

Baptism Procedures 2021

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

Arrival

- Maximum of 4 families at each baptism
- Families enter through main church doors
- Baptism team member, wearing a mask, greets family members as they arrive
- Signs will be posted on each column in narthex with child'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
- Everyone is **strongly encouraged to wear masks**
 - Priest or deacon will wear mask when near people

Church set up

- Families will be seated in pews nearest the baptismal font
 - Name sign on end of pew
- Baby and parents sit on end of pew on main aisle
- white garment, candle, and baptism certificate on seat

Baptism Rite

- Priest or Deacon will have a stand on the main aisle
- Parents and godparents will be called one family at a time for the baptism.
- Use fresh water from pitcher for each baby
- Godfather or other family member will light own baptism candle from Paschal Candle

Dismissal

- There will be opportunities for pictures with the Deacon or Priest after the baptism