

Liturgy of Light

This is a beautiful and moving Para-liturgy in which the children assemble a Paschal candle, process, pray, and sing of the joyful announcement of Christ's resurrection.

Baptism 1

In this lesson the children start to realize that they are called individually to receive the light of Christ and to become a sheep in the fold of the church. The long-range preparation is the realization of the impact on the history of salvation where gradually the light of Christ spreads to more and more people until all will be one in Him. The children learn the significance of the light that we all received at our baptisms and the white garment symbolizing God's light, protection, and love.

Baptism 2

This baptism lesson focuses on the oils, the word of God, and the water as important elements and symbols that are received at baptism. The Oil of Catechumens signifies that we are someone special; that we have a special job to do and that each of us is a sheep in the sheepfold of the Good Shepherd. The Holy Chrism Oil reminds us that we are now like Jesus, anointed a priest, prophet and King. The word is scripture, telling us God's secrets and knowledge of how to live out this new life in Christ. The water symbolizes life, as the Good Shepherd gives us his life through water at baptism.

Baptism 3

This lesson focuses on the gestures performed during baptism. Namely, the small cross on the child's forehead indicating that he/she belongs to Christ; and the large cross that is made over the person being baptized symbolizing the protection of the Good Shepherd. We then recall the gesture of the Epiclesis that the priest does over the baptismal font to call the Holy Spirit upon the water.

Pentecost

Pentecost is a beautiful Para-liturgy. It is a wonderful way to end the year together in love and faith as we all go forward utilizing and meditating upon the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.