

# Celebrations of God's Love



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## We Pray

Sing to God with  
hearts full of  
happiness and joy;  
praise God and give  
him glory.

Based on Psalm 66:1-2

**Father, you give  
us grace through  
the sacraments.  
Help us live as  
signs of your love  
for all people.**

**Amen.**

*What makes family  
celebrations special?*

Families celebrate  
special family  
times. Our Church  
family celebrates  
the sacraments to  
remember and share  
in God's love.

*What sacraments  
have you celebrated?*

# We Celebrate the Sacraments

## Faith Focus

What do the sacraments do that brings us closer to Jesus?

## Faith Words

### sacraments

The sacraments are the seven special signs that make Jesus present to us and make us sharers in the life of the Holy Trinity.

### Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are the Sacraments of Initiation.

*On the top line write the name of one sacrament you have received. On the other lines write one thing about the sacrament.*



## Jesus Gives Us the Sacraments

Our Church celebrates the **sacraments**. There are seven sacraments. They are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Penance, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

Jesus gave us the sacraments. The sacraments make us sharers in the life of the Holy Trinity. God the Father invites us to give him praise and thanksgiving. Jesus helps us bring the good news of God's love to others. The Holy Spirit helps us become more like Jesus.



# Baptism

Baptism is one of the three **Sacraments of Initiation**. They are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Baptism is the first sacrament we receive. If we are baptized as an infant, our parents and godparents, or sponsors, ask the Church to baptize us. Our godparents promise to help our parents teach us about Jesus and how to live as Jesus taught.

## The Apostles

The Apostles were the disciples Jesus sent into the world to make disciples of all nations. Jesus gave the Apostles the work to baptize and to teach people all he had taught them.

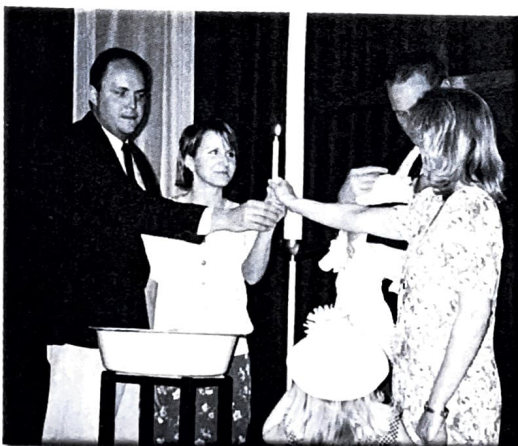
The priest, or deacon, uses water to baptize us. Through Baptism we are joined to Christ. We receive new life in Christ and are born into the Church family. Our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Pouring water to baptize

In Baptism, we are marked with a lasting sign, or character. We are followers of Christ forever. That is why we can be baptized only one time.

*Ask your family about your Baptism. If your family has your baptismal candle, use it at mealtime prayers this week.*



Anointing with chrism

Receiving a lighted baptismal candle

## confirmation

Confirmation completes and strengthens us to live our Baptism. Like Baptism, we can only receive this sacrament one time. In Confirmation, we are also marked with a permanent sign, or character.

Confirmation usually takes place at Mass. After the Gospel reading, the bishop, or the priest chosen by him, asks the candidates for Confirmation to renew their baptismal promises. He then extends his hands over all the candidates and prays, "Send your Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide."

Our sponsor, who can be one of our godparents, presents us to the bishop. The bishop lays his hand on our head and anoints us with the blessed oil of chrism, saying, "(Name), be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit strengthens us to bring Jesus to the world.

*Write a question about Confirmation. This week try to find the answer to your question.*

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## We Pray

### A Prayer of Meditation

*A meditation is a prayer in which we use our imagination. Follow these directions and pray a prayer of meditation.*

1. Close your eyes. Remember that the Holy Spirit lives within you.
2. Pretend you are sitting among a group of people on a mountainside listening to Jesus.
3. Listen as a reader reads Matthew 5:14–16.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn how to be a light in the world.
5. Make a decision to live as a follower of Jesus.

## We Remember

*Use the code to discover a message about the sacraments.*

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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### To Help You Remember

1. The sacraments make Jesus present to us in a special way.
2. Baptism joins us to Christ and to the Body of Christ, the Church.
3. Confirmation strengthens our Baptism and helps us live as Jesus' followers.