

Introduction:

At Baptism, we receive the unmerited grace of God. We remain in God's grace when we lead our lives in submission to God's holy will. At this Eucharist, we pray, that like Jesus, we may constantly listen to the Father's voice and allow ourselves to be led by His Spirit, to live out our baptismal promises with faith, courage, and love.

Readings:

First Reading : Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm : Psalm 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10
Second Reading : Acts 10:34-38
Gospel : Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Prayer of the Faithful:

Celebrant: Through the waters of Baptism and the Holy Spirit, we have become children of God and members of Christ's body. With hearts renewed by His grace, we humbly place our prayers before our loving Father.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer*

For the Holy Father, Bishops, Priests and Religious – that filled with the Spirit of God, they may guide the faithful, bringing light to those in darkness ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord.

For those entrusted with leadership in Governments – that they may act with integrity and justice, always ensuring the well-being and development of their citizens ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord.

For Parents and Godparents – that faithful to their promises made at the baptism of their children, they may raise them in the light of Christ and the teachings of the Church ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord.

For those preparing for Baptism – that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and guided in their journey of faith, ready to receive the Sacrament ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord.

For each of us – that we, who have been baptized in Christ, may live as beloved sons and daughters of God, listening to His voice and fulfilling His will in our daily lives ...*(brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord.

For our personal intentions and for those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray in silence ...*(longer silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father, through Baptism, You have made us a new creation in Christ. Hear our prayers and grant us the grace to remain faithful to our baptismal promises. We ask this through Christ, our Lord...
Amen