**OCTOBER PLAYLIST**

Additional Resources & Activities

Family Sharing Experiences & Activities for Baptism

● Share pictures/videos of your child’s Baptism with him/her. Who was there? How did you celebrate?

● Children... Visit or call to talk with your Godparent(s) and ask them to share a memory with you. Parents...Write a letter of thanks to their godparents for their contributions in teaching the child about their faith and how to live as a child of God.

● Using pictures of children’s Baptism show the water being poured on their heads at their own Baptism. Explain that the priest or deacon pours water on our head three times during Baptism and says the words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

● Illustrate the following first, and then have your child imitate you. Have your child take his or her left fist (symbolizing their heads when they were babies), and over a large bowl, let them say their name and the words of Baptism. Instruct them to pour the water over their fists with their right hand. “(Name), I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

● Share the story of Jesus’ baptism printed on this coloring page

● Fill in the blanks on this remembrance sheet, color, trim around the border and then glue to a piece of colored construction paper to make a Remembrance Poster. Hang in the child’s room, on your refrigerator or some place special. <https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/95641/REL_DL_BaptismalRemembrance_Activity.pdf>

● If you have children’s actual baptismal candle or white garment, share it with your child. These are all signs of a new life as a child of God.

● Write the dates of children’s baptisms on your home calendar. Celebrate by renewing Baptismal promises on that day. Celebrate the day of their Baptism with a card/cake in the tradition of birthdays as a reminder of our new life in God’s family.

● Discuss your children’s names. Share the reasons for choosing their name. It is tradition in the Catholic faith to give children the name of a saint or one related to a saint. If this is the case, research the saint associated with your child’s name. Explain that having a patron saint means they always have someone special to pray to, who is a friend of God.

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/>

● Set up a small prayer table as a special place for children to go when they want to pray or just need to be quiet. A small floor pillow to use while sitting there may help the child to be comfortable. Suggested items for the prayer table: a white cloth, a cross or crucifix, a small photo album from their baptism, a bottle of Holy water, a children’s Bible or storybook

● Make a poster with a simple prayer to help your family remember to be a light in the

world. One idea would be “Lord, let me be a light for you in the world”. Have children

decorate the poster appropriately.

● Watch the beginning of Disney’s movie *The Lion King*. What similarities do you see to Baptism?

● Outside Da Box Video for middle school youth, teens and young adults explaining baptism...

Why do Catholics baptizing infants? What is the purpose of baptism?

Who can celebrate the sacrament of Baptism?

Do the godparents of our child need to be married to each other?

These questions and more answered in this edition of “Sacraments 101,” Baptism is the beginning of the sacramental life of the Church. So, click on the link to check it out... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05YB2jdHLsY&list=PL60396574E0A0B9A2&index=1>

● Write a letter to your parents telling them thank you for the ways they share God’s love with you.

● Write a letter to someone who has helped you grow in your faith.

● Listen to these music videos... Reflect upon how the words speak to you, a child of God?

No Longer Slaves – Bethel Music feat. Jonathan David and Melissa Helser <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8TkUMJtK5k>

You Say by Lauren Daigle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wRbbcIugC0>

Liturgical Season & Calendar Activities for October

● Read about the Saints (Feast days):

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/>

St. Thérèse (October 1)

Guardian Angels (October 2)

St. Francis of Assisi (October 4)

St. Faustina (October 5)

St. Bruno (October 6)

Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)

St. John XXIII (October 11)

St. Callistus I (October 14)

St. Teresa of Jesus (October 15)

St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary (October 16)

St. Ignatius of Antioch (October 17)

St. Luke (October 18)

St. Isaac Jogues, St. John de Brébeuf and Companions (October 19)

St. Paul of the Cross (October 20)

St. John Paul II (October 22)

St. Anthony Mary Claret (October 24)

Sts. Simon and Jude (October 28)

● Many crafts for celebrating and honoring Saints in October available at Catholic Icing

<https://www.catholicicing.com/october-saint-feast-days-to-celebrate-with-kids/>

● Try to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of October. Learn how to pray this devotion by clicking this link... <https://dynamiccatholic.com/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary> If praying 5 decades is too long for your younger children to sit still, initially pray one decade together, and add more decades as they are able. Coloring rosary themed pages while praying can help too.

● Young adults and Adults... In October 2002 our Holy Father John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary)." This letter introduced five new mysteries, called the Luminous or Mysteries of Light.Read the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary) to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply. Free access to this letter is located on the Vatican’s online library.

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/2002/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20021016_rosarium-virginis-mariae.html>

● Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having a guardian should give us confidence during all of life's difficulties. Pray this prayer often to your Guardian Angel.

*Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here,*

*ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

●Here’s a short article on Halloween and Its Christian Roots...

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/halloween-and-its-christian-roots/>

● Another article on Celebrating Halloween (Oct. 31) and All Saints Day (Nov. 1)

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/celebrating-halloween-and-all-saints-day/>

● All Saints’ Day Celebration

Children of all ages (and yes, that includes adults) are invited to attend Mass at our parish dressed as a Saint for All Saints’ Day. A reminder will be placed in the bulletin as it gets closer.