

Transformation of Life

Titus 2:11- 3:7

New Testament Story Time

Have you ever witnessed a baptism? If you have, what did you see? Water? Holy Oils? A candle? A priest? A family or the person being baptized? Maybe a shell?



What did you hear? Prayers? Water splashing? Maybe a baby crying?

What did you smell? Incense? Holy oil?

There are many things that we can experience with our senses during a baptism, but did you know that when someone is baptized, things happen that we cannot see, hear, or smell?

We call baptism a Mystery because through it, the Holy Spirit fills us with grace and sets us apart.



God doesn't want us to get baptized and then live our lives like the rest of the world. He wants us to be radically different from our non-Christian peers. He wants us to live virtuous lives that eventually lead us to Heaven.

But God knows we cannot do this on our own, so through His Mysteries, He fills us with grace. This makes it possible for us to make good choices, resist temptation, and live holy lives.

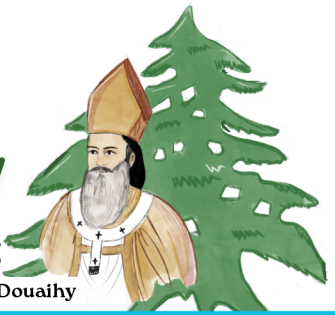
Even with this grace, it is important to pray each day to ask for help remembering to make good and virtuous choices. One prayer we can say each morning is the Morning Offering. Here is a short version (teachingcatholickids.com):



*Thank you, God, for giving us this day;
help us to be like Jesus in all we think, do, and say.
Amen.*

Answers: Plant is missing, John the Baptist's sandal strap is missing, Angel wing is missing, dove is missing feathers, extra ripple in water.

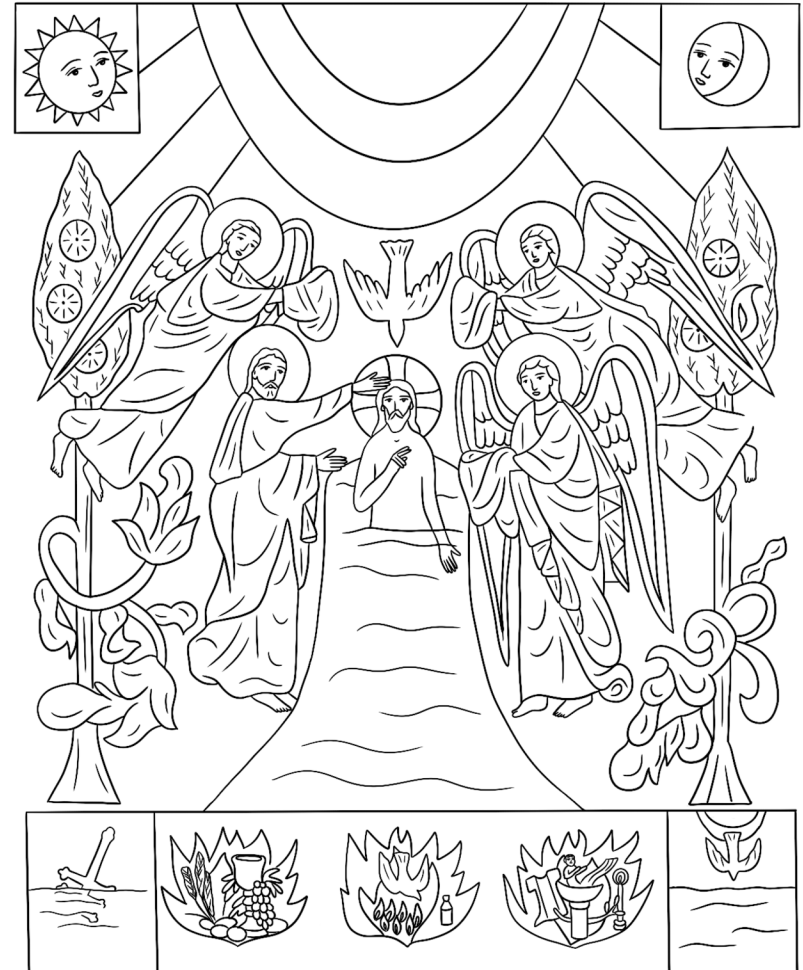
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**You came as the Light who enlightened all the world
and brought back the people who were lost in sin.
You revealed the Trinity.**

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Gospel Corner

Luke
3:15-22

What do you want to do when you grow up?
Have people asked you this question before?
Have you thought about what you might like to do when you are older?



As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, we encounter Jesus when he was 30 years old. For the first few years of Jesus' adult life he lived as a carpenter, probably learning from his foster-father, Saint Joseph. But when Jesus was ready to begin his true mission in this world, he went to John at the Jordan River to be baptized.



Now John was performing a baptism of repentance, meaning people came to him when they recognized their sins and were seeking forgiveness and to begin a new life following God's commandments.

Jesus, who is God, did not need forgiveness. He went to be baptized to sanctify the waters of baptism for us, and this was the beginning of his public ministry. Jesus was now ready for his ultimate mission in this world - to preach to the people, to cure illnesses, and eventually to die and rise from the dead. He went before all the people to testify to his purpose on earth.

When God created each one of us, He did so with a purpose and mission for our lives. Through our baptism, we become children of God and receive His grace to listen to what His plan is for us. When we seek to do God's will in our life, we find great joy and fulfillment.

Remember to always ask God for guidance and wisdom in all that you do, and be open to trust His plan for you.



Did you know?

SACRED OILS used in BAPTISM

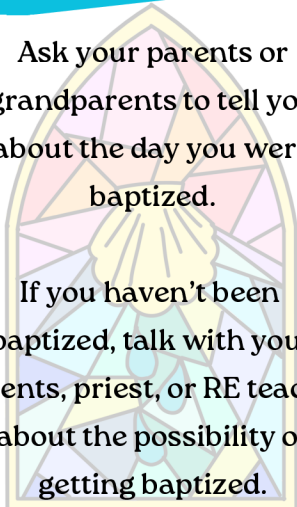


In the Mystery of Baptism, the ritual includes the use of water, oil, a white garment, and a candle. These items signifying cleansing, anointing, new life, and Christ's light. The oils used were consecrated by the Bishop during Holy Week and then distributed to the parishes. The two oils used during baptism are called the Oil of the Catechumens and the Holy Chrism, also called the Holy Myron.

What you can do

Ask your parents or grandparents to tell you about the day you were baptized.

If you haven't been baptized, talk with your parents, priest, or RE teacher about the possibility of getting baptized.



Spot the Difference

Find five differences between the images of Jesus' baptism.

