

Welcome to our Church!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



***WHY SHOULD YOU GET
YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED?***



TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE
LIFE FOR YOUR CHILD, IT IS
NECESSARY TO TEACH THEM TO
HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

- The first step in doing this is to have your child baptized.
- He/she becomes a member of a vibrant community of faith.
- We pray for each other, help those in need and keep our mind on what is important in our lives.





**YOUR CHILD WILL
BE OFFICIALLY A
CHILD OF GOD**

**YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE THE BAPTISMAL
GRACE AND BE FREED FROM ORIGINAL SIN.**



**YOUR CHILD WILL BE A PART OF THE
CHURCH COMMUNITY.**



YOUR CHILD WILL SHARE IN THE PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST.



**YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE AN “INDELIBLE
SPIRITUAL MARK.”**

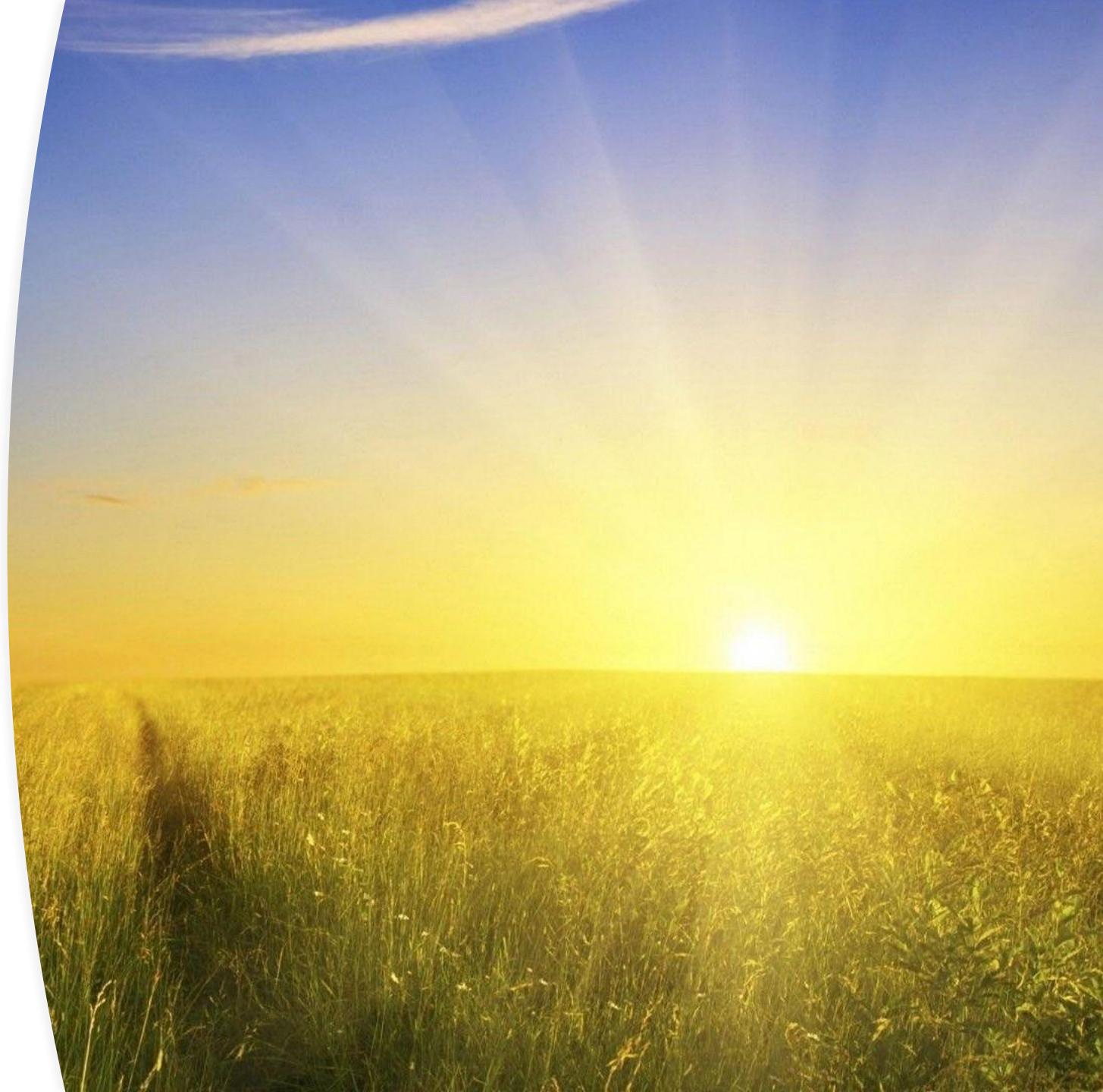


**YOUR CHILD WILL BE
MARKED BY THE
HOLY SPIRIT WITH
THE SEAL OF THE
LORD.**

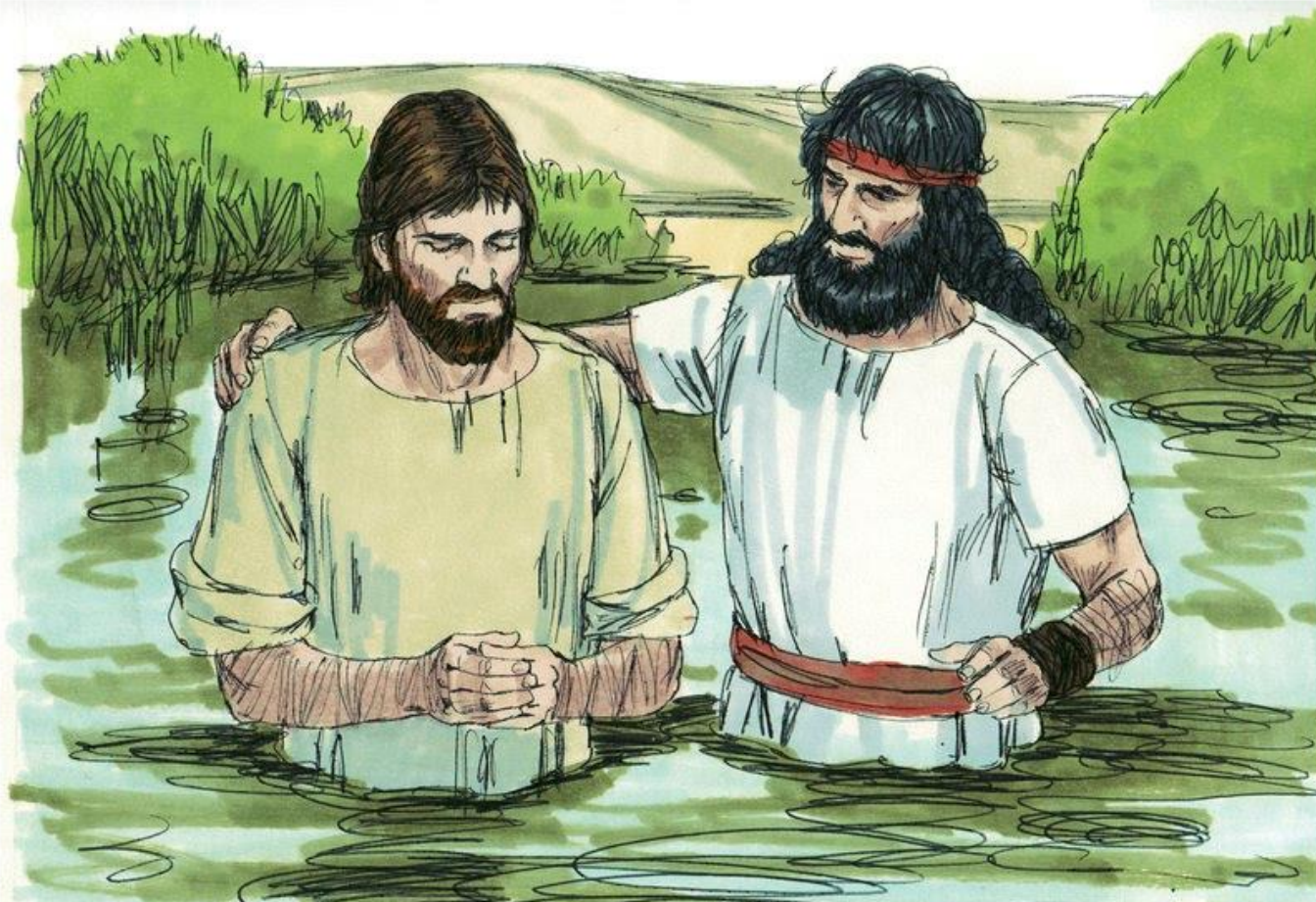


YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE THE GRACES NECESSARY TO:

