

**NOVEMBER**

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# Initiation

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## INFORMATION

- Initiation means becoming a part of something larger
- Kerygma: 1. We were made for a relationship with God. This is the reason for our existence. 2. Through sin we broke that relationship. 3. Jesus came to restore that relationship. 4. It is our choice to reconcile this relationship and receive Jesus' gift of salvation

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## CONSIDER

- What are some things you love about being Catholic?
- What Catholic traditions do you have?
- What Holiday (Holy-day) traditions do you practice?
- What traditions can you start? What is your family heritage?
- What are traditions from your heritage?
- What are some family stories from the past?
- What other initiations have I gone through (school, sports teams, Knights of Columbus, Clubs, etc)

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## ACTIVITIES

- Go through old family albums
- Plan a tradition for a special or holy day
- Look up traditions of initiation/rites of passage from your heritage
- Create a craft like a soap carving, drawing, or popsicle stick image for each chapter you complete this year

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## BIBLE

- Circumcision covenant with Abraham: Genesis 17:10-14
- Rite of passage for consecration of priests: Exodus 29: 1-9
- Tradition of the Sabbath rest: Exodus 31: 12-17
- Rites of passage after childbirth: Leviticus 12: 1-8
- Rite of the Nazarite Vow: Number 6: 1-21
- Samson the Nazarite: Judges 13: 5-7
- Samuel the Nazarite: Samuel 1:11
- Circumcision and Presentation of Jesus: Luke 2: 21-38

# Baptism

**INFORMATION**

- Take on character of Christ as priest, prophet, and king
- Three Effects of Baptism: Child of God, receiving grace and the Holy Spirit, Cleansing of Original Sin, joins the family of the Church
- Three types of Baptism: water, blood (martyr), desire (we can come to know God through our reason and the natural world)
- Three parts of the Church (militant-us, suffering-purgatory, triumphant-heaven)
- There is no salvation outside of the Church: What is the Church (3 parts started when Jesus died on the cross), how do you gain entrance (baptism), importance of evangelization
- Indelible Mark: can never be removed or repeated
- Matter of Baptism: materials (water pouring over the head or immersion), words ( I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
- Minister of Baptism: priest, deacon, anyone in an emergency
- Purgatory: the door step to heaven. You are being purified for entrance into heaven. Heaven and Hell: our two options of where each man will spend eternity
- The importance of a name you will hold for all eternity

**CONSIDER**

- What responsibilities did I take on as a parent or godparent?
- Am I living my baptismal promises?
- How am I evangelizing others?
- Am I on my way to my true home Heaven?
- Do I look forward to my true home Heaven?
- Why did my parents give me my name?
- Why did I give my children their names?

**ACTIVITIES**

- Practice baptizing a doll or stuffed animal
- Bring out your old baptismal photos
- Write a note to your godparent
- Celebrate your baptism day
- Find your baptismal certificate, candle, and gown
- Go swimming and talk about what being immersed in the water is like
- Renew your baptismal promises
- Put a Holy Water font in your home
- Bless your children with Holy Water and trace the sign of the cross on their foreheads
- Have your children bless each other
- Have a parade of princes and princesses of God
- Go on a march as the army of God, the Church militant
- Come up with a list of all uses of water

**BIBLE**

- A stream was welling up, giving life to creation: Genesis 2: 6
- Noah and the ark: Genesis 6-9
- Moses and the Red Sea: Exodus 14:10-22
- Joshua and the Jordan: Joshua 3:14-17
- I will sprinkle clean water upon you Ezekiel 36:15-26
- Jesus' baptism: Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22
- Nicodemus asks about being born again: John 3:1-21
- Ethiopian Eunuch is baptized by Philip: Acts 8:26-41
- Baptism of Cornelius' family: Acts 10:44-49
- 3000 baptized in one day Acts 2:37-41