

# PREPARING FOR *Holy Baptism*

## Welcome

We are so excited that you are considering baptism! Baptism is one of God's greatest gifts — where He personally delivers His promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We are honored to walk alongside you as you prepare for this important milestone in your life of faith.



## What Is Baptism?

In Holy Baptism, God Himself is at work. Through water and His Word, He adopts us as His beloved children, washes away our sins, unites us to Christ's death and resurrection, and grants us the gift of eternal life.

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." — Titus 3:5

"Baptism... now saves you through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." — 1 Peter 3:21

Baptism is not our commitment to God; it is His promise to us.

## WHY DO WE *baptize?*



Jesus commanded His Church to baptize all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). In baptism, God brings us into His family and gives us a new identity in Christ. This gift is for all people:

- Infants and young children, trusting God's promises even for the littlest ones (Mark 10:14)
- Youth and adults, receiving God's grace and confessing the faith

# What Happens in Baptism?

Through baptism, God:

- Forgives sins (Acts 2:38)
- Creates faith by the Holy Spirit (John 3:5-6)
- Unites us with Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:3-5)
- Brings us into His family, the Church (Galatians 3:26-27)

Baptism is a beginning — a lifelong journey of growing in faith, trusting in Christ daily.



## How to Prepare for Baptism

Before baptism, we invite you to:

- Meet with a pastor: To discuss the meaning of baptism, answer questions, and plan the day.
- Reflect on God's promises: Remember that baptism is God's action for you.
- Consider sponsors/godparents (optional): Especially for children, sponsors serve as faith mentors, promising to pray for and encourage the baptized.

**YOUR**  
*baptism*  
**DAY**



On the day of baptism:

- Arrive a few minutes early to meet with the pastor.
- Family, friends, and sponsors are warmly encouraged to participate.
- Celebrate joyfully as God's promises are poured out through water and the Word!

Photography is welcome after the service.

Scripture to reflect on:

- Matthew 28:19-20 — The Great Commission
- Titus 3:4-7 — The Washing of Rebirth
- Romans 6:3-5 — United with Christ
- 1 Peter 3:21 — Baptism Saves You
- Galatians 3:26-27 — Clothed in Christ

*Ready to Begin?*

We are thrilled to walk with you on this journey! Please complete our Baptism Request Form to start the process.

"We love because He first loved us."  
1 John 4:19

## Questions for Reflection

What gifts does God promise in baptism?

How does baptism shape my daily life in Christ?

How can I continue growing in faith after baptism?