

Order of the Ceremony

The ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Worship Space. Please arrive in the Narthex area by 12:15 p.m. to have our host/hostess seat you in the church and be ready to start on time.

Each family will be directed to the font for the baptism of their child. Either parent may hold the child. Later in the ceremony the godmother places the white bib on the child and the godfather will light the candle. In most cases we do have our AV screens working so family members can view what is happening at the font if they choose to stay in the pew.

BAPTISM RITE

What name do you give your child?

Response: Name of child given

What do you ask of God's Church for (child's name)

Response: Baptism

(Parents & Godparents are asked if they understand the commitments they are about to

undertake)

Welcome to the Christian community –

The Presider traces the sign of the cross on child's forehead followed by parents and godparents.

Celebration of God's Word

Gospel Reading by Presider Short Reflection Prayers of the Faithful/Litany

Anointing before baptism

- Child is anointed on the breast with the oil of catechumens

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Water rite at the font or baptismal bowl – entire family is invited to go to the font

Blessing of baptismal water (if necessary)

Renunciation of Sin & Profession of Faith

BAPTISM

Anointing with Chrism (on the crown of the head)

Clothing with White Garment (we provide a bib)

Lighting of the Baptismal candle (we provide)

Prayer over the ears and mouth

Concluding Rite

Lord's Prayer Blessing of the Mothers & Fathers Final Blessing