

# Baptism

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# Meaning of Baptism.

To baptize means to “plunge: or “immerse”. The water symbolizes the catechumens burial into Christ’s death. Baptism is also known as “the washing of regeneration and renewal by the renewal by the Holy Spirit” for it signifies the opening of the gates of heaven.



# About Baptism and our gift of grace.

Baptism is the beginning of new life. Baptism is birth into new life in Christ. The fruit of Baptism, or the baptismal grace, is a reality which includes forgiveness all types of sin. "Peter replied, "Repent and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)



# About Baptism and our gift of grace (continued)



Baptism imprints on the soul a spiritual sign, character, which sanctify the baptized person for the Christian life. Baptism is for our salvation is for our relationship with God. The priest *pours water on the candidate's head while saying: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* The gift of Baptism is completed after those words.



# Relevance of Baptism

Is Baptism relevant in today's culture? Yes. Baptism is practiced in this time and age. But usually rites loses their significance. But Baptism has one important symbol.. Water. Symbols are what rites are usually made out of. But in order to keep the rite alive, we have to make the symbol understandable and easy to comprehend. Water is not as comprehensible as it was back then. To make Baptism alive, is to create more baptismal understandable symbols. But, to create more symbols, Baptism has to die and rise back again to create new symbols





# The Importance

Baptism is very important in our Christian life. Baptism cleanses us and purify us from our sins. Unfortunately, children have died and have not receive Baptism. *With respect to children who have died without Baptism, the liturgy of the Church invites us to trust in God's mercy and to pray for their salvation. (CCC 1283).* Although, God will strive to fulfill His will to people who have not received **B**aptism.



# The Importance (continued)

Jesus ordained or commanded Baptism which He thought would make an ongoing practice of the Church. Baptism is when we are in union with God. Which also means that we are in union with His passion. For some people, Baptism is a symbol of faith or an expression in being in the Christian faith/life. Baptism is important for the one important reason: Baptism shows identification with Christ.





## **White Clothing:**

White clothing signifies purity. Wearing white means that you will be purified into God's grace and symbolizes that the person who will get baptized will start clean life.



## **Baptismal Water:**

Water is a symbol of divine life. Water signifies the gift of grace that God has given us.





### **Baptismal Oil:**

Baptismal Oil strengthens the person's faith during Baptism. Baptismal Oil symbolizes the gifts from the Holy Spirit. Usually, holy oils are used when the Holy Spirit cleanse you.

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