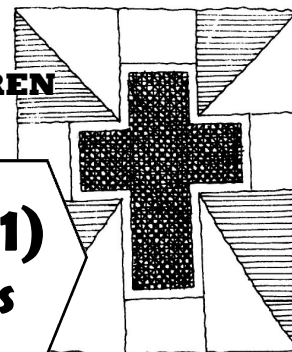


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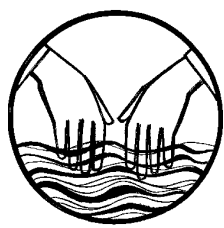
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**WE CELEBRATE (1)**  
**The First Sacraments**



# BAPTISM

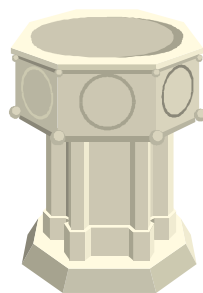
Match these symbols used in Baptism with their meaning:



WATER



CANDLE



The main symbol in Baptism is water. This is the baptismal font that is found in many churches.

New life in the Church

We become members of God's family and therefore God's children

Jesus, Our light

We try to walk always as children of light by doing what Jesus did in his life.

Strength against evil

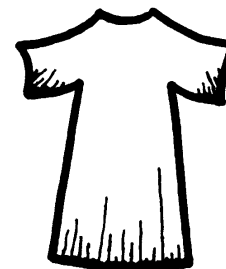
The Holy Spirit gives us power to struggle against the devil.

Free from original sin.

The Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us and frees us from all our sins.



OIL



WHITE GARMENT

## Belonging to a FAMILY

It is good to be part of a *family*. The good things that you receive through your family show the love that exists in the family.

You belong to *another family*. You belong to God's Christian family, the Church. You become part of the Catholic Church when you are baptized. Through the *Sacrament of Baptism* you share in the goodness which God shares with His Church.

B	S	Y	M	B	O	L	A	H	P
T	I	S	S	M	G	O	I	O	L
E	J	D	I	C	A	N	D	L	E
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All the words underlined in this worksheet are found in this letter grid. There are 13 words in all. Try to find them!!

# COMMUNION

Before we receive Holy Communion, we must be free from all serious sins; another name for a serious sin is \_\_\_\_\_ sin. We can receive God's forgiveness for serious sins through the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_. Also before we receive Communion, the Church asks that we fast for at least \_\_\_\_\_. To "fast" means that we go without \_\_\_\_\_ out of reverence for the Body of our Lord, which we are about to receive. The Church encourage her people to receive \_\_\_\_\_ each time they go to Mass. During the first part of the Mass, called the Liturgy of the Word, we listen and pray, so that we will be ready to receive Jesus' Body and Blood. We can ask for faith to believe that during the Eucharistic Prayer the bread and wine are really changed into the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. of Christ. When it is our turn to receive Communion, the priest or special minister of the Eucharist says, "The Body of Christ". We answer, "\_\_\_\_\_ " to say "Yes, I believe this is Jesus Himself."



# CONFIRMATION

1. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are united as the Sacraments of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The B\_\_\_\_\_ confers the Sacrament of Confirmation.
3. The main symbols of Confirmation are O\_\_\_\_\_ and the L\_\_\_\_\_ of Hands.
4. The Bishop says: "Be sealed with the g\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit" and anoints the candidate with oil.
5. Upon receiving the Sacrament, the confirmed person receives an inedible spiritual mark, the seal of the Holy Spirit, which means he has received a special power from Christ to be his w\_\_\_\_\_.

