

## BAPTISM WITHIN MASS

### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

- The Mass begins with a hymn (if circumstances allow).
- The priest meets the parents, godparents, and child at the door, or processes to where they are seated.
- The Sign of the Cross is made (258); the Greeting and Penitential Act are omitted.
- The parents and godparents are addressed and the infant is signed (259-264).
- The procession to the altar now takes place, accompanied by song (265).
- After venerating the altar, the priest goes to the chair (266).
- The Gloria is sung (or said; 267).
- The Collect (Mass of the Day or from the Ritual Mass when permitted) is said (268).

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

- Readings and Homily as usual.
- The Creed is omitted.
- The Prayer of the Faithful is taken from the Order of Baptism, to which are added the usual petitions at Mass (272).
- The Litany of the Saints is said or sung (273).
- The priest prays the prayer of exorcism (274) and anoints the infant with the Oil of Catechumens (275).
  - If omitted, an alternative formula is given (276).
  - The rite does not specify where this takes place. To enhance visibility and audibility, the families may stand in front of the sanctuary. The architecture of each church will affect how best to carry out this action.
- At this point, the priest and families move to the font. If the font is in a separate space, the entire assembly can process there. Meanwhile, a psalm or hymn may be sung (277).

### **CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

- The Rite is celebrated as usual:
  - Prayer (278)
  - Blessing of Water or Invocation (279)
  - Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith (281-284)
    - Unlike when baptism is celebrated outside Mass, here the whole assembly responds with the parents and godparents.
  - Baptism (285-286)
- Explanatory Rites
  - Anointing after Baptism (287)
  - Clothing with White Garment (288)
  - Handing on of Lighted Candle (289)
  - Ephphetha (290)
- All now return to their places.

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

- As usual.
- In the Eucharistic Prayer, proper formulas from the Ritual Mass are used (292).

### **THE CONCLUDING RITES**

- The blessing from the Rite of Baptism may be used (293).
- Dismissal as usual (294).