



Going Deeper: Renewing Your Baptismal Promises

Water symbolizes new life to what seems to be lifeless. Water is used at the moment of baptism to symbolize our death to sin and the new and divine life we receive through the Holy Spirit. This brings the hope of eternal life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains why water plays such an important role in the life of the Church:

“The symbolism of water signifies the Holy Spirit’s action in Baptism, since after the invocation of the Holy Spirit it becomes the efficacious sacramental sign of new birth: just as the gestation of our first birth took place in water, so the water of Baptism truly signifies that our birth into the divine life is given to us in the Holy Spirit. As ‘by one Spirit we were all baptized,’ so we are also ‘made to drink of one Spirit.’ Thus, the Spirit is also personally the living water welling up from Christ crucified as its source and welling up in us to eternal life” (CCC 694).

This year we will not be able to gather together at Church to celebrate Easter Sunday, but that does not prevent us from celebrating the most important Sunday of the liturgical year as a Domestic Church. Each year we renew our baptismal promises and this year we can do it at home.