



Church of St. Joseph
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Church of St. Joseph Baptism Policy

Dear Parents,

Please call the parish office (x100) at least **two weeks** before your scheduled baptism to set a date for a home visit. During the visit we will pray for your child and anoint the child's chest with holy oil (Oil of the Catechumens) to protect, strengthen and prepare your child for baptism. This visit normally takes about 15 minutes, and it is best if the whole family (mom, dad, other children) can be present.

If you are not married, the diocese requires us to have on file a copy of your child's birth certificate. This needs to be done before a baptism date is set. Also, please make an appointment with me to discuss your marital status.

Baptisms are celebrated during Mass so that the larger Christian community can welcome your child as a member of God's family. Under special circumstances, baptisms can be celebrated outside of Mass. Please call me to discuss your particular situation.

On the day of baptism, please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass to review procedures. The seating you requested for family and friends will be reserved for you in the front of the church. When you arrive, you and your guests can go to your reserved seats. Five minutes before Mass begins, parents, godparents and child will come to the entrance of the church.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Joseph Feders, O.S.B.
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