

# RITE OF BAPTISM

## ARRANGEMENT FOR COMMUNAL PARTICIPATION ST JOSEPH PARISH / OLD MISSION SAN JOSE

### I. ENTRANCE HYMN

**Procession:** *Priest / Deacon*  
*Parents with the child*  
*Godparents*

**Introduction:** *Priest / Deacon*

### II. RITE OF THE RECEPTION OF THE CHILDREN

*(or the Rite of Welcoming which is usually done at the 12:30 Sunday Mass,  
one week before the Baptism)*

### III. LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** *Parents - Reading from the letter of Paul to the  
Galatians 3:26-28*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Cantor*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia.*

**Gospel Reading:** *Priest / Deacon -  
Mark 10: 13-16 or Matthew 28:18-20*

**Short Homily:** *Priest / Deacon*

**Prayers of the Faithful:** *Parents*

**Invocation of the Saints:** *Priest / Deacon:*

Holy Mary, Mother of God...	<b>R./</b>	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint John the Baptist...	<b>R./</b>	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Joseph...	<b>R./</b>	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Saint Peter and Saint Paul...	<b>R./</b>	<b>Pray for us.</b>
Others...	<b>R./</b>	<b>Pray for us.</b>
All you holy men and women...	<b>R./</b>	<b>Pray for us.</b>

#### **IV. PRAYER OF EXORCISM AND ANOINTING BEFORE THE BAPTISM**

*Priest / Deacon:*

Almighty and ever living God, you sent your only Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil,

To rescue man from the kingdom of darkness,

And bring him into the splendor of your kingdom of light.

We pray for these children:

Set them free from original sin,

Make them temples of your glory,

And send your Holy Spirit to dwell within them.

We ask this through Christ our lord.

**All: Amen.**

*(He anoints each child on the breast with the oil of catechumens. If the number of children is large, the anointing may be done by several ministers.)*

#### **V. CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Priest / Deacon:*

My dearly beloved, we now ask God to give these children new life in abundance through water and Holy Spirit.

##### **BLESSING AND INVOCATION OF GOD OVER BAPTISMAL WATER:**

*(turning to the font)*

*Priest / Deacon:* Father, you give us a grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power.

In baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament.

At the very dawn of creation your Spirit breathed on the water making them the wellspring of all holiness.

Through the waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness.

Through the waters of the red sea you led Israel out of slavery, to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.

Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from his side as he hung upon the cross.

After his resurrection he told his disciples: "go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Father, look now with love upon you Church, and unseal for her the fountain of baptism.

By the power of the Spirit give to the water of this font the grace of your Son. You created man in your own likeness: cleanse him from sin in a new birth to innocence by water and the spirit.

*(Priest / Deacon touches the water with his right hand)*

We ask you Father, with your Son, to send your Holy Spirit upon the water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in death, through baptism, rise also with him to newness of life. We ask this through Christ our lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **RENUNCIATION OF SIN**

*(facing the parents and godparents)*

*Priest / Deacon:*

Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present these children for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit they are to receive the gift of new life from God, who is LOVE.

On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring them up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives them is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in their hearts.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now your 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 these children are about to be baptized.

*Priest / Deacon:*

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

**Parents and godparents: I do.**

*Priest / Deacon:*

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

**Parents and godparents: I do.**

*Priest / Deacon:*

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

**Parents and godparents: I do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Priest / Deacon:*

Do you believe in god, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**Parents and godparents: I do.**

*Priest / Deacon:*

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 / Deacon:*

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?

**Parents and godparents: I do.**

*Priest / Deacon:*

This is our faith. This is the faith of the church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our lord.

**All: Amen.**

## VI. BAPTISM PROPER

*(Baptism team invites the first of the families and the godparents to the font)*

*Priest / Deacon:*

What is the name of the child?

**Parents:** *(will mention the name of the child clearly)*

N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, *(pouring of water)*

And of the Son, *(pouring of water)*

And of the Holy Spirit. *(pouring of water)*

Amen.

*(after all the children are baptized by water, the Priest / Deacon invites the parents with their children to approach the sanctuary then facing the whole assembly. If all are, the Priest / Deacon begins his prayer for the anointing of the chrism.)*

**(Silence is encouraged) - As much as possible avoid picture taking.**

Anointing after Baptism: Chrism of Salvation.

*(The Priest / Deacon anoints the child on the crown of the head with chrism in silence while the whole congregation prays.)*

Clothing with White Garment: an outward sign of our Christian dignity

*(The white garment is put on the child. It is appropriate that the family provide the garment.)*

Lighted Candle: to receive the light of Christ

*(The godparent/s lights the child's candle from the Paschal Candle and stays with the parents and godchild.)*

## VII. EPHPHETHA OR PRAYER OVER EARS AND MOUTH

*Priest / Deacon:*

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father.

## VIII. LORD'S PRAYER

## IX. BLESSINGS

*Priest / Deacon:*

For the Mothers -

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 to shine on their children. May He bless the mothers of these children. They now thank God for the gift of these children. May they be one with them in thanking him for ever in heaven, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Priest/ Deacon:*

For the Fathers -

God is the giver of all life human and divine. May he bless the fathers of these children. With their wives they will be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they also be the best teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Priest/ Deacon:*

For the Godparents -

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, especially the godparents of these children. 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.**

## X. FINAL BLESSING

## XI. RECESSIONAL HYMN

*(Priest / Deacon will lead the recessional parade, then the parents with their children follow.)*