

Preparing for the Day of Baptism

Once the Baptism date is set, the following matters will need some attention:

1. **BE PRAYERFULLY PREPARED**

Reflect on your answer to the question at the Welcome ceremony: ~ WHAT DO YOU ASK OF GOD'S CHURCH FOR YOUR CHILD? Also, be ready to make the PROFESSION OF FAITH and the promise of raising your child in the practice of the Catholic faith. Perhaps it is appropriate for you to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the day of your child's baptism.

2. **WHITE GARMENT**

It is preferable that your baby be dressed in a white, loose-fitting garment for the Baptism: **WHITE** because traditionally, this is a sign of purity in the newly-baptized and **LOOSE-FITTING** so that your child may be easily anointed on the chest.

3. **ARRIVING ON TIME**

Baptisms are celebrated **every first and last Sunday of the month** after the last mass:

SEPTEMBER – JUNE	2:00 PM
JULY – AUGUST	12:15 PM

A suggestion is to attend the last scheduled Sunday Mass and stay for the Baptism. This alleviates parking problems and ensures you and your family is on time. If you are not attending the last Mass, plan to be in the church **15 MINUTES** prior to the start time. Parents and sponsors are to be seated in the front pews. Other family members and guests are to sit in the pews behind all the parents and sponsors.

4. **PICTURES AND VIDEOS**

Baptism is sacred. The sacredness of this Sacrament and the primary place it holds is reflected in our actions and practices during the ceremony. In order that reverence and full respect be given throughout the celebration, please note: **PICTURE-TAKING AND VIDEO-TAPING ARE PROHIBITED DURING THE BAPTISM CEREMONY.** OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY ARE POSSIBLE **AFTER** THE BAPTISM. Kindly share this information with your family and guests in advance of the Baptism day.