

# Baptism Frequently Asked Questions

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## **1. When will I receive the baptism certificate?**

You will receive it on the date of your child's baptism.

## **2. Do I have to bring my own candle?**

It is not necessary. We will provide one for your child to be taken home with you after the baptism.

## **3. Can I offer the suggested donation by credit or debit card?**

Yes, but for your protection you have to present it in person. You can present it when you come for the baptism prep class.

## **4. What if the dates listed don't work in our schedule?**

We do not schedule private Baptisms as the Sacrament is a celebration of the whole Church. If do we make an exception, it is only because of extreme circumstances. Please discuss your situation with one of our priests. Private baptisms are not held on a Sunday.

## **5. If the parents are not validly married in the Catholic Church, can the child be baptized?**

Yes. There should be nothing to prevent a child from being baptized if that is the wish of the parents, even if they are not validly married in the Catholic Church. On that note, you may consider having your marriage convalidated (recognized) by the Catholic Church. Please contact one of our priests.

## **6. Do parents and godparents need to attend a preparation program again when another child is to be baptized?**

There is no need if the class had been taken two years before. However, you still need to schedule an interview with a priest before scheduling the Baptism.