



GOD'S SAVING LOVE FOR US: SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: BAPTISM

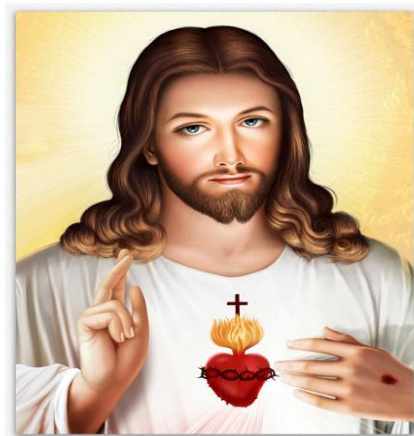
OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we entrust our family to You and ask for Your blessing and protection.

We love You Lord Jesus with all our hearts, and we ask that You help our family to become more like the Holy Family.

Help us to be kind, loving, and patient with one another.

Give us all the grace we need to become saints and Your faithful disciples. Amen.



Why do we need sacraments?



Sacraments give us grace,
which is *God's life!*

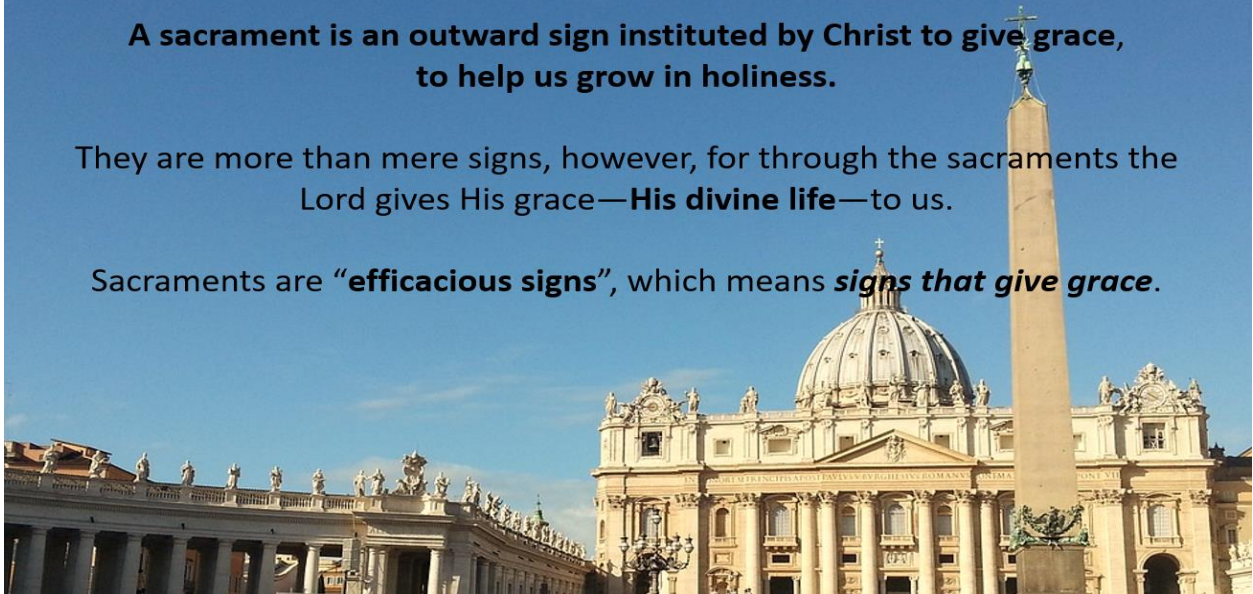
Grace gives us the power to
love like God loves!



A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace,
to help us grow in holiness.

They are more than mere signs, however, for through the sacraments the
Lord gives His grace—**His divine life**—to us.

Sacraments are “**efficacious signs**”, which means *signs that give grace*.



WATCH



God's Grace - Fun and Simple Explanation!
[TheoMatters](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PW3galmbg)

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Bite Size Catholic: What is Grace?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noVGT6MdN7k>

But why do we need grace?



The Gospel Project for Kids: Sin Entered the World

<https://youtu.be/D7LZnMHYrmY>


What changed when Adam and Eve sinned?



Ever since our first parents, Adam and Eve, sinned, all people (with the exception of Jesus and Mary) became sinners (Rom 5:12, 19), because we inherited the stain or wound of Original Sin in our souls.

Sin separated our first parents, their children and all their descendants, including us, from God.

God the Father promised a rescuer would come and save us from our sins and from the consequence of eternal death, and that is exactly what happened. Jesus, the divine Son of God, came, and suffered, died, and rose from the dead for us. He is our rescuer. He opened the gates of Heaven to save us from eternal death and give us the possibility of eternal life with God.



