

# The Rite of Baptism

(abridged)



## Receiving the child into Church

*The priest goes to the door of the Church to receive the child, its parents and godparents.*

**Priest:** What name do you give your child?

**Parents:** (name)

**Priest:** What do you ask of God's Church for (name)?

**Parents:** Baptism

**Priest:** Do you understand that it will be your duty to bring your child up in the faith, in line with God's commandments?

**Parents:** We do.

*The priest asks the godparents*

**Priest:** Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

**Godparents:** We are.

*The priest turns to the child.*

**Priest:** (Name), the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. I claim you for Christ by the sign of the cross.

*The priest traces the cross on the child's forehead.*

## The Word of God



*The gospel is read, followed by a homily.*

*Bidding prayers are read, welcoming the child into the Church.*

## Celebration of the Sacrament

*The priest, parents and godparents go to the font.*

*The priest blesses the baptismal water.*

**Priest:** Lord, you have called your child, (name), to this cleansing water that they may share in the faith of your Church and have eternal life.

*The priest turns to the parents and godparents.*

**Priest:** You have come to present this child for baptism; you must now renew your own baptismal vows.

Do you reject Satan?

**Parents and Godparents:** We do.

**Priest:** And all his works?

**Parents and Godparents:** We do.

**Priest:** And all his empty promises?



**Parents and Godparents:** We do.

**Priest:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**Parents and Godparents:** We do.

**Priest:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Parents and Godparents:** We do.

**Priest:** 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?

**Parents and Godparents:** We do.

**Priest:** This is our faith and the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Baptism:**

*The priest and family step to the font. The priest baptises the child, saying*

**Priest:** (Name), I baptise you in the name of the Father,

*He pours water on the child's head.*

...and of the Son,

*He pours water again.*

...and of the Holy Spirit.

*He pours water for the third time.*

**Anointing with Chrism:**

**Priest:** The Lord now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, as Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King.

**All:** Amen.

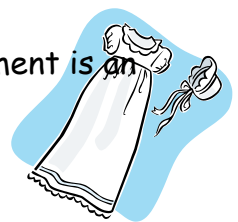
*The priest anoints the child on the head with the chrism, in silence.*

**Clothing with white garment:**

**Priest:** (Name), you have clothed yourself in Christ. This white garment is an outward sign of your Christian dignity.

**All:** Amen.

*The white garment is put on the child.*



**The lighted candle:**



*The priest takes the Paschal candle and the godfather lights the child's candle from it.*

**Priest:** Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. May this child keep the flame of faith alive in their heart.