

Safety Procedures for Baptisms

Baptisms will be scheduled on Saturdays at 10:30 only, no baptisms during masses

Arrival

- Maximum of 4 families at each baptism
 - Church is sanitized after morning mass
- Families enter through main church doors
- Baptism team member, wearing mask and gloves, greets family members as they arrive
- Signs will be posted on each column in narthex with baby's name
 - Maximize distance between families
 - Keep little ones with own family
- When all family members have arrived, they will be escorted to their seats in the main church
 - white garment and candle to parents when seated
- Everyone is **strongly encouraged to wear masks**
 - Priest or deacon will wear mask when near people

Church set up

- One family per section
- Stagger seating so not directly across the aisle from another family
- Keep the marked pews empty as for mass
- Baby and parents on end of pew on two main aisles
- **portable baptism font** set up on floor level on the south side of the Sanctuary steps

Baptism Rite

- Priest or Deacon stands at south side of Sanctuary
- Say everything while standing at portable baptism font
 - Use fresh water from pitcher for each baby
 - Oil on new cotton ball for each baby
- Wear a mask when near people
- Godfather or other family member will light own baptism candle from Paschal Candle

Dismissal

- Team will send one family at a time for picture with priest or deacon at the altar area. Deacon on top step, families on bottom step or floor.
- Dismiss families one at a time to exit from south (handicap entrance)
- No congregating in church or narthex
- Can take pictures outside of church
- Church will be sanitized before next event (wedding or mass)