## **Baptism of the Lord**

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

A "new year" has entered our reality. Call it what you may, but we have an opportunity here to start again, to begin again, to strive for freshness. We have Gospel readings that speak about the coming and promise of the Holy Spirit. A new baptism. One that creates a power like never, and a new fire. Let us purify our days again, let us breathe anew, let us dig deep into our spiritual cave and come forth with hope.

And let us pray, yes let us pray for healing, let us pray for peace, let us pray for the confidence to press forward into a new life. Let us pray for each other. Let us sit in the silence of that same Holy Spirit and, as our Christmas reading said: "Comfort, give comfort to my people". Reread todays first reading from Isaiah. And as you read, allow yourself to sink deeply into **your** place of comfort and peace. Repeat those words of Comfort, Speak tenderly in your heart. ..... "Cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news"

.... Where is this Good News?????