

St. Bartholomew the Apostol Catholic Church

Information for the Day of Baptism



Please observe the following information before your child's baptism.

If Baptism is within the Mass, it is very important that godparents go to confession at least one week before the Sacrament of Baptism of the child. Godparents must receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist during Mass. Parents, if married in the Catholic Church, must also go to confession in advance and receive the Eucharist.

Parents and Godparents:

- Please arrive at church **45 minutes early**. If you are late, Baptism may not take place and you should call the office to schedule another date.
- **For Saturday Baptisms**, wait in the narthex. For **Baptisms within the Mass**, as soon as you arrive, go to the room on the right side once you enter the church. A candle will be provided.
- Please dress your baby in white. If the child is older than one year, dress for girls or white shirt and slacks for boys.
- Parents and Godparents must dress appropriately:

Gentlemen: Preferably suit and tie, or combination of slacks and dress shirt. Or white shirt and dark pants. Please no jeans or shorts and T-shirts.

Ladies: Please dress modestly, abstain from low-cut dresses and sleeveless, very short and tight dresses, beach sandals or "flip-flops"; please wear dress shoes. Keep in mind that you are in the house of God.

*** Tattoos should not be visible. Wear long sleeves, pants or gloves if necessary to cover them up.**

- Remind family and friends to arrive on time.
- Photographs should be taken from their place on the benches, people cannot stand to take pictures. Please do not use flash.
- You may take pictures with Father or Deacon after the Baptism.
- Please turn off any electronic devices such as cell phones and children's toys.
- Please keep silence and respect during the ceremony.