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Yesterday was the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. When Jesus was just 40 days old, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to God. There was an elderly couple, Simeon and Anna, that often came to the temple, and it had been revealed to them that they would not see death before they saw Christ Jesus. I always have considered that day to be sort of like our own Baptism. My folks made sure I was baptized when I was just seven days old. I'm not sure what prompted my folks to want me to be baptized so soon, but I am grateful to them that they did. So, when I was baptized I was presented to the Lord in a small country parish in South Dakota. Just as Simeon and Anna were there when Jesus was presented in the temple, my godparents were there for my baptism.

Another story I've heard was that my older sisters had been sent over to my grandma's house (across the road) as my mother gave birth to me at home. But a couple of my sisters came home early, and when they were asked why they came home before they were called, they said, "We can't stay there **all the time**." I think they probably wanted to see the new baby, right? Now, I am the only one left, and they are probably waiting for me to join them in heaven someday.

May God give you many blessings!

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