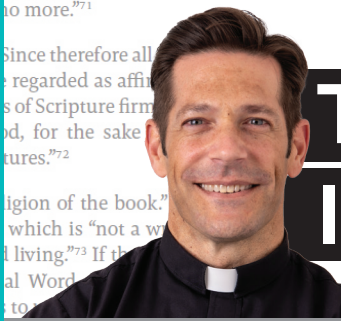


Week 24

Paragraphs 1179–1233



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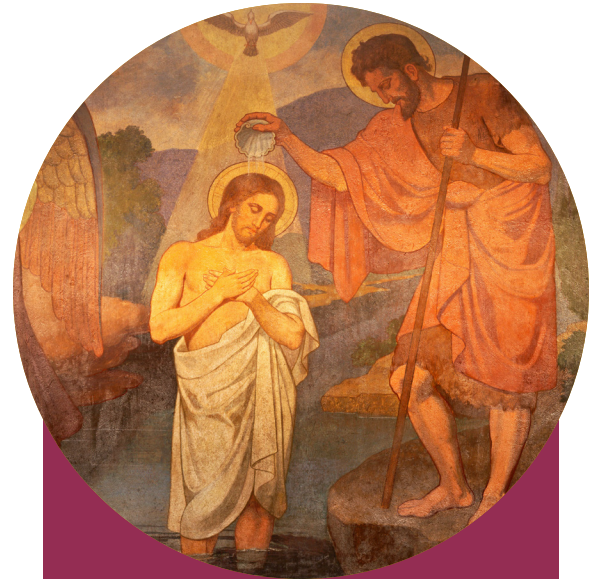
How We Worship PART TWO: THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

SACRAMENTS: PART OF ETERNITY

Through the Liturgy and the sacraments, we worship God in space as well as in time. The apostles and their successors were sent on a mission to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As they encountered various cultures and the Church engaged all people everywhere, variety developed in sacramental and liturgical rites. Yet wherever the People of God are gathered, the liturgy and the sacraments participate on earth in what happens in eternity.

Keep in Mind

- The Father and the Son, our high priest, pour themselves out to each other in love, and the love between them is the Holy Spirit.
- During the liturgy, the angels and saints in heaven also glorify the Father.
- Mass is the most perfect form in which we participate in the work of Christ.
- There are many different rites within the Church that celebrate the liturgy and sacraments uniquely, allowing both diversity and unity.
- Some cultural images can be “adopted” as signs of the world being brought into the Body of Christ.
- Sometimes the Church is called to change what is changeable, but the Church cannot change aspects of the Liturgy and the sacraments that are put in place by God.
- There are seven sacraments: sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist); healing (Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick); and mission or service (Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony).
- “The sacraments of Christian initiation ... lay the foundations of every Christian life” (CCC 1212).



The fresco of *Baptism of Jesus*
by August Müller

Dive Deeper

John the Baptist baptizes Our Lord, signaling the start of Jesus’ public ministry (see CCC 1223).

To dive deeper into the significance of the sacrament of Baptism in the Church, watch the Ascension Presents YouTube video *Why Baptizing Your Baby Is the Most Important Thing You Can Do*.

- Baptism makes us God’s children.
- The Eucharist strengthens us with Jesus’ own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.
- Confirmation stirs up an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the apostles received at Pentecost.
- Jesus had no need to repent. He allowed himself to be baptized not because *he* needed it but because *we* needed it.
- Jesus transformed and gave a new power to the Old Covenant baptism. The waters of Baptism do not make Jesus holy; he makes the waters holy so they can make us holy.
- Jesus says we must be born of water and the Spirit to enter God’s Kingdom. Baptism is necessary to save us.

Use the space below to reflect on this week's content.

Take It to Prayer

God Our Father, your Son, Jesus, broke into time and space in the Incarnation. We ask that you again break into our lives with your goodness, your grace, and your Holy Spirit. Renew us and sanctify each moment of our days. We pray through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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