

## PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE KEYNOTE (9-30-18)

### ACT OF HOPE

*O Lord, I hope by Your grace for the pardon of all my sins  
and after life here to gain eternal happiness because You promised it,  
Who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful.  
In this I hope and intend to die. Amen.*

### KEYNOTE: BAPTISM

- I. Creation/Fallen Creation/Recreation—A New Creation in the Order of Grace
  - A. Creation: Good/True/Beautiful—Filled with Grace and Blessing
    1. Angelic Persons (Including Satan)
    2. Adam and Eve
    3. The Tree of Life—a human who eats its fruit will “live forever” (Genesis 2:22)
  - B. The Fall: Division—Good and Evil/Truth and Error/Beauty and Ugliness
    1. The Fall and Judgment of the Angels (Satan—The Serpent) through pride
    2. The Fall of Adam and Eve through disobedience
    3. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
    4. Consequences
      - a. Anti-Eucharist: Devil eats dust of dead men
      - b. Division/Wounded Nature/Suffering/Death for Men
  - C. Recreation—a New Creation in the Order of Grace
    1. The Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel
    2. The New Eve—Virgin/Woman/Mother—Obedient Mary
    3. The Last Adam—The Obedient God-Man, Jesus Christ
    4. The Cross—The Tree of Life: We eat the Fruit of Mary’s Womb, Jesus
      - a. Water of our Baptism/Reconciliation
      - b. Blood of our Eucharist
- II. Christian Initiation—The Growth of a Child of God the Father and of Mary
  - A. Baptism—Rebirth
  - B. Confirmation—Strengthening
  - C. Eucharist—Nourishment
- III. The Sacrament of Baptism: “Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)
  - A. NATURAL WATER—a person is immersed in it, or it is poured or sprinkled on the person, while the following WORDS are said—“I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
    1. Sign of the Cross and Celebration of God’s Word
    2. Intercessions and Invocation of the Saints
    3. Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing
    4. Blessing and Invocation of God over Baptismal Water
    5. Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith
    6. Baptism: “I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Triple immersion, sprinkling, or pouring)
    7. Anointing with Chrism/Clothing in White Garment/Lighted Candle/Prayer over Ears and Mouth (Ephphetha)
    8. The Lord’s Prayer and Final Blessing

## B. Graces of Baptism

1. Removal of the guilt of sin, original and personal
2. Removal of all punishment due to sin, temporal and eternal
3. Infusion of sanctifying grace and theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit
4. Incorporation into Christ—into the Mystical Body of Christ, which is the Catholic Church
5. Imprinting of a baptismal character (indelible seal of Christ)
  - a. Ability to receive other Sacraments
  - b. Participation in Christ as priest, prophet, and king
  - c. Grace to bear wounded nature as a cross of suffering and trial to overcome sin and grow in holiness

## DIALOGUE QUESTIONS (T/F)

1. The ordinary ministers of Baptism are either a bishop, priest, or deacon, but in case of necessity, ANYONE can baptize, provided he or she has the intention of doing what the Church does. \_\_\_\_
2. Baptism is necessary for salvation for all those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this Sacrament. \_\_\_\_
3. We know for certain that all those who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism, including unborn infants, cannot go to Heaven. \_\_\_\_
4. The Church also recognizes what are called the Baptism of Blood and the Baptism of Desire. \_\_\_\_
5. In the case of an infant, Baptism removes personal sin. \_\_\_\_

## MISSION

### I. Morning Prayer: "Act of Faith," "Spiritual Communion"

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

### II. Mental Prayer During the Day (20-35 minutes)

#### A. The Rosary

#### B. Journal Meditation

1. 5-10 Minutes of Scriptural or spiritual reading
2. 5-10 Minutes writing to either the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit
3. 5-10 Minutes recording what you believe God is saying to you

### III. Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition

A. Sharing in Christ's priesthood by the grace of my Baptism, have I offered all my life to God the Father by being Christ for others today?

B. Sharing in Christ's prophetic power by the grace of my Baptism, have I thought, spoken, and acted as a witness to Christ and His Gospel?

C. Sharing in Christ's kingly power by the grace of my Baptism, have I overcome my own temptations and fought against sin in each encounter and activity this day?