

RITE OF BAPTISM WITHIN MASS

Priest and family are in the back.

Lector: Opening comment: Welcome and then "Today, _____ bring their child to the church for Baptism. Let us turn toward the back as Father Tony welcomes them.

Celebrant: What name do you give your child?

Parents: _____

Celebrant: What do you ask of God's Church for _____?

Parents: Baptism.

Celebrant: You have asked to have your child baptized. You are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith, to live what Christ taught us, to love God and our neighbors. Do you understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

Celebrant: Godparents, are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mothers and fathers?

Godparents We are.

Celebrant: _____, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name, I claim you for Christ by the sign of the Cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead and invite your parents and godparents to do the same.

Celebrant: "Let us now stand to greet one another."

The Gathering Song is announced by music minister.

All process to their places (family to front pews)

OPENING PRAYER: (No penitential rite, or Gloria)

CHILDREN are dismissed for **THE WORD....**

READINGS: **HOMILY:** (There is no Creed at this time)

After homily,

Celebrant: I now invite the parents and godparents to come forward with _____.
Parents and Godparents come to the sanctuary.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Celebrant: Parents and Godparents: You have presented this child for Baptism. You must carefully bring _____ up in the practice of the faith. If you are ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the promises of your own Baptism and profess your faith in Christ Jesus.

(to the assembly) Let us all join with this family as we profess our faith. Our response is "I do."

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

ALL: I do.

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

All: 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?

All: 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.

Celebrant: Please be seated.

Family and priest process to the font. All are invited to sing the Litany of Saints.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Blessing of Water: *(Water may be poured into the font as the priest touches it in blessing.)*

Celebrant: We ask you Father, with your Son, to send the Holy Spirit upon the waters of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of Baptism also rise with him to newness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Celebrant: Is it your will that _____ should be baptized in the faith of the church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents It is.

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

Acclamation sung by the people! "Blessed Be God, who calls you by name".

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, may you live always as a member of His body, sharing in everlasting life.

All: Amen. *(Celebrant anoints the babies with chrism)*

CLOTHING WITH BAPTISMAL GARMENT

Celebrant: _____, you have become a new creation, and have been clothed in Christ. See in this white garment, the outward sign of your 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

Godparents prepare to bring up the gifts of bread and wine.

Parents to pews, Celebrant to chair and introduces Prayers of Faithful.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *(includes the name of the child who was baptized)*

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

Song is announced. Collection begins. Godparents bring gifts.

AFTER COMMUNION: *(people remain seated)*

....Opportunities are read...

Father invites the parents to come to the sanctuary.

The godparents have gone to the Easter Candle and lit the Baptism candles.

They come to the front and present them to the parents. .

GIVING THE CANDLE

Celebrant: Parents and Godparents, receive the Light of Christ.

This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. _____ is to walk always as a child of light. May _____ keep the flame of faith alive in _____ heart. When the Lord comes, may _____ go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

BLESSING: *Celebrant asks the Assembly to extend hands in blessing the parents.*

Celebrant: May God, the giver of all life, human and divine, bless the parents of this child. They give thanks for this new life. They will be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they be the best of teachers in all they say and do in Christ Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

Let us welcome the newest member of our Community.

All applaud. Parents and Godparents go to pews.

BLESSING: Lord be with you, May almighty God bless you...the Father etc.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Mass is ended, let us go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG: