

## Information for families coming for Baptism

*Thank you for choosing a life of faith for your child and for coming to our parish for Baptism.*

*While we are excited to welcome you and your guests, it is important to make note of the following:*

- Baptisms will be scheduled on the second Sunday of each month at the 11:30 am mass. Exceptions may be made depending on the situation. The Baptism will be celebrated within the mass, unless there are more than 2 families, then it will be celebrated after the mass. You are expected to attend the mass and participate in the procession. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early, so we know that you have arrived, and you can be ready for the procession. You may sit anywhere in the church that you prefer, but closer to the front is best.
- The parents and Godparents **must** attend the Baptism preparation class. It is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The Godparents must be practicing Catholics, who attend Mass regularly, who have received their Confirmation and are over the age of 18.
- There is no cost for Baptism, but a donation may be made. There are no other fees or items for you to worry about. We provide the Baptism candle as well as the white garment.
- Our church is a place of reverence where each of us comes to pray and receive the sacraments in the presence of God and our parish family. Please respect our church and the other parishioners. Please do not create a lot of distractions.
- Please do not bring food or drinks with you into the church, unless it is for medical reasons or for small children. No coffee, food, or gum please.
- Please make use of our childrens room at the back of the church if your child is upset or you want a place where they can move around. There is a washroom in the childrens room.
- Please do not take photos or videos of the mass or of people who are not your guests. This is a privacy issue, so please respect the privacy of others and the reverence of the mass.
- Please remind your guests that we kneel during the consecration (if able). If they are not Catholic or are not receiving Holy Communion at this time, they are welcome to receive a blessing by placing their arm across their chest at Communion time. Or they may stay in their seat, if they prefer.