

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish



The Churches of St. Barnabas, St. Therese & St. Frances Cabrini

Seven Sacraments



Baptism

Confirmation

Holy Communion

Sacraments of Initiation

Reconciliation (Confession)

Matrimony

Holy Orders (Ordination)

Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments



- ✦ Each is an expression of God's love
- ✦ Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus' actions empower us
- ✦ Each achieves specific effects in the person receiving it
- ✦ They are imparted through a particular 'rite'
- ✦ They require our consent - cannot work without us



Two Effects of Baptism



- ★ *We die to sin - to a life without Jesus*
- ★ *We rise to a new life - to a life with Jesus*

“We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.” Romans 6:4



The Sacrament of Baptism



- ✦ A communal rite
- ✦ Claims the person for Christ
 - *Marks her/him indelibly as a Christian*
- ✦ Received once, but influences our entire life
- ✦ Begins the person's spiritual journey into:
 - *the life of the Church*
 - *the role of discipleship*
 - *a relationship with Jesus*

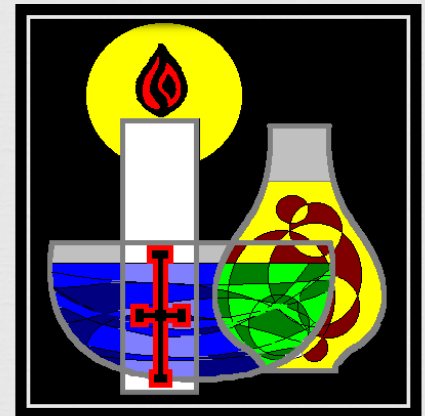


The Rite of Baptism



- ✦ During the ceremony, parents and godparents...
 - *Publicly testify to their belief in Jesus*
 - *Ask the Church to receive the person as a new member*

- ✦ Baptism employs several symbolic outward signs
 - *People Gathered*
 - *Anointings*
 - *Water*
 - *White Garment*
 - *Lighted Candle*



People Gathered



- ★ Those who gather to witness a baptism represent the people of God – i.e., the universal Catholic Church.



- ★ They function as witnesses to the baptism along with the parents and godparents.

Anointings



- ✦ **Oil of Catechumens** - a symbol of strength
 - *Imparts the power to resist evil*
 - *Holy Spirit given to guide/guard the person throughout their life*

- ✦ **Oil of Chrism** - united with Christ, the person is called to be:
 - ***Priest** - by living a life of prayer;*
 - ***Prophet** - by announcing the Word of God;*
 - ***King** - by leading with integrity.*



Water



- ✦ Poured on the person's head in the "Trinitarian" form:
 - *"..., In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*
- ✦ Represents cleansing from sin



White Baptismal Garment



- ✦ Represents the person as one who has been freed from sin and raised up to new life and purity.



Lighted Candle



- ✦ Represents the light of Christ the person receives and then carries into the world as her/his life unfolds.



Role of the Parents

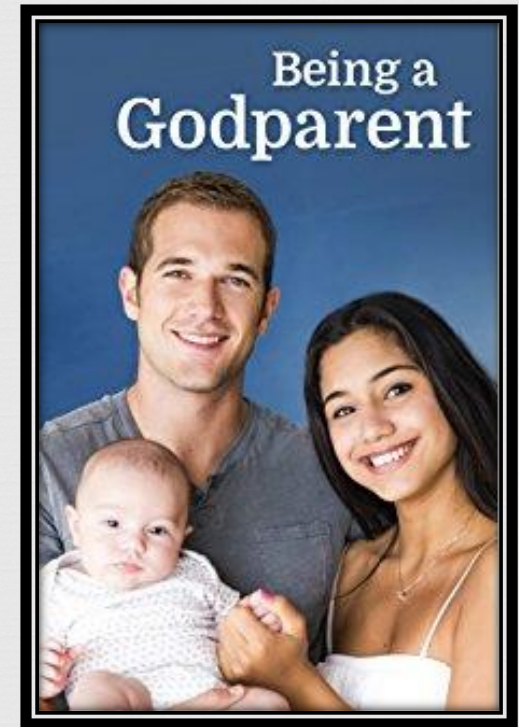


- ✦ Prepare through instruction and prayer
- ✦ Give consent to baptize their child
- ✦ Speak for their child
- ✦ Attest to their own faith and of their intention to pass that faith on to their child
- ✦ Serve as the first / most influential teachers of their child's faith

Role of the Godparents



- ✦ Know and practice their Catholic faith
- ✦ Model what it means to live an authentic Catholic life
- ✦ Assume responsibility for the child's spiritual development in the event the parents pass prematurely
- ✦ Sponsor certificates obtained from the godparent's 'home parish' and turned in 2 weeks prior to Baptism date



Patron Saints



- ✦ Traditionally, the name of a saint is chosen to be the person's middle name
- ✦ Chosen as a guardian and role model for living a Catholic life
- ✦ Life and virtues of the saint can be taught as she/he grows in the practice of their faith

