

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST. THERESA'S PARISH:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at 2:30 pm on Sunday following the schedule listed in this Baptism Brochure & published in our website, our weekly Parish Bulletin and the newsletters from our schools.

HOW TO REGISTER:

The Baptism Preparation Program requires that parents do the following:

- a.) When you are ready to hand in your child's birth certificate, parents' Baptism certificate, godparents' Confirmation certificate, contact Sr. Adrialen, RVM at the Parish Office for an initial interview (780-463-8646, ext. 2224). Please make an appointment before you come to the office. Registration forms will be available.
- b.) Attend Baptism Preparation Seminar with Godparents prior to the date you selected for Baptism. This seminar starts at 2:30 p.m. Check the schedule listed in this brochure. Usually seminars are held on 2nd Saturday of the month.
- c.) Provide proof that at least one parent is Catholic (eg. Baptism Certificate).

REMINDERS:

- 1.) One godparent is sufficient, but there may be 2 (1 male and 1 female). Godparents must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be a practicing Catholic and at least 16 years old.

- 2.) Documents needed:
 - child's birth certificate with birth parents' names printed on it.
 - parents' Baptism certificates.
 - permission letter from your Pastor if you do not attend church at St. Theresa's Parish.
- 3.) Registration forms and other documents needed as well as a \$25 Baptism Fee must be handed in 3 weeks before the Baptism date you have chosen.

BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door, which gives access to the other Sacraments.

Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213)

THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM:

(Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1257) The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for the sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit."

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BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1250)

When Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God, they called upon themselves and all their descendants a spiritual and physical death. This means that the creation of every human being would experience a physical death (body) and a spiritual death (soul/spirit). All would be condemned to die, to be eternally deprived of God's Divine Presence because the sin of disobedience contaminated them. When people are born, they are born in the image of Adam. This means that we are born with a body, a soul/spirit that has been contaminated by original sin.

The Sacrament of Baptism erases all traces of original sin and personal sins that were committed by the person prior to receiving the Sacrament (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1263).

The Sacrament of Baptism gives the person a new life through Jesus. It brings the person back to God.



The public life of Jesus began with this Baptism on the shore of the Jordan River. It ended with Jesus commanding the Apostles to "go and make disciples of all,

BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching all that He had commanded them" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1223).

BAPTISM PREPARATION SEMINAR 2:30-4:30 P.M.

2018
January 13, 2018
February 10, 2018
March (No Seminar)
April 14, 2018
May 12, 2018
June 9, 2018
July (No Seminar)
August 11, 2018
September 8, 2018
October 13, 2018
November 10, 2018
December 8, 2018

BAPTISM CELEBRATION 2:30 P.M.

2018
January 21 & 28
February 18 & 25
March - NO BAPTISM (Lent)
April 15 & 22
May 20 & 27
June 17 & 24
July 15 & 22
August 19 & 26
September 16 & 23
October 21 & 28

BAPTISM PREPARATION SEMINAR

GOALS OF THE SEMINAR

1. To lead parents and godparents into a deeper understanding of the sacrament of Baptism and the commitment it requires of them.
2. To support and strengthen the relationship of the parents and godparents with the church.
3. To prepare the parents and godparents to enter into the celebration of the child's baptism with conscious and active participation.

SESSION

- I. Welcome
- II. Prayer Service
- III. The Sacrament of Baptism
- IV. VIDEO (The Sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church)
Discussion about the DVD presentation
(See Guide Questions)
- V. Parents' and Godparents' Responsibilities
Small Group Discussion
(See Guide Questions)
- VI. Sharing of insights
- VII. The Ceremony of Baptism
- VIII. Closing Prayer

