



BAPTISM:

The gift of a lifetime



Whether or not you are currently preparing a child for Baptism, it is great to revisit this wonderful gift. Baptism is the first **intentional** step in any Christian's life... hopefully the first of many!

Family Activity

- Pull out your family's Baptismal certificates, garments, candles and any photos you have of the day. What do older members of the family remember about each family member's Baptism day?
- Together, watch the video, "Baptism: The Gift of a Lifetime." What were some of the signs of Baptism Fr. Mertes talked about? Do you remember what they do? (Hint: around 1:30!) Let each member look at their own candle/garment, etc, if available as you share.
- Mark each family member's Baptism Day on the calendar and set a reminder. Decide now on a small way to celebrate that day each year (i.e., have dessert, light their candle, say a prayer for them).
- Connect with godparents: write a note, call, or get together in person or online.

Scripture of the month: Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom Christ set us free.

In Baptism we are set free *from* sin, *for* service to God and each other. How can I use this freedom well?

BELOVED TO GOD

At your Baptism, you became part of God's family, and He told you, "You are my beloved son (or daughter), in whom I am well pleased."

God delights in you!

We want to live according to this dignity, but His tremendous love, and membership in his family is a gift that he never takes back.

Living the gift

- What are some ways our family is already **intentional** about living out the faith that we entered into at Baptism?
- What is one small step we can take to go deeper as a family?

A Daily Decade (of the Rosary)

Read Sunday Mass readings

Prayers of gratitude before bed

Get to Mass or Confession

Watch a video on "Formed" or the

Youtube series "Chosen" together

Access the video and more ideas: Archkcks.org/Baptism