



The Holy See

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT
OF BAPTISM TO NEW-BORN BABIES

HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS

Sistine Chapel
Sunday, 12 January 2025

[Multimedia]

At the beginning of the celebration:

It is important that the babies feel good. If they are hungry, nurse them, so that they do not cry. If they are too warm, change them... Let them feel at ease, because today they are in charge, and we must serve them with the Sacrament, with prayers. Now we will begin this ceremony together. Today, each one of you, parents, and the Church herself give the greatest, greatest gift to the children: the gift of faith. Let us continue, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In place of the homily:

Let us continue this ceremony of the Baptism of your children. Let us ask the Lord that they grow in faith a true humanity, in the joy of the family. And now let us continue.

