

LITURGY OF THE WORD

For Baptism outside of Mass

Before the baptism day, whether for planning the celebration or for your own preparation, you may want to open your Bible and look over these passages from the Scriptures. We always pick one from either the Old Testament or New Testament Epistles and use one Gospel reading. If a different reading appeals to you or you would like to have a family member read at the ceremony, please talk it over with Father in advance. Some couples have even had an older child read from the Children’s Bible, after practicing at home with Mom and Dad. It’s a nice way to involve more of your family members or friends in the Baptismal ceremony.

Select one reading from each column

Old and New Testament readings	Gospel Selections – Read by Fr. Leo
<p>● Old Testament</p> <p>Exodus 17:3-7 Water from the rock Ezekiel 36:24 – 28 Clean water, a new heart, a renewed spirit Ezekiel 47:1 – 9, 12 The Water of Salvation</p> <p>● New Testament</p> <p>Romans 6:3 -5 Baptism: a sharing of Christ’s death and resurrection. Romans 8:28 - 32 We have become more perfectly like God’s own Son. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Baptized in one Spirit to form one body. Galatians 3:26 - 28 Now that you have been baptized you have put on Christ. Ephesians 4:1 -6 One Lord, one faith, one baptism. 1 Peter 2:4 – 5,9 -10 A chosen race, a royal priesthood.</p>	<p>Matthew 22:35 -40 The first and most important commandment Matthew 28:18 -20 Christ sends his apostles to teach and baptize Mark 1:9 - 11 The baptism of Jesus Mark 10:13 -16 Jesus loves children Mark 12:28b-34 Love God with all your heart John 3:1-6 Jesus meets with Nicodemus John 4:5-14 Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman John 6:44-47 Eternal life through belief in Jesus John 7:37b-39 Streams of living water John 9:1-7 Jesus heals a blind man who believes in him. John 15:1 -11 Union with Christ, the true vine. John 19:31 -35 The death of Christ, the witness of John the apostle</p>