

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

- St Augustine

QUICK REVIEW

- What are some symbols of the Holy Spirit?
- Which symbol can you most relate to and why?
- Who are the three persons of the Trinity?
- What are some other names for the Holy Spirit?
- What are the three Sacraments of Initiation?
- Our parents are making promises for us at Confirmation.
True or False
- At confirmation the Bishop lays hands on you and you are anointed with oil and given the gifts of the Holy Spirit? True or False.
- Confirmation strengthens you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. True or False?

QUICK REVIEW

Grace is

- a) a prayer we say at bed time
- b) a sacrament
- c) a gift from God that helps us live as he wants us to live.

Grace gives us

- a) strength
- b) courage
- c) love
- d) all of the above

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?



GOD CALLS A PEOPLE -THE CHURCH

- ▶ God is always inviting us to be part of his Family.



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GOD'S COVENANT

- ▶ Covenant is a promise
- ▶ God made a new covenant with us through his son Jesus Christ
- ▶ By His Death, **Resurrection** and **Ascension** Jesus formed a new Community
- ▶ This new community was His Church



PENTECOST

- ▶ God sent the Holy Spirit to fill the disciples with the Spirit's grace.
- ▶ On that day thousands were baptized and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ The church began

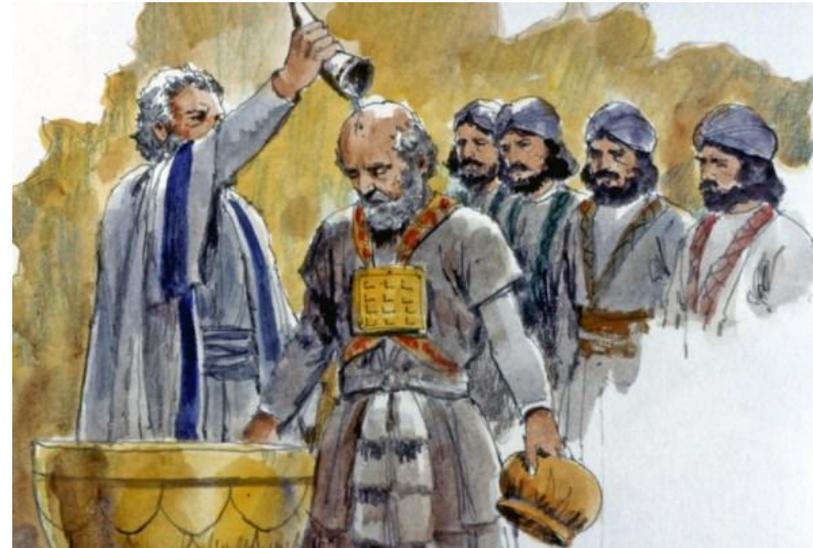
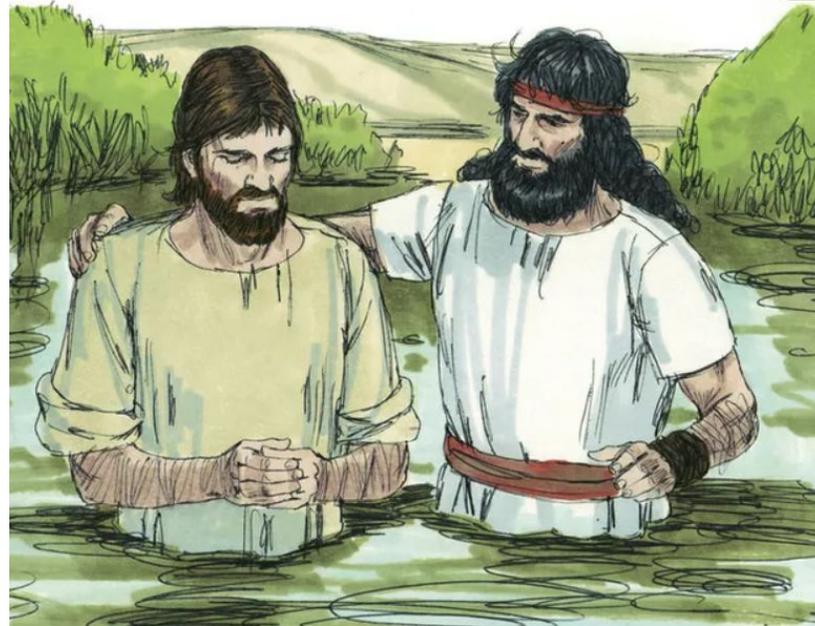


COMMUNITY BEGAN - FOUR CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ **COMMUNITY** - Living and praying together sharing common bonds
- ▶ **MESSAGE** - Learning from the Disciples and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ **WORSHIP** - praying in the temple breaking bread as Jesus did.
- ▶ **SERVICE** - loving one another and caring for the poor.

THE CHURCH GREW

- ▶ The Church grew as the word of Jesus spread
- ▶ People wanted to belong to the Christian community and prepared to enter the Church at the annual celebration of Jesus' Death and Resurrection - Easter
- ▶ They were **Baptized** in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and descended into a pool of water
- ▶ The bishop laid hands on them and anointed them with oil
- ▶ They received the **Eucharist**
- ▶ Their initiation into the church was complete



INITIATION TODAY

- ▶ Infant baptism is sign of God's covenant with us, and makes us an adopted son or daughter of God and a member of the church and body of Christ
- ▶ God promises to be with us always and to help us build our relationship with him and others
- ▶ We are freed from **Original Sin** and are born into new life in Jesus Christ because we receive **Sanctifying Grace**
- ▶ Marks us permanently as Christians and gives us grace to live as God wants us to



EUCCHARIST

- ▶ Instituted at the **Last Supper**, when Christ gave the instructions for his followers to take His Body and Blood in remembrance of Him
- ▶ Means thanksgiving, and is the Heart of Catholic life
- ▶ Nourishes and strengthens us
- ▶ We are most completely the Church



CONFIRMATION

- ▶ Reaffirms your baptismal promises
- ▶ Brings you closer to Christ
- ▶ Strengthens the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received in Baptism
- ▶ Helps you follow Jesus' example in your words and actions
- ▶ Marks you with a **permanent seal**: you are always a child of God



CONFIRMATION WORD BANK

- ▶ Covenant
- ▶ Resurrection
- ▶ Sanctifying Grace
- ▶ Baptism
- ▶ Eucharist
- ▶ Permanent seal
- ▶ Last Supper
- ▶ Ascension
- ▶ Commandment
- ▶ Original Sin