

SACRAMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

BAPTISM

The Church believes and teaches that Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ, and we are members one of another. The **Sacrament** of Baptism “incorporates us into the Church. From the baptismal fonts is born the one People of God of the New Covenant, which transcends all the natural or human limits of nations, cultures, races, and sexes: For by one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body” (CCC# 1267).

For Catholics, Baptism is the beginning of new life into Christ, and it is the sacrament of salvation and the door to all other sacraments. **Parents and Godparents must watch assigned video material and attend one-meeting in preparing for the Baptism. Godparents should be practicing Catholics.**

Classes for Baptism are usually the First Monday of each month. Baptisms take place the First and Third Sundays of each month, following the 10:00 A.M Mass. Please contact Fr. John or Phil Coit, CRE at 941-755-1826 or email faithformation@olqm.net.

If you are an adult seeking the Sacraments of Initiation (RCIA: Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion), please contact Fr. John or Phil Coit, CRE at 941-755-1826 or email faithformation@olqm.net.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Penance or Confession). The Church believes that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a “whole consisting in three actions of the penitent and the priest's absolution. The penitent's acts are repentance, confession or disclosure of sins to the priest, and the intention to make reparation and do works of reparation” (CCC# 1491).

For Catholics, the bishops and priests, by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, have the power to forgive all sins by saying the Trinitarian formula, “I absolve you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (cf. CCC #1449).

The Sacrament of Confession is available on **every Tuesday** following the 8:00 A.M. Mass and **Saturday** from 3:00-3:45 P.M. or anytime by **appointment**.

Sacramental Preparation for Children:

If you have a child in need of receiving First Reconciliation, please know that he/she will receive the Sacramental preparation through the Religious Education Program. Please contact Phil Coit, CRE at 941-755-1826 or email faithformation@olqm.net.

COMMUNION

The Church believes and professes that at the consecration, the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ. Under the consecrated species of bread and wine, "Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity" (cf. CCC# 1413).

For Catholics, the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of the Christian life (cf. CCC# 1324).

Sacramental Preparation:

If you have a child in need of receiving First Holy Communion, please know that he/she will receive the Sacramental preparation through the Religious Education Program. please contact Phil Coit, CRE at 941-755-1826 or email faithformation@olqm.net.

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CONFIRMATION

The Church believes and testifies that "Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds" (CCC# 1316).

For Catholics, Confirmation provides a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which helps the confirmed Catholics to be the true witnesses to Christ and to live a mature Christian life.

Sacramental Preparation:

If you have a Youth in need of receiving Confirmation, please contact Phil Coit at the parish office at 941-755-1826 or email faithformation@olqm.net.

If you are an Adult seeking this Sacrament, please contact the Fr. John or Phil Coit, CRE at 941-755-1826 or email faithformation@olqm.net.

MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Matrimony (also known as the Sacrament of Holy Marriage) allows a man and a woman publicly to exchange of consent and to join together in a lifelong covenant of self-giving love. The Church teaches that in this covenant and love, the couples live out the essences of “unity, indissolubility, and openness to fertility” which are essential to marriage and constitute that they are “no longer two, but one flesh” (cf. CCC# 1644).

If you are interested in getting married at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, please contact Fr. John at 941-755-1826, **at least six months in advance**, to schedule your wedding. We highly recommend that you should not schedule your reception venue until you have secured the date and time for the wedding ceremony.

HOLY ORDERS

The Church confers that the Sacrament of Holy Orders “only on baptized men, whose suitability for the exercise of the ministry has been duly recognized. Church authority alone has the responsibility and right to call someone to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders” (CCC# 1598).

The rite of Sacrament of Holy Orders is “conferred by the laying on of hands followed by a solemn prayer of consecration asking God to grant the ordinand the graces of the Holy Spirit required for his ministry. Ordination imprints an indelible sacramental character” (CCC# 1597).

Are you hearing the call for a Vocation into the priesthood? If so, please contact the parish priest or Fr. Alex Pince, the Vocation's Director (941) 486-94073 or email pince@dioceseofvenice.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Church believes and teaches that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick offers the comfort of God's grace to those who are in danger of death, because of illness or old age. Also, by the grace of this Sacrament, "the sick person receives the strength and the gift" to join more closely of his or her sufferings to Christ and to prepare for death (cf. CCC# 1521).

In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers "those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist as *viaticum*. Communion in the body and blood of Christ, received at this moment of "passing over" to the Father, has a particular significance and importance" (CCC# 1524).

Please inform us if you or your loved ones is seriously ill, so that a priest may pray with you and anoint you. Please contact the parish office during office hour at 941-755-1826 or the emergency line.