

Mary, Help of Christians Catholic Church

Parkland, FL

BAPTISMAL GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19

Dear families, for the safety and health of all, we ask you to follow these current baptismal guidelines:

1. Your baptismal form must be filled out and returned to the office by email (Ana.Rocco@mhocrc.org) **at least two (2) weeks before** your scheduled baptism. You may also drop off by mail or to the office **Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am -1:00 pm**. It should also include copy of a birth certificate for a child and/or picture I.D. for an adult seeking baptism.
2. A baptismal date and time will be assigned by the parish to you. We will offer several dates and try our best to meet/accommodate your request.
3. The suggested donation for Baptisms is \$75.00 – an envelope for the offering is provided at the Baptism by the priest or deacon.
4. On the day of baptism:
 - a. Please be at the Church **15 minutes before** your scheduled baptism. You may enter through the East doors. No other doors will be open.
 - b. Only **twenty five (25) persons are permitted at the baptism**. Remember that only one (1) godparent is required. Children who are immediate family are allowed.
 - c. For the safety of all, **parents, godparents, and any child over 2 years of age must wear a mask**. A child who is to be baptized does not have to wear a mask, unless the parents see it fit.
 - d. Since we have had many requests for baptisms that we have had to postpone due to the virus, we kindly ask you to leave the church immediately following the baptism and **taking your pictures outside** so we can sanitize the church.

We thank you for following these necessary steps and we ask God's blessings upon you and your loved ones.