

Week Two

# What we really believe!

Baptism, Eucharist & Reconciliation

Thoughts on the Homework???

Trinity

Grace

Incarnation

Prayer:

Lord, create in us a clean heart

Symbol Power!



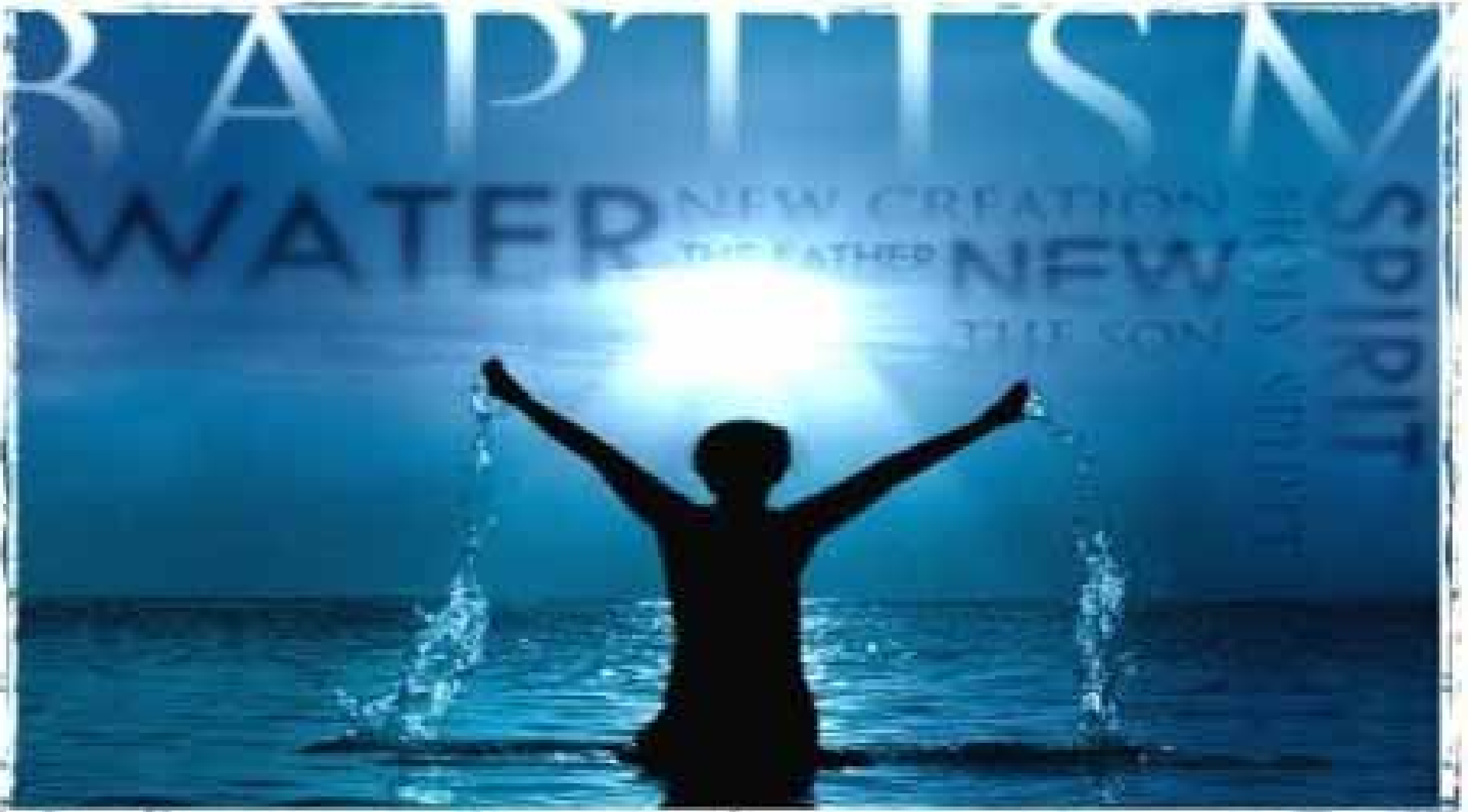
Baptism

# How do we respond?

**SACRAMENTS:** Encounters with Christ. Intimately relating to God and our brothers and sisters in the Church.

Our free choice to give of our time, actions of respect and selfless service.

# Baptism: Sacrament of Faith



# Baptism: Catechism

The most important sacrament!

In the great scheme of things, the most important event in our life!

- Regeneration...New Life
- Purification from sins
- Initiation into the Body of Christ
- Necessity for Salvation

# Issues and Questions:

- Adult vs. Infant Baptism
- Sacraments of Initiation:  
Roman Rite/Eastern Rite
- Who can baptize? How? (F-S-HS)
- Communion among all Christians?

We believe in one Baptism!

Renewal of Baptismal promises

Week 2 Hand-out!!

Take a look at these words.



# We have work to do!

- Leading people to Baptism?
- Preparing and supporting catechumens?
- Be present as the community welcomes those entering the Church?
- Continue bonding, supporting and loving the members of our community?
- Are we truly a loving community of faith?

