

Sacred Heart Yokosuka Religious Education



Rosary: The Fifth Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist

This is my body, which is for you. Do this in memory of me.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

Main Topic: Sacrament of Baptism

#1: 63-69 #2: 78-86 #3: 75-83 #4: 50-60

1. "Baptism" means "bath"
2. The Form of Baptism is "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
3. The essential rite of Baptism consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water on their head while saying the Form
4. Every person not yet baptized and only such a person is able to be baptized
5. The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop, priest, or deacon
6. In case of necessity, anyone, even a non-baptized person, with the required intention, can baptize, by using the Trinitarian baptismal formula
7. The two principal effects of Baptism are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit
8. Baptism makes us members of the Church
9. When we are baptized, we promise to be disciples of Jesus
10. When we are baptized, God promises to adopt us and be our Father
11. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament

Faith Focus: The 5Ws of Us

Who are we?

Children of God

What are we?

God's Creation

Where do we belong?

Living with Jesus on the new earth

When will we be satisfied?

When we see God and are becoming like Him

Why did God make us?

To know love and serve Him in this world and to be with him in the next

Saint: St. Maximilian Kolbe

August 14

In Poland, in 1894, Raymond Kolbe was born. One day, he had a vision of the Virgin Mary. She appeared to him holding two crowns: one white, for purity, and one red, for martyrdom. When she asked which he would choose, Raymond declared he wanted both. When he was 13 years old, he felt a calling to serve God and joined the Franciscans. He took the religious name Maximilian Mary. In 1917 he founded the Knights of the Immaculate. This was an army of souls dedicated to winning the world for Christ through Mary. He started a magazine called "Knight of the Immaculata" to spread his message of faith and love. What started small grew into a massive printing operation called the "City of the Immaculata" with hundreds of Franciscan friars publishing newspapers and magazines that reached millions of people. In 1930, Maximilian traveled to Japan as a missionary and founded another "City of the Immaculata" in Nagasaki. He learned Japanese and started a Japanese version of his magazine, sharing the message of God's love with a new culture.

When World War II started, Father Maximilian returned to Poland. The City of the Immaculata became a refuge for thousands of people, including many Jewish families fleeing persecution. In 1941, the Gestapo arrested Father Maximilian and sent him to the Auschwitz concentration camp. He shared his food, heard confessions, and led prayers, reminding everyone that even in Auschwitz, God's love was with them.

In July 1941, a prisoner escaped. As a cruel punishment, the camp commander ordered that ten men be chosen to die by starvation. One of the chosen men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried for his wife and children. Father Maximilian stepped forward. "I am a Catholic priest," he said calmly. "I would

like to take his place." Father Kolbe and nine other men were thrown into a starvation bunker. For two weeks, Father Kolbe ministered to his fellow prisoners, comforting them as they faced death. He was the last to die, on August 14, the eve of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

After the war, Franciszek Gajowniczek was reunited with his family and was present at Father Kolbe's canonization as a saint in 1982.

Keyword: Sacraments of Initiation – the first 3 sacraments we receive

Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ.

Prayer: St. Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all of the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Next time... Rosary: The First Luminous Mystery:

The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."