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The Sacrament of Baptism

Frequently Asked Questions



- Question:** We would like our child baptized at Our Lady Queen of Peace. What is required?
Answer: Call or stop by the Parish Center during regular office hours, Mon – Fri from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to schedule a Baptism. New parents are asked to participate in a Baptism Preparation Session.
- Question:** Can we have our child baptized at Our Lady Queen of Peace if we are not members?
Answer: You must be a registered member of either Our Lady Queen of Peace or another Catholic Church. If you belong to another parish you will be asked to provide a letter from your parish verifying your membership there and giving permission to have your baby baptized at Our Lady Queen of Peace. If you are not a member of any parish, you will be encouraged to join one.
- Question:** When can we celebrate our child's Baptism?
Answer: Baptisms can be celebrated during any weekend Mass or privately at 12:15 p.m. on Sundays. During Lent, Baptisms are not scheduled during Mass, but private Baptisms continue to be scheduled at the usual time.
- Question:** Will there be multiple baptisms at the Mass we select?
Answer: Possibly. We do our best to welcome as many children into our faith as possible, so we often celebrate more than one baptism at a Mass.
- Question:** Does our child need to wear a baptismal gown?
Answer: No, it is not required. Each child will receive a symbolic, white baptismal garment.
- Question:** Are there requirements for being a Godparent?
Answer: Yes. At least one Godparent must be an adult, Confirmed, practicing Catholic.
- Question:** We have family joining us from out of town. Can we reserve seating?
Answer: Yes. You can also carry the gifts up the center aisle during the presentation of the gifts.
- Question:** Can we take flash photography at our child's baptism?
Answer: Yes, as long as it doesn't interfere with the Liturgy.
- Question:** How old should my child be at Baptism?
Answer: Baptism can take place at any age. It is recommended that an infant be baptized within the first weeks after birth.
- Question:** Is there a cost for Baptism?
Answer: There is no cost for baptism. You may wish to give a stipend to the priest; \$25-\$50 is common.
- Question:** What about my older child?
Answer: School-aged children and their parents participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program to prepare for Baptism.
- Question:** I am an adult who would like to be baptized in the Catholic Faith, what is required?
Answer: Adults preparing for Baptism are strongly encouraged to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program, or they may receive private instruction. Please call or stop by the Parish Center for more information.