

**St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church**

**Temporary Baptism Policies**

**Revised February 2021**

The following temporary policies have been put into place because of the pandemic:

1. Baptisms will continue to be celebrated in the narthex (i.e. outside), unless otherwise noted. Please ask about this.
2. Attendance is limited to the parents, grandparents, godparents, and immediate family (i.e. siblings) of the child to be baptized. This may also change, so please ask about this, as well.
3. The water poured for each child to be baptized will not come from the water in the bowl that catches the water that has touched the children (which it used to be). Thus, no water will touch your child that has touched anyone else.
4. Because of the limitation on who can attend, families are permitted on their own to video record the celebration, or even to connect live with others via Facetime or Zoom. In the case of connecting live, the mobile device should be muted so as not to cause a disturbance.
5. Everyone (except very small children) is required to wear a mask, and everyone should practice six-foot distancing and other standard safety practices (washing hands, using sanitizer, etc.)

Please arrive about 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the baptism, to check in. St. Clare will provide a baptismal candle and a white garment/bib for your baby.