

BAPTISM AND BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Baptism frees us from sin and we are reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission. It is the basis of the whole Christian life and therefore preparation is necessary.

Parents are required to be registered members of Sacred Heart and must attend a Baptismal Preparation Program. The goal of the class is to convey an understanding of Baptism in the Church today; to help parents recognize their responsibility and role in the development of their child's faith. You are encouraged to attend the program before your baby is born. For more information and to register, please contact the parish office.

Children of school age would prepare for Baptism through the Religious Education Office with Janet Sprague, Director of Religious Education. Adults who have never been baptized would participate in our RCIA program click [here](#) for more information.

RECONCILIATION OR CONFESSION

This sacrament allows us to confess our sins, receive absolution and be reconciled with the Church.

Reconciliation, also called confession, must be received before First Communion (Eucharist). Children and youth receive two years of instruction before receiving Reconciliation in 2nd grade. Classes are also available for children and youth who are above 2nd grade and want to receive Reconciliation. Please contact Janet Sprague, Director of Religious Education. Adults would participate in our **RCIA** program.

Eucharist completes the Sacraments of Initiation. It is the Body and Blood of Jesus Himself and food for our journey of faith.

Children and youth receive two years of instruction before receiving the Eucharist in 2nd grade. Classes are also available for children and youth who are above 2nd grade and want to receive Communion. Please contact Janet Sprague, Director of Religious Education. Adults would participate in our **RCIA** program.

CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation can be received by those youth and adults who have already received Baptism, Reconciliation and Communion. Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation and all the faithful should receive this sacrament.

For youth, confirmation preparation is a two-year program that begins in grade 8 per the guidelines for the Diocese of Palm Beach. Youth who would like to be confirmed must be registered member of our parish. For more information please contact Janet Sprague. Adults who wish to be confirmed would participate in our **RCIA** program.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is a sacred covenant entered into between a man and a woman for life for the good of each other, and the procreation and education of children.

Registered engaged couples should contact the parish office a minimum of four months in advance to complete the necessary preparations.

[Click here](#) for more information on wedding celebrations at Sacred Heart. (need Adobe to view)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Any person who is seriously ill or going to have a serious operation is encouraged to be anointed. Please call the parish office.

HOLY ORDERS

This sacrament is conferred upon men who have heard God calling them to serve His people as a priest or deacon. Please contact a parish priest or go to the [Diocese of Palm Beach](#) Vocation site for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is the process by which adults who want to become Catholic prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It also prepares adults who were baptized in another faith, or who were baptized Catholic but not raised in the faith, to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We meet Sundays after the 9:00 Mass. Inquirers are always welcome - just stop by! For more information, please contact Margaret Owers at 585-9841.