

INFANT BAPTISM
February 14 at 9:45 Mass

OPENING RITES

Parents and Godparents are in the Gathering Space at places marked by a banner. Their Sponsor is with them.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Presider: Please join in singing the refrain to *(name of Opening Hymn)* which is found in your program. *All sing refrain.*

RECEPTION OF THE CHILD

Presider addresses the Family while standing in his usual position by the doors. This will encourage the parents to say the child's name loudly so that all can hear.

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you

Presider: WHAT NAME HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR CHILD?

Parents: *(say the name)*

Sponsors may ask the parents to hold up the child when saying the name.

Presider: What do you ask of God's Church for _____ ?

Parents: Baptism.

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

Parents: We do.

Presider: As Godparents are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

Godparents: We are.

Presider: _____, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of his cross. I now ask your parents and godparents to trace the cross on your forehead, and invite those around you to do the same.

Presider will also sign the child.

Pause to allow the signing to be completed.

Coordinator invites people to sing the processional song as they enter the church.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Procession is as at a normal Sunday Mass. The family goes to the place within the Assembly (along the side aisle) which have been saved for them.

OPENING PRAYER

From his chair, the Presider reads the Opening Prayer for the day from the Sacramentary.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

SECOND READING:

ALLELUIA:

GOSPEL:

HOMILY *The homily should be a little bit shorter than usual.*

It should take into account the Baptism, but it does not center on it.

INTERCESSIONS for Feb. 14 at 9:45

Have the Assembly remain seated.

Invite Parents & Godparents to move into the aisle near their seats.

The sponsor should give the Parents this cue if the Priest forgets, and stand in the aisle with them.

Presider: My dear brothers and sisters, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on this child who is to be baptized, on her parents and godparents, and on all the baptized.

Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Make the lives of her parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire this child. We pray:

Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us. We pray:

Fix our hearts on the blessings promised to those who trust in you alone. We pray:

Bless our Candidates – Hillary, Jim and John – with a faith that grows every single day of their journey. We pray:

Comfort the sick and the suffering, especially:

We pray:

Welcome our dearly departed home to you, especially:

and also Paul and Louise Bopp who we remember in a special way at this Mass. We pray:

For the prayers requested by our parish community as recorded in our prayer request book and in our hearts. We pray:

Presider: Gracious God, hear these prayers of your humble servants. We ask this through Christ, your Son, our Lord. **All:** Amen.

PRAYER OF EXORCISM AND ANOINTING BEFORE BAPTISM

Presider: 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 us from the kingdom of darkness,
and to bring us into the splendor of your kingdom of light.
We pray for this child:
set her free from original sin,
make her a temple of your glory,
and send your Holy Spirit to dwell with her.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*Assisting Minister hands the Oil of Catechumens to the Presider.
Sponsor should advise parents to loosen the child's garment around the neck.*

Presider (*going to the family in the aisle*):
We anoint you with the oil of salvation
in the name of Christ our Savior;
may he strengthen you with his power,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Choir (*after the anointing*):
Christ will be your strength
Learn to know and follow him.

Presider : Now I invite the Parents and Godparents to bring this child to the font of baptism, while we all sing the Litany of the Saints.

Sponsors can invite the baby's family to come back to the font also.

The Coordinator will direct the Family members to take their places behind the font (near the doors). Parents and Godparents will also stand behind the font. The Presider will stand in front of the font so that he will be able to address both the parents and the Assembly.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

CANTOR

Holy Mary, Mother of God.
Saint Michael.
Saint John the Baptist.
Saint Joseph.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul.
Saint James.
Saint Rita.
Saint Thomas.
Saint Christopher.
Saint David.
Saint Elizabeth.
Blessed Miriam.
All holy men and women.

ALL

Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.
Pray for us.

BLESSING AND INVOCATION OVER THE WATER

Presider: My brothers and sisters, we now ask God to give this child new life in abundance through water and the Holy Spirit.

