



Baptism Scheduling

All baptisms are scheduled during our normal weekend liturgy schedule. Baptisms can be scheduled at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening or the 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM or 5:00 PM Masses on Sunday. Both parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class at Holy Spirit before scheduling the baptism date. Normally only two children will be scheduled for one Mass.

Full Immersion Baptisms

All baptisms will be done within a weekend liturgy and by full immersion.

- Age 0-18 months
 - Bring your baby dressed in a diaper and undershirt only (or something that can be easily slipped off). You will be given a large bath towel to wrap the baby in—please remove all baby's clothing except a diaper.
 - Bring the baptismal clothes with you!
 - During the Homily, remove the baby's diaper, keeping him/her wrapped in the towel.
 - The godmother will carry up the baptismal clothes and the godfather will carry the candle when you are all called forward.
 - The priest will take the baby from you to baptize him/her—please hold the towel out to receive the baby and wrap him/her up when the baptism is over.
 - Following the baptism ceremony, you will dress your baby in his/her baptismal clothes at your seat. Please do not take the baby out of the worship space to dress him/her.
- Age 19 months-6 years old
 - Arrive with the child in a bathing suit with a coverup. A robe will be provided when you arrive on the day of the baptism.
 - Bring the baptismal clothes with you!
 - The godmother will carry up the baptismal clothes and the godfather will carry up the candle when you are all called forward.
 - Please have the towel available to dry the child off after the baptism.
 - Following the baptism ceremony, the parent will take the child to the restroom to dry off and change into their baptismal garment.

On the Day of the Baptism:

1. Parents *and* Godparents must **arrive 30 minutes** ahead of time; it is necessary to go over the exact procedures of how a baptism is to be done at that Mass; failure to do so may result in postponement of the baptism.
2. Only one person per family may take photos; this person must stay in his/her place (standing or sitting along with the assembly) and may not use flash or lighting. The Priest will be available after mass for photos if desired.
3. All family members and friends should stay for the duration of the mass. Please do not leave after the baptism ceremony.