

Baptism Instructions at Mass
for parents and godparents

30 minutes before the mass, parents and godparents, along with the child-children to be baptized are to be at the church for any additional instruction. The child is NOT TO BE WEARING A WHITE GARMENT AT THIS TIME. Before the Gloria, Fr. will ask the parents the name of the child and what they are seeking from the Church. After the homily, during the Baptismal rite, he will also anoint the child with the oil of the catechumens. Please make sure that the child's shirt or blouse is open at the collar. After homily, the priest will invite the entire assembly to stand. Parents, baby(ies), and godparents ONLY come up front to the baptismal font. We will all renew our baptismal promises and our Creed. Priest will then baptize the child by immersion into the font. Following the baptism, holy Chrism will then be poured on the child's head. Please take child into a back or side room and change the child into the white garment. Please DO NOT TAKE MORE THAN 5 MINUTES TO DO THIS!!!! Remaining godparents stay to wait for the child to arrive newly dressed. The prayers of the faithful are then recited. At the offertory, after the gifts of bread and wine have been brought up, the newly baptized child/children are brought to the altar. The baptismal candle will then be presented to the godparent. The child/children are then presented to the community. Following this, candles are extinguished and all go back to seats for the remainder of mass.