(turning to the font)

Gracious God, you give us grace through sacramental signs,
which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power.

By the power of the Spirit
give to the water of this font the grace of your Son,
so that in the sacrament of baptism
all those whom you have created in your likeness
may be cleansed from sin
and rise to a new birth of innocence
by water and the Holy Spirit.

Presider *(touching the water):*

We ask you, Father, with your Son
to send the Holy Spirit upon the water of this font.
May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism
rise also with him to newness of life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Coordinator signals all to stand.

Presider: Dear parents and godparents:
You have come here to present this child for baptism.
By water and the Holy Spirit 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 her up in the practice of the faith.
See that the divine life which God gives her
is kept safe from the poison of sin,
to grow always stronger in her heart.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility,
renew now with all of those gathered here
the vows of your own baptism.

Presider: Do you reject Satan? **All:** I do.

Presider: And all his works? **All:** I do.

Presider: And all his empty promises? **All:** I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven
and earth? **All:** I do.

Presider: 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?
All: I do.

Presider: 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?
All: I do.

Presider: 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

Coordinator signals all to sit.

Presider: Is it your will that _____ should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

Parents and Godparents: It is.

Presider (*immersing or pouring water over the child three times*):

I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

One of the following responses is sung after the child is baptized. This will accompany movement into the next position.

Choir: You have put on Christ,
In Him you have been baptized.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

or

Choir: You have been baptized in Christ!
It is he that you have put on!
You who are washed in this water,
have hope of eternal life!

or

Choir: There is one Lord!
There is one Faith!
There is one Baptism,
One God who is Father!

Presider, Parents, Godparents & Sponsor move to their places in front of the font (where the tile meets the carpet).

ANOINTING AFTER BAPTISM

Presider: _____, 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 everlasting life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Assisting Minister hands the sacred chrism to the Presider, who anoints the child on the head.

CLOTHING WITH THE WHITE GARMENT

(The Sponsor will give the White Garment to the Godmother and cue her to place it on the child at the appropriate time.)

Presider: _____, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. **RECEIVE THIS WHITE GARMENT.** It is 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.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

The Godmother places the white garment on the child.

Presider: **And now let us all welcome this new member of our community.**
Applause.

All return to their seats, except for Family members who are to bring up the gifts who stay back with the Coordinator.

OFFERTORY SONG

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer follows our usual Sunday format. (Note to musicians and planners: Please do not schedule a Communion Meditation when we have Infant Baptisms.)

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: *from the Sacramentary*

The Presider invites the Parents and Godmother to come forward to the Altar where, in the fullness of time, this child will come to share in the Lord's Banquet.

They should face the Assembly

and the Presider will stand in front of them in the center aisle.

The Godfather and Coordinator should be by the Baptismal Font and should already have the candle lighted. (note: during the Easter Season, the candle will be by the Lectern)

LIGHTED CANDLE

Presider: *Will the Godfather please bring forward the Baptismal Candle. (Godfather comes forward. When he has reached the front, continue..)*

Receive the light of Christ!

(The Godfather hands the candle to the parents.)

Parents and godparents,
this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.

This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ.
She is to walk always as a child of the light.
May she keep the flame of faith alive in her heart.
When the Lord comes, may she go out to meet him
with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Presider (*invites the Assembly to extend their hands during the blessing*)

May God the almighty Father,
who filled the world with joy by giving us his only son,
bless this newly-baptized child.
May she grow to be more fully like Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Presider: May almighty God,
who gives life on earth and in heaven,
bless the parents of this child.
They thank him now for the gift he has given them.
May they always show that gratitude in action
by loving and caring for her.

All: Amen.

Presider: May God, who loves all people,
bless these godparents
and all the relatives and friends of _____ who are gathered here.
In his mercy, may he guard them from evil
and give them his abundant peace.

All: Amen.

Presider: And may almighty God, bless you, the Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider or Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

*Parents, Godparents and Sponsor join the final procession, led by the
Crossbearer and Lector, Priest and Altar Servers.*