

The 7 Special Meeting Times with God

Over the last 2 weeks we have been talking about **Baptism**, the time when you joined God's family of the church. Baptism is what we call a sacrament. The word 'sacrament' starts with the same first letters as the word 'sacred' (which means holy). This helps us to understand that a sacrament is something to do with God. In the Catholic Church to which you and I belong, we have **7 sacraments or 7 special meeting times with God** when He blesses us and helps us to become better friends with Him. Here are the 7 sacraments:



As you can see the sacraments are *Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist (Communion/Mass), Marriage, Holy Orders (becoming a priest) and the Sacrament of the Sick.*

- How many of the sacraments have you received already? If you are in 2nd class of course you are getting ready to receive 2 sacraments for the very first time.
- Some Sacraments can be celebrated many times, you could even receive them every day – like the Eucharist (Communion) or Reconciliation (Confession) but some like Baptism and Confirmation can only be received once in your life!
- 3 Sacraments are part of one group and are the ones we need to receive to become full members of the church. They are:



*Sacramentos de Iniciación
Sacraments of Initiation*