

SAINT DENNIS CHURCH



BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

**WHEN A CHILD IS BORN,
THERE ARE MANY
HOPES AND DREAMS
FOR A BRIGHT
AND HAPPY FUTURE.**

SO, WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR YOUR CHILD?

There is no need
to be philosophical
about your answer.

Any simple,
practical answer
will do just fine.



A MOST DELIGHTFUL
INSIGHT ABOUT YOU
HAS BEEN SHARED!

**WHAT YOU TRULY WANT
FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL CHILD
ACTUALLY REVEALS A LOT
ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL
HOPES AND DESIRES
FOR YOUR OWN LIFE!**



**So, let's reflect
on your deepest desires
for a truly abundant
and happy life,
both for you
and for your child.**

**This is the key to making your child's Baptism
the special blessing that it is really meant to be!**

IN LOVE, YOU HAVE SHARED
THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE
WITH YOUR NEW CHILD.

IN THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
YOU SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD
THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE!

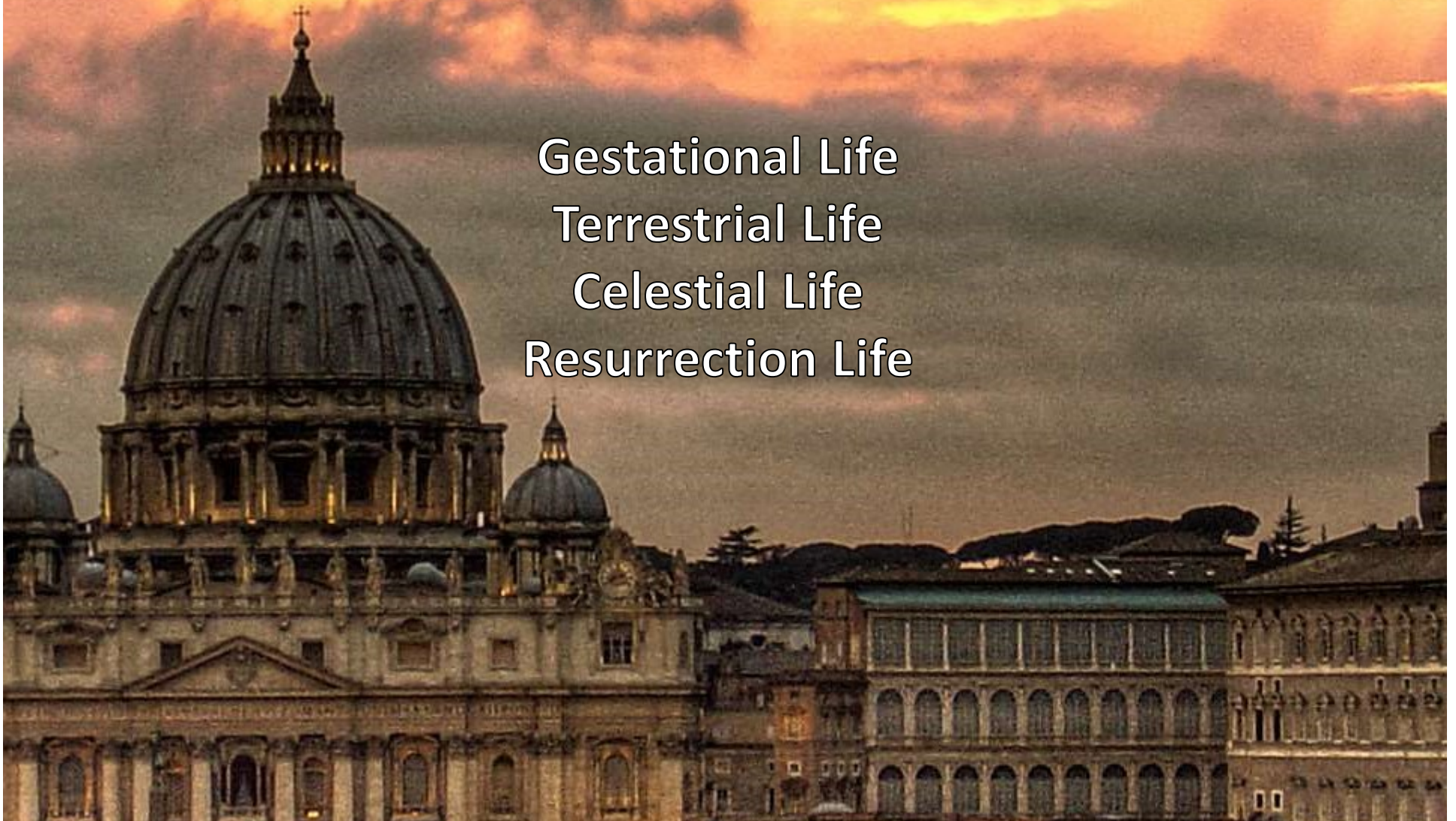
As Catholic Christians, we recognize that there are four stages to human existence that unfold over the course of our lives:

Gestational Life

Terrestrial Life

Celestial Life

Resurrection Life



BAPTISM IS OUR FIRST STEP
TOWARD ETERNAL LIFE IN
JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD.

