

Clothing with a white garment

Priest: N., you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

All :Amen.

The Lighted Candle

Priest: Receive the light of Christ.

A member of the family lights the candle from the Paschal candle.

Priest: Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He/she is to walk always as a child of the light. May he/she keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart. When the Lord comes, may he/she go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

Our Father

Priest: My dear brethren, this child has been reborn in baptism. He/she is now called the child of God, for so indeed he/she is. In Confirmation he/she will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion he/she will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his/her Father in the midst of the Church. In the name of this child, in the Spirit of our common sonship, let us pray together in the words our Lord has given us :

All : Our Father - - -

Blessing

A blessing for the mother

Priest: God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mother of this child. She thanks God for the gift of her child. May she be one with him/her in thanking him for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

A blessing for the father

Priest: God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May he bless the father of this child. He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be the best teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

A blessing for us all

Priest: By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may he continue to pour his blessings upon these sons and daughters of his. May he make them always, wherever they may be, faithful members of his holy people. May he send his peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: May almighty God, the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

All: Amen.

The Rite of Infant Baptism.

Reception of the Child

To the Parents

Priest: What name have you given your child?

Parents: Give the child's name.

Priest: What do you ask of God's Church for N. ?

Parents: **Baptism**

Priest : You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do.

To the Godparents

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

Godparents: We are.

Priest: N., the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of the cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead and invite your parents (and godparents) to do the same.

He signs the child on the forehead and invites parents and godparents to do the same.

Readings A passage from the Gospel is now read

Homily A Short homily is now given by the priest

The Bidding Prayers

Priest: My dear brethren, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on this child who is to be baptised, on his/her parents and on all baptised.

Reader: By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child in light, give him/her the new life of baptism and welcome him/her into your holy Church.

Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Through baptism and confirmation, make him/her your faithful follower and a witness to your Gospel. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Lead him/her by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom. Lord hear us.

All : Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Make the lives of his/her parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire this child. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Keep his/her family always in your love. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Reader: Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Prayers to the Saints

Priest: Holy Mary, Mother of God

All : Pray for us.

Priest: St. John the Baptist

All : Pray for us.

Priest: St. Joseph

All : Pray for us.

Priest: Sts Peter and Paul

All : Pray for us

Priest: St N. (*add child's saint's name*)

All : Pray for us.

Priest: All holy men and women

All : Pray for us.

Exorcism and Anointing

Priest: Almighty and ever-living God, you sent your only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness and bring him into the splendour of your kingdom of light. We pray for this child: set him/her free from original sin, make him/her a temple of your glory and send your Holy Spirit to dwell with him/her. Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen.

The priest anoints the child on the breast with the Oil of Catechumens.

Priest: We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour: may he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

At the Baptismal Font

Priest: My dear brethren, God uses the sacrament of water to give his divine life to those who believe in him Let us turn to him, and ask him to pour his gift of life from this font on this child he has chosen.

You have called your child N. to this cleansing water that he/she may share in the faith of your Church and have eternal life. By the mystery of this consecrated water lead him/her to a new spiritual birth. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Priest: Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present this child for baptism By water and the Holy Spirit he/she is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part you must make it your constant care to bring him/her up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him/her is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her heart. If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptised

Priest: Do you reject Satan? Priest:

Parents and Godparents: **I do**

Priest : And all his works?

Parents and Godparents: **I do**

Priest: And all his empty promises?

Parents and Godparents: **I do.**

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

Parents and Godparents: **I do.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

Parents and Godparents: **I 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: **I do.**

Priest: This is our faith. this is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Baptism

Priest: Is it your will that N. should be baptised in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents and Godparents: **It is.**

Priest: N., I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Anointing with Chrism

Priest: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of Salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing eternal life.

All: Amen.

The priest anoints the child on the crown of the head with sacred chrism.