

WHAT IS BAPTISM? Baptism is one of the seven Sacraments of the Church. It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation. By water and the Holy Spirit, a person is baptized and reborn in Christ. This Sacrament frees us from sin to live the life of grace in the context of the Catholic Church.

BAPTISMAL NAME The baptismal name is the name given at baptism, usually a saint's name or another Christian name. This is the first question asked of the parents in the Rite of Baptism. The name given to the child is a lifelong blessing from the parents.

BAPTISMAL PROMISES The baptismal promises are spoken by the parents and godparents in the name of the child. This consists of a threefold renunciation of sin and a threefold profession of faith (based on the Apostles' Creed). These are renewed by all Catholics every year on Easter Sunday.

BAPTISMAL STOLE The baptismal stole is a white garment which reflects the dignity of the newly-baptized. By this garment, one is "clothed in Christ" to reflect the new life received in Christ. The stole is placed by one of the godparents.

BAPTISMAL CANDLE The baptismal candle is the sign that one has received the light of Christ in baptism. The candle is lighted from the Paschal (Easter) Candle, which is the symbol of the Risen Christ. It shows our own participation in Christ's resurrection by virtue of our baptism.

SACRED CHRISM Sacred Chrism is a consecrated mixture of olive oil and balsam, blessed by the Bishop and used in baptism to anoint the child "Priest, Prophet and King." This symbolizes a share in Christ's Messianic mission. The child is anointed with this oil on the crown of the head.

GODPARENTS Godparents are the baptismal sponsors of a child who, along with the parents, make promises for the child and assume a responsibility for the faith formation of the child. This creates a lifelong spiritual relationship between the baptized and the Godparents. One sponsor must be a baptized, practicing Catholic. The other must be a baptized Christian.

STIPEND A free will offering is customary to both the parish and to the priest.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

BABY'S FULL NAME _____

MALE _____ FEMALE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____
(City and State)

FATHER'S FULL NAME _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER (HOME) _____

(WORK) _____

GODPARENT'S NAME _____

IS THIS 1ST BAPTISM? _____

HAD BAPTISMAL PREPARATION BEFORE? _____

IF SO, WHERE? _____

ARE YOU A PARISHIONER? _____

SCHEDULED DATE _____

SCHEDULED TIME _____