# Eucharist



# Eucharist

- *Sacrament*- encounter with Christ
- *Sacrifice*- linked to the Paschal Mystery
- *Covenant*- sealing act of love
- *Offering*- free gift of mercy
- *Communion*- binds us to God & each other
- *Feast*- taste of heavenly banquet

# Body and Blood, Soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ!

- Real Presence
- Transubstantiation

## Scripture: John 6

“I am the bread of life” vs.34

“the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” vs. 51

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” vs. 53

“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink” vs. 55

“This saying is hard; who can accept it? vs.60

“Does this shock you?” vs.61

# Fr. Barron

Video:

Thoughts on the real presence.

# Answering **Jesus.**

Do you want to leave too?

John 6:60-71

"Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life."



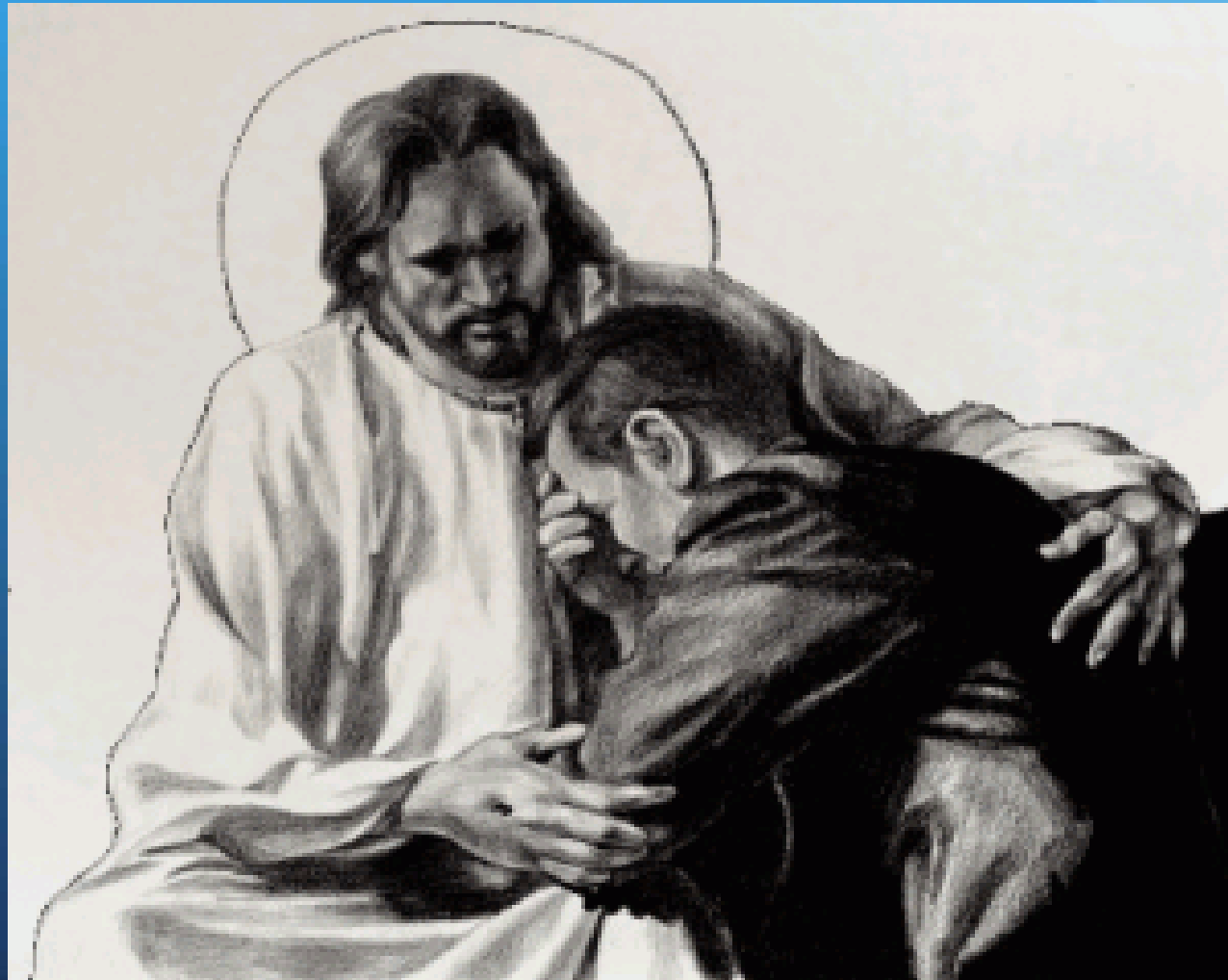


# Consider our history:

Apostles, Fathers of Church, Greatest Theologians and Saints...

- Accepted & preached the real presences.
- Attacked heresies and they clearly defended it.
- For 10 centuries after Christ all Christians held this belief.

# Reconciliation



# Reconciliation

In all our relationships there will be a need to ask for forgiveness. We are imperfect. The knowledge of our sin by the other only deepens the relationship. We must freely reveal our whole self, good and bad.

