

ADULT BAPTISM

(Outside the Easter Vigil)

*The **Priest** welcomes the candidate and godparents at the door of the church and ask the preliminary questions'*

Priest: What is your name?

Candidate

Priest: What do you want to become?

Candidate: A Catholic Christian

Priest: Why do you want to become a Christian?

Candidate: Because I believe in Christ

Priest: What do you gain by believing in Christ?

Candidate: Eternal Life

Signing with sign of the Cross

NN I claim you for Christ Our Saviour by tracing the sign of the cross of your forehead and invite you sponsor to do the same.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Readings from Scripture are read followed by a short homily)

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Dearly beloved, with one heart and one soul, let us by our prayers come to the aid of our sister in her blessed hope, so that, as she approaches the font of rebirth, the almighty Father may bestow on her all his merciful help.

Litany

Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **R. Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God, **R. pray for us.**
Saint Michael,
Holy Angels of God,
Saint John the Baptist,
Saint Joseph,
Saint Peter and Saint Paul,
Saint Andrew,
Saint John,
Saint Mary Magdalene,
Saint Stephen,
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Saint Lawrence,
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity,

Saint Agnes,
Saint Gregory,
Saint Augustine,
Saint Athanasius,
Saint Basil,
Saint Martin,
Saint Benedict,
Saint Francis and Saint Dominic,
Saint Francis Xavier,
Saint John Vianney,
Saint Catherine of Siena,
(Other Saints)
All holy men and women, Saints of God,

Lord, be merciful, **R. Lord, deliver us, we pray**
From all evil,
From every sin,
From everlasting death,
By your Incarnation,
By your Death and Resurrection,
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
Be merciful to us sinners, **R. Lord, we ask you,**
hear our prayer.

The Priest says:

Bring this chosen One to new birth through the grace of Baptism,

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

The Priest says:

Almighty ever-living God, be present by the mysteries of your great love and send forth the spirit of adoption to create the new peoples brought to birth for you in the font of Baptism, so that what is to be carried out by our humble service may be brought to fulfilment by your mighty power. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

(Water is already blessed at the Easter Vigil so I say a prayer over it.)

The prayer over the water (other Book)

Renunciation of Sin

Using one of the following formularies, the priest questions the candidate

- Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children? **I do.**
- Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? **I do.**
- Do you reject Satan, father of sin, and prince of darkness? **I do.**

The candidate may now be anointed on the hands with the Oil of Catechumens.

We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour. May he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever?

R. Amen.

Profession of Faith

N., do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

Candidate: I do.

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?

Candidate: I do.

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 the life everlasting?

Candidate: I do.

BAPTISM

The priest baptizes each candidate either by immersion or by the pouring of water.

N., I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Clothing with a Baptismal Garment

The newly baptised receives a white garment.

N. and N., you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. Receive this baptismal garment and bring it unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that you may have everlasting life.

R. Amen.

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

Godparents, please come forward to give to the newly baptized the light of Christ.

The godparent of the one baptized lights a candle from the paschal candle and presents it to the newly baptized.

You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as A CHILD of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom?

R. Amen.

CONFIRMATION

The newly baptized adult with her godparents stand before the priest as he addresses them.

My dear candidate for confirmation, by your baptism you have been born again in Christ and you have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptized.

The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be witnesses to his suffering, death, and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be a more active member of

the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

The priest now addresses the assembly.

My dear friends, let us pray to God our Father, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit on this candidates for confirmation to strengthen her with his gifts and anoint her to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

Laying on of Hands

The priest holds his hands outstretched over the person to be confirmed and says the following prayer:

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you feed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon her to be her helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Anointing with Chrism

The godparent places his/her right hand on the shoulder of the candidate. The minister of the sacrament dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed as he says:

Priest: Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Priest: Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your spirit.

Final Blessing

PRIEST:

By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In his goodness, may he continue to pour out his

blessings upon these sons and daughters of his? May he make them always, wherever they may be, faithful members of his holy people? May he send his peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ Jesus our Lord?

ALL: Amen.

Celebrant: May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

ALL: Amen