



Saint Miriam



# Welcome to Saint Miriam



Dear Friends, Family of our Candidates, and Fellow Parishioners!

Congratulations and welcome as you prepare yourself for the celebration of the baptism of your child(ren.) We look forward to the baptism of your child here at Saint Miriam Parish. It is a privilege for us to assist you in making the baptismal day one filled with meaning, prayerfulness and happiness.

Baptism is an incredible gift from God. In this Sacrament we receive the grace of the forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, and we become the adopted sons and daughters of God and members of his family, the Church. Baptism is the first step of initiation into the Catholic Church, and is also the first step of initiation into the local Parish. It is a Sacrament that celebrates the entry of your child into the Christian community in the hope that they will be supported and nourished in their faith development as well as becoming an active member of the Church for years to come!

At Saint Miriam, it is also a great day of celebration, and our “Baptism Sundays” are very special to us, as we stand to welcome the newly baptized into the fullness of the Church!

May God the source of everything fill your heart with every blessing!

Welcome to Saint Miriam,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim' with a flourish.

Monsignor +Jim

*We gather at the bell tower to welcome our brothers and sisters seeking admittance into the body of Christ.*

## *Introductory Rites*

### Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Priest: In the Name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All: Amen.

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
All: **And with your spirit.**

### The Reception of the Children

*The Reception occurs at the entry to the parish, with the main parish doors flung open wide, to symbolize the entry of the children to the fullness of Christ's holy Church!*

#### Baptismal Welcome Saint Miriam

Chords: D<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup>2/D<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> B<sup>m</sup>7 G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup>2/D<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>

Voice



Bless - ed are you O Lord! Wash my sin and claim me as your own.

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### At the Naming and Claiming of the Child

*The Candidates for Baptism, their family, and Godparents join in the entry procession into the church! The assembly sings together the following round!*

### Penitential Rite

Priest:

rethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A period of silent reflection is honored and then one of the following is used:*

All:

**I** confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

## Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

*or*

Priest: Kyrie, eleison.

All: **Kyrie, eleison.**

Priest: Christe, eleison.

All: **Christe, eleison.**

Priest: Kyrie, eleison.

All: **Kyrie, eleison.**

## **B** Short Form

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

## Gloria

**All:**        **Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Sign of Peace

*The exchange of a sign of peace is a welcomed tradition at Saint Miriam! It may take a little longer than most parishes, but is well worth the added effort! Please, make yourself at home and greet one another in the name of Christ. And, if it is your first time, please don't be shy and meet your new friends! If you wish to not embrace, just put out your hand and everyone will simply shake your hand in return and welcome you to this wonderful place! During Lent, we are more reserved, in keeping with the season of penance and reflection, but still offer a warm Sign of Peace.*

**Priest:**        The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:**            **And with your spirit.**

**Deacon or Priest:**        Let us offer each other the sign of peace!

*The Assembled exchange a sign of God's peace with one another!*

**Priest:**        We are healed and made holy by the mercy of God, and so let us acclaim Christ our Savior.

*The Opening Prayer is a different prayer for each Sunday and Holy Day, Feast or Solemnity, of the year, as there are specific prayers assigned for many of the feasts and memorials of saints we remember in our Liturgical Year.*

## Collect

*All remain standing for the reading of the Opening Prayer.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us pray...

*After the Opening Prayer, the People respond,*

All: **Amen.**

*The Readings of the Mass are found in the Lectionary and follow a set, three year cycle. There are three readings assigned to each Sunday; the first comes from the Hebrew Scriptures, except during Easter Season when we find selections from the Book of Acts. The responsorial psalm is taken from the Book of Psalms and is then followed by a reading from the New Testament Letters.*

## *Liturgy of the Word*

### First Reading - Sit

*A reading from the Hebrew Testament, will be offered, except in Easter Season.*

*The Response from the Reader, or Lector, comes at the end of the reading and is followed by the acclamation of the Assembly :*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*A psalm is offered from the Hebrew Testament, Book of Psalms. The psalm changes weekly and the proper response if given by the Leader and then repeated by the Assembly following each stanza of the psalm.*

## Second Reading

*A reading from the New Testament, or an Epistle from the New Testament will be offered. On Thursdays, there is only one reading.*

*The Response from the Reader, or Lector, comes at the end of the reading and is followed by the acclamation of the Assembly:*

Lector:     The Word of the Lord.

All:         **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel - Stand

*The Gospel readings follow a three cycle of Year A, Year B, and Year C. Year A is generally taken from Matthew, Year B from Mark, and Year C is from Luke. John's Gospel is read throughout Lent and Easter seasons and on various occasions during the year. While not every passage is read, the Gospels are generally read from start to finish during this cycle.*

## Reading of the Gospel

Priest or Deacon:     The Lord be with you.

All:                 **And with your spirit.**

Priest or Deacon:     A Reading from the Holy Gospel....

All:                 **Glory to you, O Lord!**

*After the Gospel is Proclaimed:*

Priest or Deacon:     The Gospel of the Lord!

All:                 **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*The homily, or sermon, is done by a priest or deacon. Most generally the theme of the homily is taken from the readings and Gospel for the day, but may also be taken from the feast or a seasonal theme. The purpose of the homily is to take the sacred words of Holy Scripture, or sacred texts of the Holy Mass, and make them more relevant as a guide for us today.*

## Homily - Sit

*[after the sermon, a time of silence and reflection is honored]*

# Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

## Blessing and Invocation of God over Baptismal Water

Following each spoken refrain by the Priest, the Assembly resounds in song with:

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor / Choir, All repeat; thereafter: All to Prayer



1-3. Bless - ed be God, blessed and ho - ly.  
4. Hear us, \_\_\_\_\_ hear us, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. A - men, a - men. \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Following each spoken refrain by the Priest, the Assembly resounds in song with:

Response



We do be-lieve! We do be-lieve! In faith we be - lieve!

