

Baptism Rite Outline



Baptism Within Mass:

1. This section (1.) is optional and if done will take place before the opening song or after the homily (the priest will let you know):
 - a. Priest may ask the parents:
 1. **“What name do you give your child?”** (Respond with child’s full name.)
 2. **“What do you ask of God’s church?”** (Baptism.)
 3. **“. . . Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?”** (We do.)
 - b. Priest may ask the godparents: “Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?” (We are.)
 - c. Priest may sign cross on child’s head & invite parents & godparents to do same
2. After homily priest invites baptismal party (parents, siblings, godparents) to place of baptism
3. Section (1.) may be inserted here
4. Litany of the Saints
5. Priest anoints child’s chest-bone with oil
6. Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith: **“Do you reject Satan?”** – (I do.) **“And all his works?”** – (I do.) **“Do you believe in God.”** – (I do.) Etc.
7. Priest will ask the parents: **“Is it your will that your child should be baptized in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?”** (It is.)
8. Priest baptizes child by pouring water over the baby’s head and saying, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
9. Child is anointed with oil on the head
10. Recognition of white garment
11. Baptismal candle is lit
12. The priest will direct the baptismal party to be seated

Baptism Outside of Mass:

The rite will be very similar to the baptism within Mass (above) except:

- a. There will be no opening song, homily, or communion.
- b. The participants will stand around the baptismal font the entire rite.

