

Church of the Ascension

Baptism Process

Our Preparation Process for baptisms.

Infant baptism is a sign of God's desire to give us "more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). Obviously, the tiny baby cannot ask for or even imagine the richness of new life in God. It is a gift, one so precious that, by its very nature, it calls for a response. In the case of infant baptism, the immediate response of joy, gratitude and commitment is offered by the parents, the godparents and the entire Christian community.

We, as Church, believe it is our duty to offer you, as parents, the opportunity to fully understand the commitment you are undertaking for your child and yourselves through the Sacrament of Baptism. Our process consists of four parts:

1. Attend one baptism class (for first time parents only)

These classes are held every other month – typically, the second Sunday at 1:00 and are 90 minutes in length. In the class, you will have the opportunity to meet other couples preparing for baptism. Together, we will reflect on the meaning and signs of baptism. Through the signs and the words of the rite, we will deepen our appreciation of the richness and significance of this sacrament. Please sign up for these classes in advance by calling the parish office at 913-681-3348.

2. Complete the Baptism registration form which can be found on our parish website or picked up in the parish office and turn it into the parish office.

3. Schedule the Baptism

Contact the parish office at 913-681-3348 to schedule the baptism. Baptisms are typically celebrated the first and third Sunday after the 11:45 am Mass and the second Sunday during a Mass. We limit the number to 6 children for the after Mass celebrations and 2 children for during Mass celebrations. Baptisms are scheduled after the completion of the baptism process. We request you contact us after you have selected your child's Godparents and before you make flight arrangements for traveling friends and family members.

4. Select Godparents/Christian Witness. Godparents need to turn in a completed Godparent Form to the parish office two weeks prior to the desired date of baptism. Forms can be found on Website or picked up at parish office. Please see information regarding Godparents and Christian Witnesses on separate forms.

It is our sincerest hope that you find the baptism preparation process meaningful and that it puts you into a more relaxed and prayerful state of mind as the baptism day approaches.