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## At the Baptism

Each child is Baptized separately by the Priest, who intones the Baptismal Blessing. Then, the Assembly responds with the following refrain:

## Anointing with Chrism

Priest: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

All: Amen.

*Then the celebrant anoints the child on the crown of the head with the sacred chrism, saying,*

Priest: N. N., I mark you with the sign of the Cross; you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

## **Presentation of Candle**

*The celebrant takes the Easter candle and says:*

Priest: Receive the light of Christ.

*Someone from the family (such as the father or godfather) lights the child's candle from the Easter candle. The celebrant then says:*

Priest: Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He (she) is to walk always as a child of the light. May he (she) keep the flame of faith alive in his (her) heart. When the Lord comes, may he (she) go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

## **At the Sprinkling Rite**

*After the Candidates have been baptized they are escorted out of view to don on their new baptismal outfits; a Sprinkling Rite occurs for the Assembly as we await their return.*

## **At the Welcoming of the Children**

*After the Candidates, who have been baptized are dressed in their new baptismal outfits, they enter escorted to the front of the altar and are greeted by the priests who then process with them around the sanctuary! Everyone stands and welcomes, bells ring, and a celebration of great joy occurs. The people sing the Alleluia.*

## **Alleluia**

*In the Gospels, Jesus says where two or more pray in His name, the prayers will be answered. Before concluding the Liturgy of the Word, we pause as a community of faith to gather our prayers for the needs of the Church, the world, for the need's of God's people and our own needs, spoken aloud or held in silence.*

## Prayer of the Faithful - *Sit*

*The Lector and/or Presider will guide the Assembly on the proper prayer response for the particular Mass. On some occasions, the petitions and responses are sung and the Leader will help guide the Assembly. The response is given first by the Lector.*

## Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts - *Sit*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received ...

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received ...

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

*We now enter the most solemn and sacred time in our celebration together with The Eucharistic Prayer. The Prayer begins with the Preface and "The Lord be with you" to which the people respond "And with your spirit." Throughout this entire Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says the vast majority of the prayer with only a few responses by the people. We are all called to share in the offering of our sacrifices. The priest, acting as the Presider, says the prayers on behalf of all us as the people of God. However, as we pray in the Eucharistic Prayer that the Spirit come upon the gifts of bread and wine, we also pray that the Spirit come upon us and transform us into "one body, one spirit in Christ." As active participants in the Mass, we listen and offer ourselves as the priest leads us in the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### Orate, Fratres

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's holy Church.**

## Prayer Over the Offerings - *Stand*

## Preface Dialogue - *Remain Standing*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

## Sanctus

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer - *Kneel*

### Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith:

*One of the following is used:*

- A** All: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
- B** All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.
- C** All: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

*As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, as a Community of God, we come together to pray in the words that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer. We pray for the Lord to give us our daily bread. We also ask for forgiveness for our errors, and where we have fallen short, and we ask that we be strengthened to do God's will. This is a time for all to gather as one and offer our deepest intentions in prayer and hope.*

## Our Father - *Stand*

Priest: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

**O**ur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest:

**D**eliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

*The fraction rite is the breaking of the bread that has become the Body of Christ. In offering His life for us on the Cross, Jesus has become the Lamb of God that is offered for our sins. As the priest breaks the bread, the people sing the Lamb of God, acknowledging Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that takes away our sins.*

## Lamb of God

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## Communion

*In receiving Communion, we profess faith in Jesus. In coming forth to receive Communion, we are agreeing to strive to do God's will in all things. If we don't agree to strive to do God's will, then Communion is not something we seek.*

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Saint Miriam. As Catholics, the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of our unity in faith and life in the Catholic Church. We believe in the real Presence of Christ at the Table. Therefore, when you receive the consecrated Bread or Wine, please respond with your affirmation, "Amen!" You may receive the Bread on your tongue, or in your hands crossed over one another; the Wine should come from the Chalice, but please do not intinct (dip your Bread into the Cup). If, for any reason, you do not wish to drink from the Cup, please simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing as you pass.*

## **Period of Silence**

*When the distribution of Holy Communion is completed, the Presider retires to the Presidium, and we honor a period of silence for prayer. A meditation hymn may also be offered. We end the Communion Rite with a prayer that we will be strengthened and transformed by the Holy Communion we have just received as a community of faith.*

## **Prayer after Communion - Sit**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Let us pray.

*[All pray in silence. The priest then says a Prayer after communion and all say,]*

**All: Amen.**

## **Announcements**

*Certain timely announcements are highlighted by the Presider, briefly, for the benefit of the gathered community, and then a Video Announcement may be shared. The concluding rites include the final blessing, the dismissal (Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life), the kissing of the altar by the priest and deacon and the recessional. We go out into the world to "love and serve the Lord."*

## *Concluding Rites*

### **Greeting**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And with your spirit.**

## Blessing

*[The blessing is now offered by the Presider. After which, together, all proclaim their consent with a sung 'Amen.']*

Priest: May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.  
All: **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
All: **Thanks be to God!** Priest: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And with your spirit.**

## Blessing

*[The blessing is now offered by the Presider. After which, together, all proclaim their consent with a sung 'Amen.']*

Priest: May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.  
All: **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**



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