

Sacraments - Treasures of our Catholic Faith

What are Sacraments?

- God longs to be a part of our lives. Sacraments are special celebrations of grace or sacred ways of God's life uniting with our lives. When we choose to celebrate the sacraments we open ourselves to God's life-giving and protective love.

Watch this quick overview of the sacraments in words and pictures:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbGXnLzweAM>



How many Sacraments are there?

- The Catholic Church celebrates seven sacraments, gifts given to us by Jesus through the Church. Listen to how the sacraments guide, nourish, strengthen, challenge and support the way we live our everyday lives.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmfSwi3ZKH4>

Continue to explore some more on each of the sacraments.

Baptism – “What’s the point of Baptism?”

- Through the sacrament of Baptism we are welcomed into a Church family. We choose to begin our lifelong friendship with Jesus Christ.

Find out some other good points about the Sacrament of Baptism:

www.bustedhalo.com/video/sacraments101/baptism



Reconciliation – “Confession? Do they still do that?”

- In the sacrament of Reconciliation we receive God's forgiving and merciful love.



Learn more about *the Sacrament of Reconciliation*:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtbpOERgMvk>

Eucharist (The Mass) - What a free gift!

- In the Eucharist we remember how Jesus gave his life for us and how he continues to give us himself at every Mass.

Delve into the mystery of the Sacrament of the Eucharist by watching and listening to a beautiful song.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T281IL_6e44



Confirmation – “I have been baptized. Why do I need confirmation?”

- In Confirmation we are bound for life with the gifts the Holy Spirit gave us at our Baptism.



Check out the meaning of “bound for life” by watching:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wro4cjCR89U>

The Anointing of the Sick – “Why is this gift a forgotten sacrament?”

- In the Anointing of the sick we receive the healing and strengthening power of God.



Discover more about this forgotten sacrament:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEppjWNO2y4>

Matrimony – “Why make marriage Catholic?”

- In Marriage the couple commits to live a covenant of love with each other and with God.

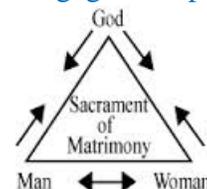
What did Pope Francis say on Valentine’s Day? Check out this news article:

Pope’s address to 10,000 engaged couples in St. Peter’s Square

<http://archgm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Popes-address-to-10000-Engaged-couples.pdf>

Do you like “Sacraments 101”? Here is the one on Marriage

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uq2RDYIOLrs>



Holy Orders – What are these “holy orders” all about?

- In Holy Orders a man is anointed to minister to others as a priest.



C 4 yourselves how one man heard this sacred call.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU1UrrAYfIM>

When do children usually celebrate the Sacraments in the parishes in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan?

- Baptism is usually celebrated when the children are infants. Parents may choose baptism for their children at an older age.
- First Reconciliation is celebrated in Grade 2, usually during the season of Advent or Lent.
- First Eucharist is celebrated in Grade 3.
- Confirmation is usually celebrated with children in Grade 6 when they are 11—12 years of age.

Prior to the celebration of each sacrament there is a preparation time to help deepen the understanding of the sacrament the children are about to receive. This preparation time involves the vital participation of all members of the faith community, priests, children, parents and /or other significant family members, teachers and catechists.

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