

Glossary

Chrism a perfumed oil, consecrated by a bishop, that is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. Anointing with Chrism signifies the call of the baptized to the threefold ministry of priest, prophet, and king.

Confirmation the sacrament that completes the grace we receive in Baptism

disciple a person who is a follower of Jesus and tries to live as he did

faith a gift of God. Faith helps us believe in God and live as he wants us to live.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit our actions in daily life that give evidence that God is alive in us. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit the permanent willingness, given to us through the Holy Spirit, that makes it possible for us to do what God asks of us. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

grace the gift of God given to us without our earning it. Sanctifying grace fills us with God's life and makes us his friends.

Holy Spirit the Third Person of the Trinity, who comes to us in Baptism and fills us with God's life

Homily an explanation of God's Word. The Homily explains the Word of God that we hear in the Bible readings at Mass.

moral choice a choice to do what is right. We make moral choices because they help us grow closer to God.

prayer our talking to God and listening to him in our hearts

sacrament the way in which God enters our life. Through simple objects such as water, oil, and bread, Jesus continues to bless us.

Sacred Scripture the holy writings of Jews and Christians collected in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible

sponsor a trusted friend or mentor who shares the journey in faith preparing for Baptism and/or Confirmation. The sponsor offers prayer, counsel, and support and serves as a bridge between the catechumen and the parish community.

Tradition the beliefs and practices of the Church that are passed down from one generation to the next under the guidance of the Holy Spirit

Trinity, Holy the mystery of one God existing in Three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit