

Sacraments of Initiation

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A man named Saul wanted to destroy the Church. On his way to Damascus, he was blinded by a bright light and heard the voice of Jesus. He was baptized and took the name Paul.

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Paul wrote letters to the people in newly formed churches to help them become better Christians.

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Members of the Church community are also called the People of God.

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Baptism is a gift from God. Through Baptism, Original Sin and all personal sins are washed away.

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At Confirmation, we are anointed with Chrism, scented oil blessed by the bishop.

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In the Eucharist, bread and wine are consecrated and become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

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When we receive the Eucharist, we become one with Jesus Christ.

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Many disciples traveled long distances to continue Jesus' mission.

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Philip helped the Ethiopian court official understand the Scriptures.

Celebrating Reconciliation

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Zechariah was the father of John the Baptist. When John was born, Zechariah praised God.

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After the Resurrection, Jesus Christ visited the disciples. He gave them peace in which to live together. He also gave them the authority to forgive sins.

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When we disobey God and act in self-centered ways, we are committing personal sin. When we totally reject God, we commit a mortal sin.

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Baptism takes away Original Sin.

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When we sin, the Holy Spirit leads us back to God. God, in his grace, wants all his children to live with him in heaven.

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Venial sins are less serious than mortal sins.

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After we confess our sins, the priest gives us a penance.

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In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we confess our sins to a priest and receive absolution. God forgives us, and we can then be at peace with God and ourselves.

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We pray the Prayer of the Penitent to tell Jesus we are sorry.

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When others hurt our feelings, we offer them forgiveness.

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Celebrating the Eucharist

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At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the disciples the most precious gift—the gift of himself.

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In his Epistles, or letters, Saint Paul told people what he had learned about Jesus' life.

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At Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper. Jesus is present there with us.

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The Mass is the central celebration of our faith. It is offered for everyone, the living and the dead.

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We feel at one with our family in Jesus Christ when we receive Holy Communion.

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As Catholics, we are called to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

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The Church asks us to receive Holy Communion as often as possible.

Christian Living

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Jesus taught his disciples that true leaders are those who serve God and help others. Those who will be “first” don’t act as if they are more important than others.

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God gives us many wonderful gifts. These are our special talents and abilities. The Holy Spirit calls us to share our gifts with the Church and community.

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Each of us is called to a vocation, or way of life.

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Some men become priests. Other men serve the Church by being ordained as deacons. Both priests and deacons celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

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Outside of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, some men and women publicly dedicate their lives to serving God and the Church.

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The Holy Spirit calls some men and women to be married. They agree to live in faithful love in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

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Some people choose to remain single. Single people serve God in their lives and in the work they do in the world.

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Saint Andrew Kim Taegon was the first priest born in Korea.

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At the Dismissal at the end of Mass, the priest or deacon sends us with instructions to spread God’s love and peace.

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We can ask Jesus to help us recognize our gifts and talents.

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God has given us each gifts and talents. We can use them for the glory of God—to help others and to make our world better for everyone.

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Celebrating Lent and Holy Week

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The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. It is 40 days of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer to prepare for Jesus' Resurrection on Easter.

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During Lent, we think about how we treat one another. We open ourselves to a new friendship with Jesus and with God the Father.

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During Lent, we practice almsgiving by sharing time and resources to help others.

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When we go to Mass throughout the year, we pray the Prayer of the Faithful, or general intercessions. We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and the local community.

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During Lent, the Church appears simple and plain. The priest wears violet vestments.

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When Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert, he resisted temptation by the Devil.

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We make our hearts ready for Easter by caring for those in need, resisting temptation, and remembering how Jesus suffered.