Jesus gave us our Catholic Church and the Seven Sacraments, so that He would remain with us, giving us His mercy and grace through the Holy Spirit to wash us of Original Sin and forgive our personal sins to keep us growing closer and closer to God.

- On November 1st, All Saints Day, we celebrate and show God that we are grateful for the saints who are in Heaven and for all the help they give us. Say a prayer to the saint with whose name you were baptized, asking him/her to pray for you.

FAMILY SHARING

Share a photo/picture of the loved one(s) for whom you will be praying for during *All Souls Day*, which is celebrated on November 2nd.

Share about who the person is, and why he/she is important to your family.

Was that special person named after a saint? Who is that saint?

Do you have a favorite saint?
Why is that saint your favorite?

Are you named after a saint?
Who is that saint?



CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the precious gift of Baptism, by which You have claimed us as Your own, so that we can publicly declare our love for You and witness to Your love.

Lord, we ask for Your goodness and blessings to be poured out on us, Your faithful servants.

We pray that You would work deeply within our hearts and souls to renew and refresh us each day.

Come guide our footsteps, give us a hope and a vision for the future.

Father, through Your Son Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, cover and protect us now, encircle us with Your promises and fill our hearts with joy. Amen.



SUPPORTING QUOTES FROM CHURCH DOCUMENTS

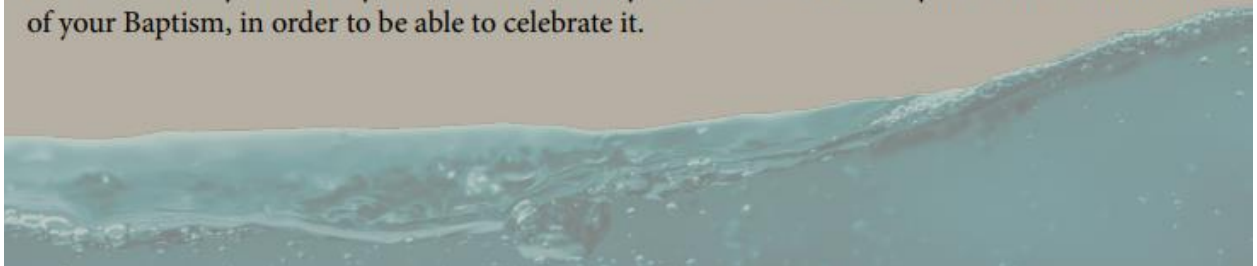
Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 389 & 1213:

389: The doctrine of original sin is, so to speak, the “reverse side” of the Good News that Jesus is the Savior of all men, that all need salvation, and that salvation is offered to all through Christ. The Church, which has the mind of Christ, knows very well that we cannot tamper with the revelation of original sin without undermining the mystery of Christ.

1213: Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: “Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water and in the word.”

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address* (January 8, 2023):

I renew to all of you — and first of all to myself — the invitation to celebrate the date on which we were baptized, that is, on which we became Christians. I ask you: do any of you know the date of your own Baptism? Some of you certainly do not know. Ask your parents, your relatives, your godparents: what is the date of my Baptism? And then, every year, celebrate that date, because it is a new birthday, a birthday of faith. This is today’s task, for each one of you: to find out the date of your Baptism, in order to be able to celebrate it.



SACRED SCRIPTURE
MT 28:19-20;
ACTS 2:38;
ROM 6:3-4

REFERENCES:

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
no. 1213

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| nos. 385- 421 | nos. 1113- 34, 1145- 55, 1213- 84 | nos. 1846- 76, 1987- 2029 | nos. 2565, 2655, 2725, 2769, 2776, 2779- 85 |

Original Sin

Original Sin may be taken to mean: (1) the sin that our first parents, Adam & Eve, committed; (2) a consequence of this first sin, the fallen state and lack of grace (deprivation of original holiness and justice) in which we are born on account of our origin or descent from Adam. Generally, we refer to the latter meaning when talking about Original Sin: “a sin ‘contracted’ and not ‘committed’—a state and not an act” (see CCC, nos. 404, 416-417)

Concupiscence

“Concupiscence” refers to the inclination to sin that is a consequence of Original Sin and remains with us even after we are baptized. While our human nature is wounded by Original Sin, it is not completely corrupted. However, we need the life of Christ’s grace which comes in the Sacrament of Baptism. (CCC, no. 405)

The Seven Sacraments

“The sacraments, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, are efficacious signs of grace perceptible to the senses. Through them divine life is bestowed upon us” (Compendium of the CCC, no. 224). “Sacraments are ‘powers that come forth’ from the Body of Christ They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in his Body, the Church. They are ‘the masterworks of God’ in the new and everlasting covenant” (CCC, no. 1116). Every sacrament is made up of words, actions, and physical signs (see CCC 1084). These make up the liturgical rites or rituals of the sacramental celebration.