- Believe in God, to hope in Him and to love Him through the virtues of faith, hope and love.
- Give him/her the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord).
- Allow him/her to grow in goodness through the moral virtues (justice, prudence, temperance and courage).



THE RITE OF BAPTISM



Jesus himself was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, marking the beginning of his public ministry.



JUST A FEW REMINDERS:



AT LEAST ONE GODPARENT MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS :

- Be a fully initiated Catholic who has received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- Be at least 16 years old
- Is not the parent of the child
- Is living in harmony with the Catholic Church. If the person is married, he/she must be in a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
- Be free from canonical penalty
- Must obtain a Sponsor Certificate (not the person's baptismal certificate) from his/her parish to verify he/she is qualified to be a godparent.



IF 2 GODPARENTS ARE CHOSEN:

- At least one must be Catholic and meet the above requirements.
- If both are Catholic, both must meet the above requirements. There must be one of each gender (cannot have 2 of the same gender).
- One may qualify as a Christian witness along with a qualified godparent. The next slide will describe “a Christian witness.”
- If a godparent is not able to be present for the ceremony she/he may be represented by a proxy.



A CHRISTIAN WITNESS

- The Witness must have been baptized in the name of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)
- One who is not baptized or baptized in some way other than the Trinity cannot be a Christian witness (Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Unitarian, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witness, Salvation Army)
- A former Catholic (one who was baptized in the Catholic Church but has formally joined and is practicing another faith tradition) cannot serve as a Christian witness.



IN CHOOSING A GODPARENT TRY TO REMEMBER:

- Pray to God for God's help and guidance in seeking the right person to guide your child in the faith.
- The purpose of a godparent is to provide an example of faithful Catholic Christian living who would encourage your child to do the same.
- This person will help your child grow in faith. You, as parents, are the primary teachers of the faith to your child.
- Do not promise family members or friends to be your child's godparent before reviewing the requirements of a godparent.



THE RITE OF BAPTISM



QUESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS!

What name do you
give your child?

What do you ask of
God's Church for
your child?



QUESTIONS FOR THE GODPARENTS

Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

The priest will make the sign of the cross on your child's forehead and invite the parents and godparents to do the same.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

The priest or deacon will read a Gospel passage and explain it in a few words.

Prayer of the Faithful/ our response is, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Litany of the Saints/ our response is, "Pray for us."

Prayer of Exorcism/ anointing before Baptism





ANOINTING BEFORE BAPTISM

- The Oil of Catechumens is one of the 3 holy oils used in the sacraments. The celebrant anoints the child on the chest with the oil of catechumens. He places his hand on the child and prays silently for a moment.



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Blessing and Invocation of God over the Baptismal Water



Renunciation of Sin

- The celebrant turns to the parents and godparents and explains the duties of bringing the child up in the faith.
- All present renew our Baptismal promises/ response is, "I do."



Your child is now baptized!



ANOINTING AFTER BAPTISM

Sacred Chrism

The celebrant anoints the child on the head with Sacred Chrism, one of the 3 oils used in the administration of the sacraments. This oil signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit to the child.



CLOTHING WITH THE WHITE GARMENT



Your child
becomes a new
creation and
has been
clothed in
Christ.



LIGHTED CANDLE

- A godparent lights a small candle from the large paschal candle that burns near the font.
- May this child keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart.





CONCLUSION OF THE RITE

- The celebrant now presents the child to the faith community.
- The community now joins with the parents and godparents in praying the Lord's Prayer aloud.



BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The celebrant prays a special blessing for the family of the child and for the godparents.





THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!!

