



ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

BAPTISM GUIDELINES

Baptism Request Form & Parish Census Form

- This form must be filled and handed over to the Parish Office.

Baptismal Meeting

- For your first Baptism at St. Luke's Parish, you will be required to attend a "Baptism Preparation Meeting" conducted at the Parish.

Candles & Stole

- A candle and stole is necessary item for the ceremony.

Candle & Stole Presentation – Welcoming Mass

- On the first Sunday of the month **prior to your child's baptism** you are asked to attend the 10am mass. At this mass after the homily you are asked to come forward your child is presented to the Parish Community. You need to bring your child's Baptism candle and the Baptism stole with you on this day. Your child will be anointed with the oil for the first time on the chest, and your child will be presented with candle and the stole that is brought to the church.
- You are required to come 15min early and meet the Baptism team member who will make you welcome and prepare you for the presentation.
- Please remember to dress your child with a garment which can be opened in the front for the chest anointing.
- Hospitality Group invites your family to stay for cup of tea after mass.

Time of Dates for Baptisms

- Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and the 4th Sundays of the month from 11.15am and 11.45am.

Permission is Granted – Letter

- A letter is required from your current registered parish granting permission for St. Luke's to celebrate your child's Baptism.

Seating Arrangements

- Families sit together in a group. When there are several Baptisms, each family group usually occupies one section of seating.

Baptism Offering

- It is customary for the family to make an offering to the Parish.

Clergy Fees: \$ 50.00 this must be paid separately

Administration Fees: \$ 20.00

Candle: \$ 20.00 if purchase from the parish office

Stole: \$ 25.00 if purchase from the parish office

Baptismal Certificate

- A certificate will be presented to you at the Baptism.

Mass Attendance

- Baptism is the beginning of the faith development of your child. Therefore the practical example and support of Parents and Godparents is critical if the Sacrament is to be meaningful. The baptism of your child is a perfect opportunity to reassess the value of your Catholic faith for you personally, and what you will be offering your child for their development and growth in faith.

Godparents

- A Godparent is a “Sponsor” therefore should be a “member” of the organization which the child is joining. The Godparents role is to support the child in the development of the Catholic faith. Therefore, the church requires at least one Godparent is Catholic who has been confirmed and over the age of 16 years.

Celebration of Baptism

- You are required to be in church at 11.00am with your family and friends. The celebration, starts at 11.15am with Fr. Joseph and generally conclude in 30 minutes. With Fr. Joseph presenting child with the Baptismal Certificate.