

Parent Guidelines

Baptism at St. Luke Catholic Church - Temple Texas

Congratulations on your newborn child. In the baptismal preparation class you will learn the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism. More importantly, your faith will be refreshed, renewed, deepened and strengthened. Through the Sacrament of Baptism your child will receive God's life, removal of original sin, and membership in the Catholic Christian Community. What a joyous occasion in your life and in the life of the Church. Listed below are some practical points to make the day organized and happy.

1. Before your child can be baptized, you are required to attend the following in order:
 - A Clergy Interview and a Baptism Preparation Class.
 - The Clergy Interview must be scheduled through the parish office.
 - Once the Clergy Interview is completed, contact the parish office for date, time and location of the Baptism Preparation Class.
 - It is required that both parents and godparents attend the Baptismal Preparation class. However, exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.
 - After you and the godparents have attended a class, you may come to the office during regular business hours to schedule a baptism. This must be done in person by a parent or someone you designate to do so. You may drop off or mail in paperwork. These are the forms that are required in the office:
 - ❖ Proof of Attendance at Baptismal Preparation Class
 - ❖ A Copy of State Birth Certificate for the child
 - ❖ A Godparent Covenant Form from each Catholic godparent
 - ❖ Permission to Baptize (if you are baptizing out of your home parish)

Remember, godparents must be practicing Catholics and at least 16 years old. They must have all of their sacraments, including Confirmation. If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. If they are single, then they should be living in accordance to the tenants of the Catholic faith.

2. Baptisms cannot be scheduled until all the paperwork is in the office. Please do not make arrangements with out of town guests to attend your child's baptism until you have scheduled a date. If the scheduled Baptism must be canceled, please call 773-1561 (office), and advise us of that fact.
3. It is customary for the child to wear white, but not mandatory.
4. Baptisms are held at the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday, 8:15 A.M. Mass and 11:00 A.M. Mass on every Sunday of the month.
5. Please contact the parish office to schedule your baptism. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; and Friday - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.