The priest then blesses the father:

Priest: God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May he bless the father of this child. He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

All: **Amen**.

Lastly the priest blesses the assembled congregation:

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 all present, who are his sons and daughters. 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**.

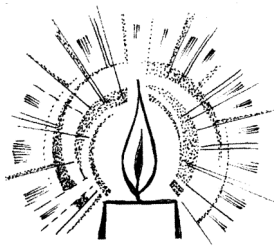
Dismissal

Priest: May almighty God bless you all,
the Father, and the Son,
✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**.

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God**.



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Revised ESV Readings

THE RITE OF BAPTISM

of one child

Catholic Church of
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RITE OF BAPTISM OUTSIDE MASS

RECEPTION OF THE CHILD

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

All: **Amen**.

Priest: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you**.

The priest questions the parents of the child, in these or similar words:

Priest: What name have your given your child?

Parents: **N**.

Priest: What do you ask of God's Church for N?

Parents: **Baptism**.

The priest says to the parents:

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

Parents: **We do**.

The priest says to the godparents:

Priest: Godparents, are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian mothers and fathers?

The godparents reply: **We are**.

The priest now says to the child:

Priest: N, the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross.

CONCLUSION OF THE RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He/she is now called the child of God, for so indeed he/she is. In confirmation he/she will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In holy communion he/she will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his/her Father in the midst of the Church. In the name of this child, in the spirit of adopted children, let us pray together in 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.

Blessings

The priest now blesses the mother, who holds her child in her arms:

Priest: God the Father, through his Son, the Virgin Mary's child, has brought joy to all Christian mothers, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children. May he bless the mother of this child. She now thanks God for the gift of her child. May she be one with him/her in thanking God forever in heaven, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

All: **Amen**.

EXPLANATORY RITES

Anointing with Sacred Chrism

Priest: The God of power and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, and brought you to new life through water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that, united with his people, you may remain for ever a member of Christ, who is Priest, Prophet, and King.

All: **Amen**.

The priest anoints the child on the crown of the head with the Sacred Chrism, in silence.

Clothing with a White Garment

Priest: N, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment 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.

All: **Amen**.

The Lighted Candle

A Baptismal Candle is lit from the burning Easter Candle and then given to one of the parents or godparents to hold on the child's behalf.

Priest: Receive the light of Christ.

Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child has been enlightened by Christ. He/She is to walk always as a child of the light. May he/she keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart. When the Lord comes, may he/she go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents and godparents to do the same.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

All listen attentively to the scripture passages which are read. These tell us of what God has revealed to us about baptism, and of the new life—a share in God's life—that is to be given to the child.

First Reading

One of the following New Testament passages is read.

1. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (6:3–5)

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Reader: This word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**.

2. A reading from the first letter of St John (3:1–2)

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**.

3. A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:12–13)

Brothers and Sisters; Just as the body is one and has many members, and all members of the body, though many, are one body, so it with Christ. For in on Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews and Greeks, slaves or free– and all were made to drink of one Spirit. *Go to the bottom of the page*.

4. A reading from the first letter of St Peter (2: 4–5, 9–10)

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a hold nation, a people for his own possession, that you may o proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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5. A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (3:14–19)

Brothers and Sisters; I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through the Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpassed knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God**.

Priest: 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?

Parents and Godparents: **I do**.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

Parents and Godparents: **I do**.

Priest: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
All: **Amen**.

The Baptism

The priest invites the family to the font and questions the parents and godparents:

Priest: Is it your will that N should be baptised in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

The parents and godparents reply: **It is**.

The priest baptises the child, saying:

Priest: N, I baptise you in the name of the Father,

He pours water upon the child.

and of the Son,

He pours water upon the child a second time.

and of the Holy Spirit.

He pours water upon the child a third time.

Renunciation of Sin

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

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptised.

The priest questions the parents and godparents:

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

Parents and Godparents: **I do**.

Priest: Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

Parents and Godparents: **I do**.

