

St. Andrew's Church Baptism Last Minute Instructions...

Baptism Day: What, when & where



For baptism during weekend liturgies: *Families are to report to the Chapel at least 20 minutes prior to their Mass time.* The priest anoints the child with the oil of catechumen, which is separate from the anointing with the chrism of salvation done during the actual baptism. It is important that you are here in time for the first anointing in the Chapel. After this, parents, child, and godparents go to the back of the church and process in with the priest at the beginning of Mass.

For baptism at 1PM on Sunday: *Families are to report to the font area of the Church by 12:45PM.* Both anointings are done within the context of the baptism by Deacon Mark. Families do not process in.

Seating



Baptism families will be assigned places in one of the front rows on the font (east) side of the church. Families may sit anywhere in the pew that is designated by their own "reserved" sign. (Remember to save a seat for parents and godparents on the font side!) Each family will have one pew, which comfortably holds 10 adults. Family members not fitting into your pew will be able to find seats elsewhere in the church.

Dress



The child to be baptized wears a white garment, often a christening gown or suit. This white garment symbolizes new life in Jesus Christ. You may either bring the child dressed, or change them when you get here. However, if you change your child into the white garment when you get here, please allow plenty of time!

Pictures



Families will have the opportunity to take pictures of the Baptism. Flash photos may be taken before and after the celebration anywhere on the property. Non-flash photos and videos may be taken from your seat during the liturgy *as long as it does not distract from the spirit of prayer.*