

# THE RITE OF BAPTISM



## RECEPTION OF THE CHILD

**Priest:** What name have you given your child?

**Parents:** Theodore Joseph

**Priest:** What do you ask of God's Church for Theodore Joseph?

**Parents:** Baptism

**Priest:** Mother and Father, you have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him to be Catholic and to follow God's commandments. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

**Mother & Father:** I do.

**Priest:** Godparents, are you ready to help Mother and Father in their duty as Christian parents?

**Godparents:** We are

**Priest:** Theodore Joseph, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. I now trace the cross on your forehead and invite your parents and godparents and all here present to do the same.

*Everyone makes a cross on baby's head*

## THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

You have called Theodore Joseph to this cleansing water and new birth that by sharing the faith of your Church he might have eternal life. Bless this water in which he will be baptised. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

AMEN

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and Godparents and other witnesses, in order to accept this responsibility, you must now renew the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; and profess your faith in Christ Jesus.

**Priest:** Do you reject Satan?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** And all his works?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** And all his empty promises?

**All:** I do

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

**All:** I do

**Priest:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, and the communion of saints?

**All:** I do

**Priest:** Mother and Father, and Godparents is it your will that Theodore Joseph should be baptised in the faith of the Church, which you have all professed?

**Parents & Godparents:** It is

## BAPTISM

*The Priest pretends to pour water over baby's head as he says these words.*

**Priest:** Theodore Joseph, I baptise you  
❖  
in the name of the Father  
❖  
and of the Son  
❖  
and of the Holy Spirit

AMEN



## ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

*The Priest anoints Baby on the crown of his head with the sacred 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.

AMEN



## RECEPTION OF THE WHITE GARMENT

*Helper puts white garment on baby.*

**Priest:**

Theodore Joseph, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity.



AMEN

## LIGHTED CANDLE

*Godfather lights Baby's candle from the Easter 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 is to walk always as a child of the light. May he keep the flame of faith alive in his heart.



AMEN

## CONCLUSION OF THE RITE

**Priest:**

Theodore Joseph has been reborn in baptism. Let us pray together the words our Lord has given us:

**All:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.

AMEN