Priest: Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

Parents and Godparents: **I do**.

Profession of Faith

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

Parents and Godparents: **I do**.

Responsorial Psalm

Please repeat the response after the reader, and after each verse of Psalm 22 (23).

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

All respond: **The Lord is my shepherd;**
there is nothing I shall want.

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. *Response*

Reader: He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.
Response

Reader: You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *Response*

Reader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
l In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending *Response*

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

One of the following acclamations is said:

1. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world says the Lord. The one who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!
2. Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!
3. Alleluia, alleluia! "Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Note: *In Lent,* 'Alleluia' *is replaced by* 'Glory and praise to you, O Christ.'

Gospel Reading

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you**.

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to St N.
All: **Glory to you, Lord**.

One of the following gospel passages is read:

1. John 3:1–6
There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? "Jesus

Prayers of invocation

Priest: Father, God of mercy, through these waters of baptism you have filled us with new life as your very own children.
All: **Blessed be God**.

Priest: From all who are baptised in water and the Holy Spirit you have formed one people, united in your Son, Jesus Christ.
All: **Blessed be God**.

Priest: You have set us free and filled our hearts with the Spirit of your love, that we may live in your peace.
All: **Blessed be God**.

Priest: You call those who have been baptised to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.
All: **Blessed be God**.

Blessing of the baptismal water

Priest: You have called your child, N, to this cleansing water and new birth that by sharing the faith of your Church he/she might have eternal life. Bless ✠ this water in which he/she will be baptised. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen**.

If the water has already been blessed, the Priest says instead:

Priest: You have called your child, N, to this cleansing water that he/she may share in the faith of your Church and have eternal life. By the mystery of this consecrated water lead him/her to a new and spiritual birth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen**.

PREPARATORY RITES

Prayer of Exorcism

Priest: Almighty and ever-living God, you sent your only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to deliver us from the kingdom of darkness, and bring us into the splendour of your kingdom of light. We pray for this child: set him/her free from original sin, make him/her a temple of your glory, and send your Holy Spirit to dwell within him/her. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**.

Anointing

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen**.

The priest anoints the child on the breast with the Oil of Catechumens, to strengthen it with the power of Christ.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

At the font the Priest reminds those present of the wonderful work of God, whose plan it is to sanctify us, body and soul, through water. He may use these or similar words:

Priest: My dear people, God uses the sacrament of water to give his divine life to those who believe in him. Let us turn to him, and ask him to pour his gift of life from this font on this child he has chosen.

answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

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2. Matthew 28:18–20

Jesus said to the eleven disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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3. Mark 1:9–11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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4. Mark 10:13–16

At that time: They were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.' And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**.

Homily

A short homily or instruction is now given, at the end of which the Priest may invite those present to pray silently for a short time.

Bidding Prayers

The intercessions follow, with these or similar invocations:

Priest: My dear people, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ to look lovingly on this child who is to be baptised, on his/her parents and godparents, and on all the baptised.

Reader: By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child in light, give him/her the new life of baptism and welcome him/her into your holy Church. We pray:
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Reader: Through baptism and confirmation, make him/her your faithful follower and a witness to your gospel. We pray:
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Reader: Lead him/her by a holy life to the joys of God's kingdom. We pray:
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Reader: Make the lives of his/her parents and godparents examples of faith to inspire this child. We pray:
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Reader: Keep his/her family always in your love. We pray:
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Reader: Renew the grace of our baptism in each one of us. We pray:
All: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

Invocation of the Saints

Priest: Holy Mary, Mother of God:
All: **Pray for us**.

Priest: St John the Baptist:
All: **Pray for us**.

Priest: St Joseph:
All: **Pray for us**.

Priest: St Peter and St Paul:
All: **Pray for us**.

Priest: St Gerard Majella:
All: **Pray for us**.

Here he may add the names of other patron saints, e.g. those of the child and of the place:

Priest: Saint N:
All: **Pray for us**.

Priest: All holy men and women:
All: **Pray for us**.