Sacrament of Baptism

The essential rite of the Sacrament of Baptism consists of the following signs (the key words, actions, and physical signs—also traditionally described as the matter [physical signs + gestures] and form [words + intention] of the sacrament): immersion in the baptismal water three times or, more commonly, the pouring of the water three times over the person’s head, while the minister (ordinarily a priest or deacon) says the words (in the Latin Church): “[Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (CCC, nos. 1239-40). There are additional signs and prayers that occur in the celebration of Baptism as well, including the prayer of exorcism and the anointing with the oil of catechumens (signifying freedom from sin and the devil), the confession of faith, and the consecration of the baptismal water before the rite of baptism, followed by the anointing with sacred chrism (pointing to the gift of the Holy Spirit and incorporation into Christ), the wearing of the white garment (having “put on Christ”), and the reception of the baptismal candle lit from the Easter candle (Christ is our light and in Him we are the “light of the world”). (See CCC, nos. 1234-43.)



November

DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS

All Saints' Day 1 November

All Souls' Day 2 November

St. Martin de Porres 3 November

St. Leo the Great 10 November

St. Martin of Tours 11 November

St. Elizabeth 17 November

St. Cecilia 22 November

American Thanksgiving 23 November

Christ The King 26 November

St. Andrew 30 November



November

2023



Dedicated To The Holy Souls In Purgatory

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1  <small>All Saints' Day Holy Day Of Obligation</small> | 2 <small>All Souls' Day</small> | 3 <small>St. Martin de Porres</small> | 4 |
| 5  <small>Daylight Saving Time Ends</small> | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <small>St. Leo the Great</small> | 11 <small>Veterans Day St. Martin of Tours</small> |
| 12  | 13 <small>St. Frances Cabrini</small> | 14 | 15 | 16 <small>St. Margaret of Scotland</small> | 17 <small>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</small> | 18 <small>St. Rose Philippine Duchesne</small> |
| 19  | 20 | 21 | 22 <small>St. Cecilia</small> | 23 <small>Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro Thanksgiving Day</small> | 24 | 25 |
| 26  <small>Christ the King</small> | 27 <small>Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal</small> | 28 <small>Our Lady of Kibeho</small> | 29 | 30 <small>St. Andrew</small> | | |

All you holy men and women, pray for us.



Saint Joseph, Saint Agatha Kim A-gi, Saint Charles Lwanga, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
Saint Joan of Arc, Saint Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero, Saint Mary MacKillop, Saint
Thomas the Apostle

This is your printable candle wrap. Print this onto regular paper (cardstock is harder to wrap). Cut this out around the outside rectangle. Wrap this around one of those tall skinny religious candles in a glass jar. Hold into place with a few pieces of tape. Don't glue it as this will be switched out each month to a new seasonal candle wrap. *Don't do anything that would create a fire hazard with this paper.*

November is dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed. On this candle you can write in the names of your own dearly departed loved ones on the hearts and light the candle when you pray for them this month.





IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

give thanks

FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD
FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



NOVEMBER

LITANY OF SAINTS

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| 1 St. Jerome Hermosilla, pray for us | 16 St. Gertrude the Great, pray for us |
| 2 St. Maura, pray for us | 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us |
| 3 St. Martin de Porres, pray for us | 18 Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, pray for us |
| 4 St. Charles Borromeo, pray for us | 19 St. Hilda of Whitby, pray for us |
| 5 St. Elizabeth & Zechariah, pray for us | 20 St. Edmund the Martyr, pray for us |
| 6 St. Illtud the Knight, pray for us | 21 St. Albert of Louvain, pray for us |
| 7 St. Willibrord, pray for us | 22 St. Cecilia, pray for us |
| 8 St. Castorius, pray for us | 23 Blessed Miguel Agustin, pray for us |
| 9 St. Theodore Tyro, pray for us | 24 St. Andrew Dun-Lac, pray for us |
| 10 St. Leo the Great, pray for us | 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us |
| 11 St. Martin of Tours, pray for us | 26 St. Conrad of Constance, pray for us |
| 12 St. Nilus of Sinai, pray for us | 27 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, pray for us |
| 13 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, pray for us | 28 Our Lady of Kibeho, pray for us |
| 14 St. Lawrence O'Toole, pray for us | 29 Our Lady of the Golden Heart, pray for us |
| 15 St. Albert the Great, pray for us | 30 St. Andrew, pray for us |



ALL YOU SAINTS AND ANGELS,
PRAY FOR US. AMEN.