<i>NUESTRO PUENTE HACIA EL FUTURO</i>	
Pledged	\$200,827.64
Received to date	\$ 29,027.10
Need	\$171,800.54
93 Participating Families	

DSF 2015 Goal \$33,000.00

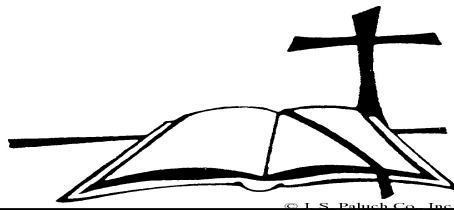
Total Pledged	\$34,539.00
Total Paid	\$31,406.50
Total Families	308
Pledge over	\$ 1,539.00
Paid Under	(\$ 1,593.50)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19;
January 11th	Gospel: Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
January 12th	Gospel: Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
January 13th	Gospel: Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
January 14th	Gospel: Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19;
January 15th	Gospel: Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
January 16th	Gospel: Mk 2:13-17

El Bautismo del Señor

Lo hizo mediante el bautismo,
que nos regenera y nos renueva,
por la acción del Espíritu Santo.
— *Tito 3:5*



The Baptism of the Lord

He saved us through the bath of
rebirth and renewal by the Holy
Spirit. — *Titus 3:5*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien
tengo mis complacencias (*Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7*) o *Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) o *Salmo 104 (103)*.

Segunda lectura — Dios ungió con el Espíritu Santo a
Jesús de Nazaret (Hch 10:34-38) o *Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Evangelio — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo
se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of
the Servant whom the Lord upholds;
he shall bring forth justice to the
nations (*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*)
or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.



Baptism
of the Lord

Psalms — The Lord will bless his
people with peace (*Psalms 29*) or *Psalms 104*.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with
the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good
(Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming
Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well
pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

Baptism of the Lord:

That we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by
giving ourselves entirely to God and answer His
call to holiness.

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water;
but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' "* (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."*

In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

Bautismo del Señor:

Que cumplamos con nuestra llamada Bautismal entregándonos a Dios y respondiendo a su llamado a la santidad.

Juan les respondió a todos, 'Yo los bautizo con agua; pero viene uno más poderoso que yo ...El los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo...' " (Lucas 3:16)

El Catecismo Católico establece que *"La inmersión de Jesús en el agua es un signo para todos los seres humanos de su necesidad de morir para hacer la voluntad de Dios."*

En otras palabras, como católicos bautizados hay un solo don que nosotros necesitamos darle a Jesús- el don de nosotros mismos. Una vez que nos entregamos a Dios, sabremos en nuestros corazones cual es el llamado de Dios para nosotros.

NOW HIRING

We are in need of a part time janitorial person if
interested please stop by the office or call for
appointment. Applicant must present id and Social
Security to apply.

ESTAMOS OCUPANDO

Estamos buscando a una persona de
medio tiempo para la limpieza.
Si le interesa favor de llamar a la oficina
o haga cita. El que aplique debe presenta su
identificación y seguro social



ANNOUCEMENTS-ANUNCIOS DE ST. DOMINIC

12 Day Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage

June 13-24, 2016

Venice-Padua-Bologna (Tomb of St. Dominic,
our Patron)-Florence- Siena & Assisi--
San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio)
Rome (Papal Audience)
\$3,690. Per Person From Houston
Includes Roundtrip Air Transportation ,
First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy,
2 meals a Day, Breakfast & Dinner,
Daily Sightseeing, Daily Mass.
For details: Please contact IRMA GALVAN
281-458-2910 during office hours.

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos un
semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su
intención a ultima hora al lector. El nombre de
intención debe aparecer en el boletín. El boletín
es enviado a impreza en lunes para edición
del próximo domingo.

La donación por intención son \$10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week
prior to date that you want intention
mentioned. Please do not give name to
lector last minute before intentions are
mentioned. Names will appear in the
bulletin. Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week
before Sunday edition.

Donation per intention is \$10.00

Liturgical Ministry Formation Day Saturday, January 30

English & Spanish: Saturday, January 30,
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Morkovsky Hall at St.
Dominic Center, 2403 Holcombe Blvd,
Houston, 77021. \$20 early bird registration
if postmarked by January 8; \$30 registration
postmarked by January 20. Registration after
the deadline will be \$40 at the door space
remains. For more information or to register
online, visit [www.archgh.org/worship/](http://www.archgh.org/worship/workshops)
workshops.

Día de Formación Ministerial Sábado, 30 de enero

Español e inglés: Sábado, 30 de enero, 8:30 a.m.-
3:30 p.m., Centro de San Dominic, 2403 Holcombe
Blvd, Houston, 77021. \$20 si su pago tiene el sello
postal del 8 de enero a más tardar; \$30 si la envía
(sellada por el correo) a más tardar el 20 de enero.
El costo de inscripción en la puerta es \$40. Para
mayor información e inscripción visite el
sitio web www.archgh.org/worship/

LA ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

Se reúne cada Jueves
a las 7:00 pm en la
iglesia. Venga a las
alabanzas y charlas
de diferentes predicadores



ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Fred M. Bosse
Attorney at Law

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT



The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

MANIFESTANDO AL ESPÍRITU

El tiempo de Navidad finaliza este domingo con el Bautismo del Señor. Esta fiesta es hermana de la fiesta de la semana pasada, la Epifanía. Cada una ellas celebra una "epifanía", o manifestación del Espíritu de Dios en Jesús —primero en su nacimiento y ahora en su bautismo.

El Espíritu Divino se manifiesta en todas las lecturas bíblicas de la fiesta. El Salmo 104 destaca al Espíritu de Dios que crea y renueva la tierra, mientras que la lectura de Isaías describe a Dios restaurando a Israel. En el relato de Lucas del bautismo del Señor el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre Jesús. Y la carta a Tito nos recuerda que el Espíritu Santo también "derramó con abundancia" sobre nosotros, el "baño de regeneración" (Tito 3:5, 6).

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La costumbre del bautismo infantil debe ser mucho más que un acto social o una tradición cultural, donde el ropón y los regalos son más importantes que la doctrina cristiana, y los padrinos se escogen no por su buen ejemplo sino por su cuenta bancaria.

Según los Hechos de los Apóstoles, familias enteras se bautizaban cuando el padre de familia decidía hacerse cristiano. Esta práctica de bautizar, no solo al nuevo creyente sino también a su mujer y a sus hijos, poco a poco, quedó solo en bautizar los niños del original creyente. El mundo en aquel tiempo estaba basado sobre la familia así como muchas culturas latinas de hoy.

El bautizo infantil nació en la Iglesia primitiva y al pasar de los siglos llegó a transformarse en un rito religioso muy importante en la catequesis del nuevo cristiano. El niño viste de ropita blanca que recuerda la presencia de Cristo en su alma, se le regala una vela que lo invita a brillar con la luz de Cristo y se le da una madrina o un padrino que le enseñará a vivir en Cristo.



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