Monday of the Second Week of Easter

Gospel text (*Jn* 3:1-8): Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” (...)

The Baptism

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Today, Nicodemus, a Pharisee and highly regarded teacher among the Jews, visits Jesus Christ under the cover of darkness, so as not to be seen. He is curious and admires Jesus and wants to know more about His teaching. Christ sums up this teaching, saying to him that it is necessary to be born again through God into a new life.

This new birth takes place through water and the Holy Spirit, through Baptism. Though the Baptismal bath we are included in the death and resurrection of Christ so that we may begin a new life in this World that will be eternal and we will be given the Spirit as children of God.

—My Lord and My God, You have sent Your Son Jesus Christ to give his life for us. By being baptized in His death and resurrection make it be that I will always want to live in accordance with the new life I have received and that I be a beacon of Your truth in this world. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.