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We Celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit

In this chapter the children will learn that they receive God's gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments. They will learn that the pouring of water in Baptism is a sign that all sin is washed away and that we are filled with God's love. The children will also learn that the oil used in Confirmation is a sign that the Holy Spirit is working in us to make our faith stronger.

ACTIVITY

Remembering Baptism Locate your child's baptismal certificate. Together, find the date and place of your child's baptism. Talk about this special day. Plan a family celebration. If possible, invite your child's godparents.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Look at the baptismal font in your church. Remind your family that the Holy Spirit first came to them at Baptism.

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Saint of The Week



Saint Turibius
(1538–1606)

Turibius, a judge in Spain, was appointed archbishop of Lima, Peru in 1580. He visited the villages in his territory, baptizing and confirming the people. Bishop Turibius built hospitals and became an advocate for the poor. He died during his last missionary journey.

Patron Saint of: Latin American bishops

Fest Day: March 23



A Prayer for the Week

Spirit of God, at our baptism we were called to follow Jesus. Guide us as we try to follow the example of Saint Turibius. Help us spread the Good News and share our gifts with the poor. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Nicodemus Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a teacher, and a leader of the Jews. He appears in John's Gospel three times: questioning Jesus (John 3:1–21); defending Jesus (John 7:50–52); preparing Jesus' body for burial with Joseph of Arimathea (John 19:39). He seems to personify certain learned Jews who were well disposed toward Jesus, but did not adequately understand him, and had not reached the point of accepting him publicly.

You may wish to read about Nicodemus questioning Jesus in John 3:1–21.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Rituals

Holy Oils Each year during Holy Week, there is a solemn ritual at the cathedral church. During the ritual, the holy oils used in the parishes throughout the coming year are consecrated by the bishop at the Chrism Mass. These oils are the oil of chrism, a mixture of olive oil and fragrant balm, used in Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders; the oil of catechumens used to anoint adults preparing for Baptism; and the oil of the sick, used in the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Parish representatives return to their churches with the consecrated oils, to be used in the celebration of sacraments throughout the year.