THE JOURNEY BEGUN IN BAPTISM
CONTINUES THROUGHOUT
THIS LIFE AND INTO THE NEXT.

Throughout our faith journey, the Church is here to teach us, pray with us, and lead us along the way.



God made us to know him, to love him,
and to serve him in this world, so that we could
be happy with him forever in heaven.

**STEP ONE OF OUR FAITH JOURNEY:
Let your child's earliest memories
include the sights and sounds of
regular Sunday Mass attendance.**

It's okay if your child is wiggly in church,
because you can always go to the Narthex
where you can still see and hear the Mass.

Child-oriented religious-themed books
are also helpful as they grow a bit older.

**STEP TWO OF OUR FAITH JOURNEY:
Our parish eight-year program
of religion classes can help you
share your faith with your child.**

As the years go by, you have the privilege of praying with your child each day at home, receiving Communion with them at Mass, celebrating their Confirmation, and helping them mature into Christian adulthood.

**STEP THREE OF OUR FAITH JOURNEY:
Continue to attend Sunday Mass
together as a family each week
and stay involved in parish life.**

We have programs for our high school teens,
and diocesan activities for young adults.
We have prayer and study groups for adults,
and reach out in charity to those in need.
Check our parish website to learn more.

ABOUT OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

**Saint Dennis Church . . .
Looking Upward in Faith
Moving Forward in Hope
Leading Onward in Love
. . . to New Life in Christ!**

**We are a faith community of prayer, learning and service.
Come and join us as Intentional Disciples of Christ!**

Now that we have looked at the big picture, let's talk about your child's baptism!

The special handouts that you are receiving, explain our parish baptismal program.

Let's go through these baptismal documents now to complete our meeting.



BAPTISMAL DOCUMENTS

1) Baptismal Arrangements Information

– General Information about Baptisms

2) Reflections on Holy Baptism and Faith

– Raising Your Child in the Catholic Faith

3) Reminders for the Day of the Baptism

– Getting Ready for the Day of the Baptism

4) Baptismal Information for the Church

– Information needed for the Parish Records

THE CELEBRATION OF THE BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated in conjunction with Mass.

- ✓ Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.
- ✓ Baptisms are also done on Sundays at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.
- ✓ There is usually only one baptism celebrated at a Mass.
- ✓ The family arrives early for instructions and special seating.
- ✓ We pray for the child by name at their Mass of baptism.
- ✓ The godparents bring up the bread and wine at the Offertory.
- ✓ After Communion is a good time to get the baby ready.
- ✓ The rest of the baptismal rite is done after the final hymn.

SYMBOLS FOR THE BAPTISMAL RITE

There are four sacred symbols used at Baptism.

- ✓ **Water:** Special water is blessed for the sacrament.
- ✓ **Chrism:** Blessed oil is used for anointing the child.
- ✓ **Robe:** The child is already dressed in a white robe.
- ✓ **Candle:** A special baptismal candle is presented.

GODPARENTS FOR THE BAPTISM

There is one Godfather and one Godmother.

- ✓ One of the Godparents must be a practicing Catholic who is at least sixteen years old and has been confirmed.
- ✓ The other Godparent may be a practicing Christian who is at least sixteen years old and has been baptized.
- ✓ Honorary additional Godparents may participate in the rites, but only the official Godparents are listed on the certificate.
- ✓ Either the Godparents or the Parents may hold the baby.
We usually present the baptismal candle to the Godparents.

AFTER YOU HAVE FILLED OUT
THE BAPTISMAL INFORMATION SHEET,
THE PRIEST WILL COMPLETE IT WITH YOU
AND SET THE BAPTISMAL DATE AND TIME.

**THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU
FOR SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH YOUR CHILD
BY CELEBRATING THEIR BAPTISM AT
SAINT DENNIS CHURCH!**

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Yes! Baptize me real good!



A close-up photograph of a baby with light skin and dark eyes, wearing a green bow in their hair and a green top. The baby is holding a white smartphone with a black and white patterned case to their right ear. Their mouth is wide open in a shocked or surprised expression, and their left hand is raised with fingers spread. The background is dark and out of focus.

**So today, in church,
a guy in a dress tried to drown me**

**And, I kid you not,
my family just stood there
taking pictures!**