

Gesu Parish

Infant Baptism Preparation

What is required?

Expectant parents and parents of infants up to age two call the parish offices to make an appointment with a pastoral minister. During that interview, a prospective date for the baptism is scheduled. At least one parent and one godparent must be a baptized, practicing Catholic.

What happens next?

Preparation Session

The family – mom, dad and children – and godparents, if possible, attend a group preparation session during which the family learns more about the meaning of Baptism. They also hear other parishioners witness to how they are helping their children to grow as Christians.

Enrollment

The first part of the Rite of Baptism, enrollment, takes place at the beginning of Sunday Mass. During the rite, parents introduce their child to the Church, state what they are asking of the church for themselves and their child, and sign the child with the sign of the cross. Finally the priest anoints the child on the breast with the Oil of Catechumens.



Baptism

The baptismal rite is completed a few weeks after the enrollment at a Sunday Mass. Gesu follows the Church's suggestion to celebrate all Baptisms by immersion.

Community Involvement

We baptize infants at Sunday Mass because Baptism means that a child is “born” into the larger family of the church. Our whole community rejoices with the family of the child.

**For further information, please contact Gesu Parish Offices,
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