Talk is cheap, action and more action!

No matter the relationship, God, self or others.

# Reconciliation

Important note:

## Shame vs. Guilt

Guilt says: This action/choice was wrong. It harmed me, others and/or my relationship with God. (False guilt?)

Shame says: You are bad or wrong. You are unworthy of love or forgiveness.

# Guilt is good! How so?

Means:

I do know right from wrong.

I do care if my actions cause harm.

I have a properly formed conscience.

I am a morally responsible human being.

I am not a psychopath! (Always good to know.)

Do not fear confession

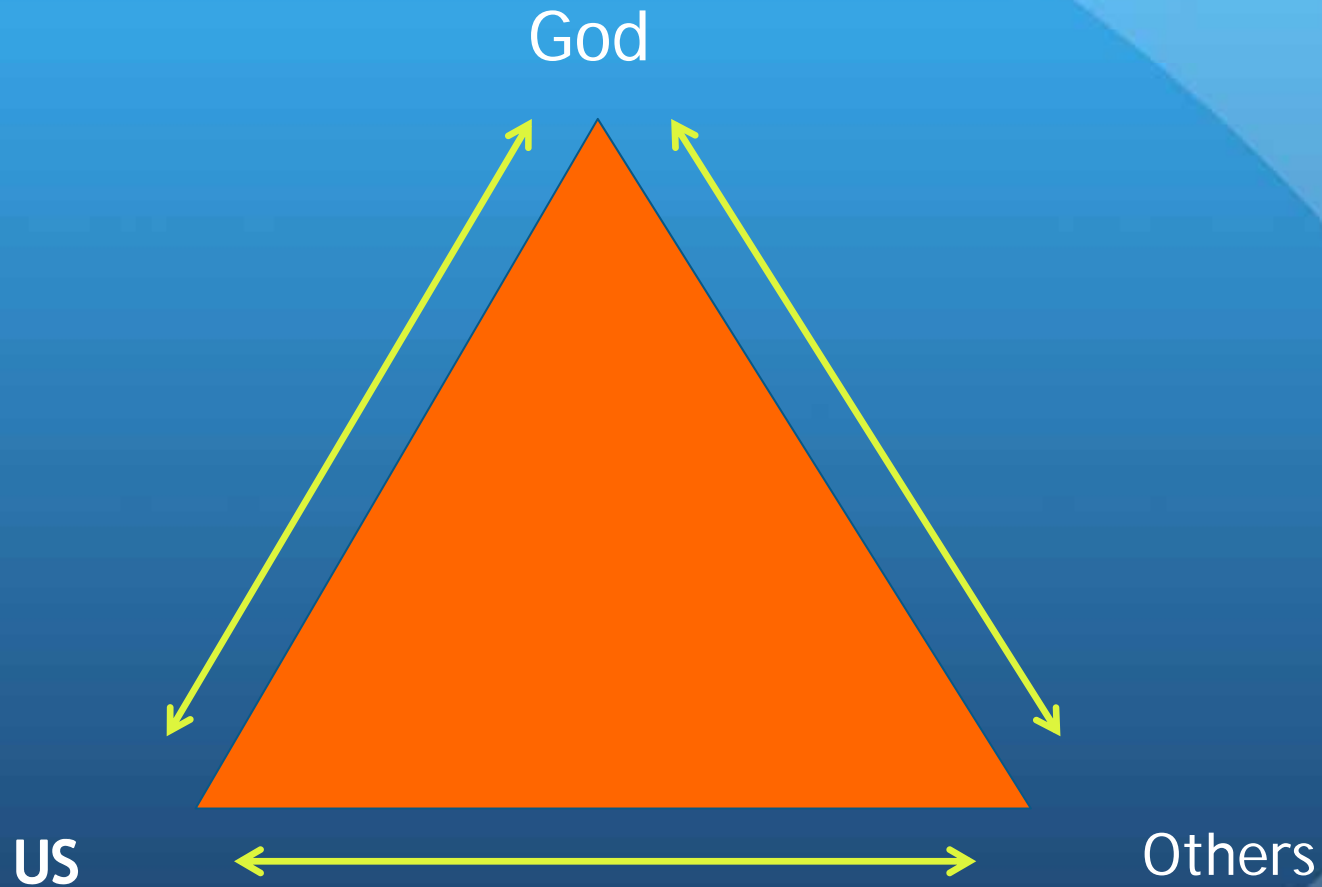
“Be not afraid!”

The powerful healing  
action of his great mercy  
and forgiveness is offered  
to us!

I can see clearly now!



# Don't forget the Triangle!





# Group Questions to ponder!!

1. What could you, me, this faith community, do to lead more people to Baptism, Eucharist, confession?
2. How has the Eucharist impacted your life and your faith journey?
3. What keeps you and others from frequent reconciliation?

# Homework:

The Mystery of Faith by Michael J. Himes

Read Chapters Six, Seven and Nine

Come to the next session with and questions, comments or clarifications you may need.

Closing prayer for forgiveness.

