

Baptism: FAQs

TIMING

HOW LONG IS THE BAPTISM?

The ceremony usually takes no longer than 40 minutes (12:40-1:20p).

WHEN SHOULD FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARRIVE?

If they want to join for Mass, it begins at 11:30a. If you want to see just the sacrament of baptism, arrive around 12:40p.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE BAPTIZED AT ONCE?

It depends on who else has signed up for that time slot.

WHAT SHOULD THE ATTIRE BE?

Parents & godparent(s) are asked to wear at least business casual.

HOW WET WILL THE CHILD GET?

Just the top of the head. It's immediately dried with a towel that's provided. Most children won't need another outfit.

GODPARENTS

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS WHEN CHOOSING THE GODPARENT(S)?

Only one godparent is required, who has had the sacrament of confirmation in the Catholic church. If you opt for a second they must be the opposite gender and either confirmed (godparent) or a practicing christian (witness).

WHAT DO THE GODPARENT(S) DO DURING THE CEREMONY?

The godparent(s) can assist with the towel in drying off the child's head. They also help hold the candle and put the white garment on.

WHAT DO THE THE PARENTS DO DURING THE CEREMONY?

If the child is an infant, they hold the child. If older, they stand near the child during the ceremony.

WHERE DO I STAND DURING THE CEREMONY?

Godparent(s), parents and the child go to the baptismal font and back to the pew. The attendees can follow or watch from their seats.