

Having been Baptised, growth as a member of the Church and Parish family includes:

- Attendance at church
- Praying
- Reading the Bible
- Talking with the Clergy and others about your Faith
- Taking part in Parish activities

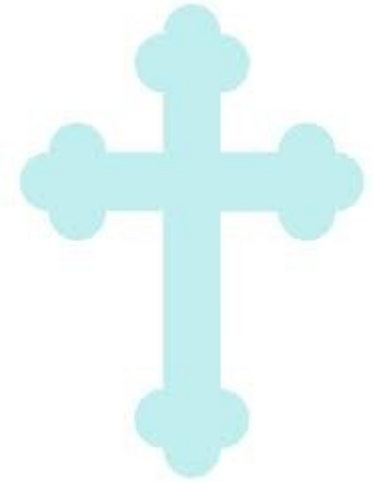
**The Lord
Bless you
and keep you
the Lord
make His face
to shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord
lift up
His countenance
upon you
and
Gave you
His peace**

Helpful information and resources may be obtained from Parish Clergy.



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Baptism



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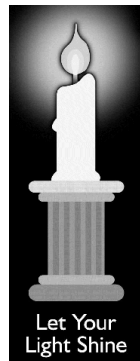
BAPTISM is a sign of God's love. Through Baptism God gives new life in Christ. That's not all that can be said about Baptism, of course, but it is an important aspect of it.

"Through Baptism God gives new life in Christ."

Those who are Baptised are received into the family of the Church, and called to live as disciples of Christ.

In Baptism we become members of the Church and of the Family of God. We are received and welcomed as:

- Fellow members of the body of Christ
- Children of the one Heavenly Father
- Inheritors of the Kingdom of God.



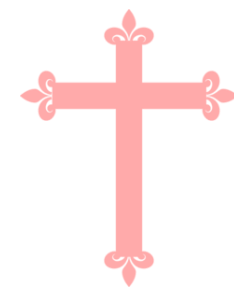
BAPTISM
A new beginning

The word "Baptise" comes from a Greek word which means to dip in water or to have water poured or sprinkled on a person. Water has many uses. It is cleansing, refreshing, life giving. In Baptism it is a symbol of being made new, of being cleansed.

In the early Church people were, and in some Churches still today are, totally immersed in water. They were, so to speak, "drowned" and then raised to being a new life in Christ.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, says the Lord and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness. a new heart I will give you, and an new spirit I Will put within you.

Ezekiel 36: 25 - 26



After Baptism, the sign of the cross is made on the forehead to show that those who are Baptised are marked as Christ's own for ever.

A lighted candle may then be given as a sign of belonging to Christ, who is the Light of World.

Baptism is a sacrament for God and to make it special

- Hold a party
- Have a special cake
- Take photos

Use the Baptismal candle near the cake on the day and also on the anniversary of your Baptism and on your birthday.

