

## 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 and our weekly Parish Bulletin.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

The Baptism Preparation Program requires that parents do the following:

- a.) Contact Sr. Cristina Naranjo, RVM at the Parish Office for an initial interview (780-463-8646, ext. 2589).
- b.) Please make an appointment before you come to the office to hand in the Baptism Registration form and your child's birth certificate.
- c.) 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.

### 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
  - permission letter from your Pastor if you do not attend church at St. Theresa's Parish.
- 3.) Registration form and child's birth certificate 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 nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1223*).

## BAPTISM PREPARATION SEMINAR 2:30 p.m. (OLGC)

<b>2022</b>
January 8
February 12
March & April ( <b>No Seminar</b> )
May 14
June 11
July ( <b>No Seminar</b> )
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

## BAPTISM CELEBRATION 2:30 p.m.

<b>2022</b>
January 16 & 23
February 20 & 27
March & April - <b>NO BAPTISM</b>
May 15 & 22
June 19 & 26
July 17 & 24
August 21 & 28
September 18 & 25
October 16 & 23
November 20 & 27
December 18

## 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. Talk: *The Sacrament of Baptism*
- IV. Video: *The Sacrament of Baptism in the Catholic Church*
- V. The Ceremony of Baptism
- VI. Parents' and Godparents' Responsibilities
- VII. Sharing of Insights
- VIII. Closing Prayer

