

FAITH @ HOME

Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9
Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

[Full Readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the reading. If you don't have a Bible, you can [find the Gospel reading here](#).



Watch:

[Proclamation of the Gospel](#)
[Short Reflection on the Gospel](#)
[Video for Children](#)

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home. Use #LACatholicsBelieve and tag @LACatholics on social media.

2. TALK

- Find pictures, certificate, candle(s) from different Family Baptisms - bring those items to this Family Time.
- All those who remember the Baptism - share with the rest of the Family about that experience.
 - Name the person who was baptized
 - If you know the Baptism Date - state it
 - What was your favorite memory of that baptism? Share with the person who was being baptized (tell the stories of the day).
 - Tell the person who was baptized why you felt it was important that they be baptized.

3. PRAY

We invite you to do a prayer ritual around renewing your Baptismal Promises. What you will need:

Baptismal Candle - if you have one (or any candle)

Bowl & Holy Water - find a bowl and fill with regular water. It becomes Holy Water when you add some drops of Holy Water that you might have at home. You can also pick up Holy Water at the parish. Place the Candle and Bowl of Holy Water in the center of the Family. Gather the family around the water.

Baptism Pictures

Select a Leader

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PRAY (CONT'D)

Begin Prayer Ritual

- Create your prayer space with a Candle, the family Baptism Pictures and Holy Water in the Center.
- Gather the family around the prayer space
- Begin by lighting the candle and praying this Opening Prayer (led by a family member):

Oh God, whose Son was baptized in the waters of the Jordan River by John, bless our family and help us to remember our baptism and our call to share with others the hope that Jesus brings to the World.

All respond: Amen

- Invite family members to come to the Bowl of Holy Water - two by two. Have each member dip their fingers in the Holy Water and make the sign of the cross on the other person's forehead. After the first person does this, the 2nd person does the same. After they have blessed each other - they bless themselves with the Holy Water - making the sign of the cross and saying "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." They return to the circle and the next two family members come forward. This is done until all have blessed each other and then themselves.

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- One Family member is the Leader for the **Renewal of the Baptismal Promises**. They read each question aloud and after each one, all the family members respond together in one loud voice: **YES!** Now remember, when answering each question, think about the great love of God for all of us and say your "yes" with all your heart.

Do you want to be always close to Jesus, your friend?

Will you do your best, with the help of God, to be good at all times?

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth?

Do you believe in Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary?

Do you believe that He died on the Cross for us, rose from the Dead and is with God the Father in Heaven?

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 life everlasting?

Leader says:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All respond: Amen

- **Closing Prayer**

Leader: *And may almighty God the Father, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keeps us in his grace, by his Son, Jesus our Lord,*