

## **Day 146 - Thursday, August 13 - Baptism - Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **23. Is there a fee for sacramental preparation sessions?**

In some parishes a fee is charged to cover the costs of the preparation process and material used. This fee goes to the parish, not the priest. It is understood that regardless of their financial situation, the preparation process is available to all members of the parish.

### **24. Why is Baptism most often celebrated on a Sunday?**

Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the day the Church gathers to celebrate the memorial of Jesus' death and resurrection. Through the waters of Baptism we are immersed into life in Christ and joined to Jesus in his death and rising. Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation; Confirmation and Eucharist are the other two. Baptism leads the newly-baptized person to the Table of the Lord. Gathering to celebrate Baptism on Sunday reminds us that the Church celebrates this sacrament with the uninitiated because she desires to welcome the newly - baptized to full participation in the weekly celebration of Eucharist.

### **25. I no longer want to be Catholic. Can I remove my name from the baptismal register?**

Baptismal Registers are records of historical fact. They are not archives of membership enrollment. Accordingly, a person's name can never be removed from a Baptismal Register after he or she has been Baptized. The only changes allowed are those necessary to correct errors originally transposed into the record. Should you wish to enquire further about this subject, please contact the Office of Spiritual Affairs.

### **26. My baptismal record cannot be located. What do I do?**

If your baptismal record cannot be located at the presumed parish of baptism and you have been assured you were baptized within the Archdiocese of Toronto please contact the Archives of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto and they will conduct a search on your behalf.

*In the light of eternity, we're here for a very short time, really. We're here for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is love. - James Finley*

Sincerely,  
Fr. Jim Kaptein