

## **Baptism & Communion**

In the sacraments of Baptism and Communion something ordinary, the water, bread and wine, become a kind of window that we can look through; they become a kind of visual display that points us toward God.

The Bible spells out clearly that ... *all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)*. And of course the central message of Christianity is that God came to earth as the man named Jesus and took action to close that gap by forgiving us. However, we have a hard time grasping the reality of that forgiveness and living in it. That's where Baptism and Communion come in.

### **1) BAPTISM**

Baptism is a one-time event. It's a way of declaring publicly that the person being baptized is now a forgiven, Christian Believer and welcome in the community of faith. Based on the grace, mercy and love of God, they are one of us they are part of the church.

*Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)*

Baptism reminds us that God forgives those who come to him in repentance.

### **2) COMMUNION**

Communion is a time to remember what Christ has done for us through his death and resurrection. He wants us to remember that he died so that we could live. He said ... *Do this in remembrance of me. (Luke 22: 19)*

Whereas Baptism is celebrated only once in a person's life Communion is practiced more frequently throughout one's life.

Jesus wants you to remember that God has forgiven you.