Effects of the Sacrament of Baptism

- Removes the stain of original sin (and all sin)
- Gives us a share in God’s own divine life (i.e., sanctifying grace)
- Makes us members of the Mystical Body of Christ (i.e., the Church)

Elements of the Rite of Baptism for Children

- Naming and Signing
- Liturgy of the Word
- Intercessory Prayer, including the Litany of the Saints
- Prayer of Exorcism and Pre-Baptismal Anointing with Oil of Catechumens
- Blessing of the Water
- Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith
- BAPTISM! (immersion or infusion of water = the MATTER of Baptism; the words “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit = the FORM of Baptism)
- Explanatory Rites (i.e., actions which complete the meaning of the Sacrament)
  * Post-Baptismal Anointing with Sacred Chrism
  * Clothing with the White Garment
  * Presentation of the Lighted Candle
  * Ephphetha (Prayer over the Ears and Mouth)
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Solemn Blessing of Mother, Father, and the Assembly

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