

# UNITE

## Faith Formation

## BAPTISM

### FROM THE CATECHISM...

"According to the Apostle Paul, the believer enters through Baptism into communion with Christ's death, is buried with him, and rises with him:

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)*

The baptized have 'put on Christ' (Gal 3:27). Through the Holy Spirit, Baptism is a bath that purifies, justifies, and sanctifies."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, Paragraph 1227)



**READING FOR THE MONTH (Paragraphs 1213-1284)**

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**Galatians 2:20**

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Amen.

(Hymn of St. Patrick)

### SAINT OF THE MONTH:

St. Paul

One of the first major opponents of early Christianity, he was a well educated Pharisee. On his way to arrest Christians in Damascus (just a few years after the Resurrection)

Jesus appeared to him, causing a dramatic conversion. Paul went on to become one of the most influential leaders in the early Church, and is responsible for more than 25% of the New Testament Scripture.

*We celebrate his conversion on January 25th*

"In Baptism every Christian personally meets [Christ]; he is inserted into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection and receives a new life, which is the life of God. What a great gift and what a great responsibility!

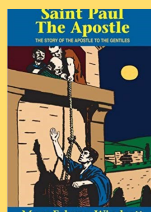
– St. John Paul II



### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

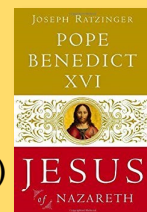
#### For Kids:

*St. Paul the Apostle: The Story of the Apostle to the Gentiles*  
(Mary Windeatt, 1949)



#### For Adults:

*Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*  
(Benedict XVI, 2007)



### SUNDAY GOSPEL READINGS

January 20th (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) - John 2:1-11

January 27th (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) - Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

February 3rd (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time) - Luke 4:21-30

February 10th (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time) - Luke 5:1-11



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#### RECOMMENDED MOVIES ON 'FORMED' FOR JANUARY

**For Kids:** Brother Francis: Born into the Kingdom



**For Adults:** Reborn - Session 2: Entering the Mystery



#### UNITE FAITH FORMATION

**2nd Sunday of the Month,  
11:45am-1:30pm**

January 13th - February NO SESSION - March 10th - April 14th - May & June NO SESSION  
July 14th - August 11th - September 8th - October 13th - November 10th - December 8th



*The vision for our Unite Faith Formation gatherings is to provide a space for our entire community to encounter and follow Christ. This model of Religious Education seeks to engage the whole family of faith at once and puts the emphasis on the home and the role of the domestic church in our formation as Catholics.*