

Rite of Baptism

If possible, baptism should take place on Sunday, the day on which the Church celebrates the paschal mystery. It should be conferred in a communal celebration in the presence of the faithful, or at least of relatives, friends, and neighbors, who are all to take an active part in the rite. It is the role of the father and mother, accompanied by the godparents, to present the child for baptism. The people may sing a psalm or hymn suitable for the occasion. Meanwhile the celebrant, vested in alb or surplice, with stole (with or without a cope) of festive color, and accompanied by ministers, goes to the entrance of the church or to that part of the church where the parents and godparents are waiting with the child.

The celebrant greets all present, and especially the parents and godparents, reminding them briefly of the joy with which the parents welcomed the child as a gift from God, the source of life, who now wishes to bestow life on this little one.

Celebrant: What name have you given your child?

Parents: *N.*

Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church for *N.*?

Parents: *Baptism.*

Celebrant: You have asked to have *N. /and N.* baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training *him/her/them* in the practice of faith. It will be your duty to bring *him/her/them* up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: Asking the godparents:

Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mother and father?

Godparents: We are.

Celebrant: *N. /and N.*, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same.

Sign of the cross on forehead. Invite Parents and Godparents to do the same.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Homily

Prayer of Faithful

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on **N. /and N.** who is/*are to* be baptized, on his parents and godparents, and on all the baptized.

Celebrant: By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe **N. /and N.** in light, give *him/her/them* the new life of baptism and welcome *him/her/them* into your holy Church.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Through baptism and confirmation, make **N. /and N.** your faithful follower(s) and witness (es) to your gospel.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lead *him/her/them* by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Make the lives of *his/her/their* parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire *him/her/them*.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Keep *his/her/their* families always in your love.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us.

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Litany of Saints

Holy Mary, Mother of God – *pray for us.*

Saint John the Baptist – *pray for us.*

Saint Joseph – *pray for us.*

Saint Peter and Saint Paul – *pray for us.*

All holy men and women – *pray for us.*

Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing before Baptism:

Almighty and ever-living God,

you sent your only Son into the world

to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil,

to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness,

and bring him into the splendor of your kingdom of light.

We pray for ***N./and N.***

set them free from original sin,

make them a temple of your glory,

and send your Holy Spirit to dwell within them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Anointing on breast with Oil of Catechumen

Celebration of the Sacrament

Blessing and Invocation of God over Baptismal Water

Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament.

At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the waters making them the wellspring of all holiness.

The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness.

Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.

Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from his side as he hung upon the cross. After his resurrection he told his disciples: "Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Father, look now with your love upon your Church, and unseal for her the foundation of baptism.

By the power of the Spirit give to the water of this font the grace of your Son. You created man in your own likeness: cleanse him from sin in a new birth to innocence by water and the spirit.

We ask you, Father, with your son to send the Holy Spirit upon the water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in

the death of baptism rise also with him to newness life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Celebrant: Dear parents and godparents:

You have come here to present for baptism **N./and N.** By water and the Holy Spirit *he/she/they is/are* to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love.

On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring *him/her/them* up in the practice of faith. See that the divine life which God gives *him/her/them* is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in *his/her/their* heart (s).

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which **N. /and N.** *is/are* about to be baptized.

For parents and godparents:

Celebrant: Do you reject Satan?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: And all his works?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: And all his empty promises?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right and of the Father?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Baptism

Celebrant: Is it your will that **N.** should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents & Godparents: Yes.

Celebrant: **N.,** I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing with Chrism

Celebrant: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as members of his body, sharing everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Anointing with Chrism on the forehead

Clothing with White Garment

Celebrant: **N.** you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of our Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

All: Amen.

Lighted Candle

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ.

Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. **N. /and N.** *has/have* been enlightened by Christ. *He/she/they is/are* to walk always as a *child/children* of the light. May *he/she/they* keep the flame of faith alive in *his/her/their* heart. When the Lord comes, may *he/she/they* go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist (continues as usual if priest is celebrant)

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer:

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, **N. /and N.** have been reborn in baptism. *He/she/they* is/*are* now called *child/children* of God, for so indeed *he/she/they* is/*are*. In confirmation *he/she/they* will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion *he/she/they* will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God *his/her/their* Father in the midst of the Church. In his name, in the Spirit of our common sonship, let us pray together in the words our Lord has given us:

All: *Our Father, who art in heaven,*

Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant: God the Father, through his son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless **N. /and N.** the mother of **N. /and N.** *She/they* now thank (s) God for the gift of **N./and N.** May *she/they* be one with him in thanking him for ever in heaven in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May he bless **N. /and N.** the father of **N. /and N.** With **N. /and N.** *He/they* will be the first teachers of **N. /and N** in the ways of faith. May *he/they* be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may he continue to pour out his blessings upon all present, who are his sons and daughters. May he make them always, wherever they may be, faithful members of his holy people. May he send his peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Concluding Rite.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: May the almighty God, bless you, the Father and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: The Mass is ended, go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.