

What do you need?

Cross

Usually when you enter the church the priest will trace the cross on the forehead of your baby and invite the parents and godparents to do the same. The tracing of a cross on the forehead of the person being baptised is an invisible 'branding' that says 'you belong to Christ'. We ask to the godparents to make a cross with your hands to give as a souvenir on the day of the Baptism.



Candle

At the beginning of the new life a Baptismal candle will be lit using the flame from the Easter Candle which symbolises the light of Christ - the Light of the World. You need to provide a candle or say to the priest that you do not have it before the baptism.



White Garment

Clothing in a white garment is worn during the ceremony to symbolise your child's new life in Christ. Your family might have a Christening gown that you want to use or a shawl. If you want to use this, then let the priest know beforehand. You might like to use a baptismal gown, either a white tunic or a white shawl.



Our Baptism

Some families celebrate their baptismal anniversary each year as well as birthdays, to remember when their children were reborn as children of God. Have you ever thought about your baptism and thanked God for the graces that you received through this wonderful sacrament?

"Thank you lord for welcoming me to live like a child of God. Come Holy spirit afresh into my life today and help me to live out the promise of my baptism. Amen"

CHURCH SERVICES

Mass times

Saturday Vigil 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:00 am – Italian
11:30 am -
6:00 pm

Weekday

Mon, Tue 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am - Italian
Thu, Fri, Sat 9:00 am
Maltese Mass every 2nd Saturday
at 5:00 pm

CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY



Celebrating the Sacrament of the Baptism in Saint Luke Parish –



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Congratulations on the arrival of your new baby! Our Catholic Community joins you in thanking God for the gift of new life. As you are seeking the baptism of your child in the Roman Catholic Church, the following guidelines are presented to help you embark upon this journey of faith with Christ and his Church.

Basic Guidelines and Information for Infant Baptism in our Parish:

Parents are responsible for bringing their child to the Sacrament of Baptism as soon after birth as possible. Except in case of necessity, the church is the usual place of baptism.

In order that a child be baptized, it is necessary that...

- the parents consent, or at least one of them, or someone legally standing in their place,

- and that the parents hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic faith.



- they be chosen by the parents,
- have the ability and the intention to fulfill the role,
- be at least 16 years of age, and...
- and be neither the father nor the mother of the child.
- A baptized person who belongs to another Christian community may be admitted only as a "Christian witness" (not a godparent) provided that there is at least one Roman Catholic godparent who fulfills the above criteria. A non-baptized person cannot be a Godparent.

Attend the baptism preparation.

Baptismal Preparation in our Parish:

- Contact our parish office and express your desire to have your child baptized two months before the baptism at least.
- Open yourself to the invitation to actively join the faith community of your parish. If you are not registered parishioners, please consider becoming involved in the prayer and celebration of the Sunday Eucharistic community.

To make an appointment to meet with the Parish Priest. At this meeting the Priest will get you to complete a Baptism Information form. He will then advise you of the requirements for Baptism, being that you:

- * attend one of our Baptism Preparation classes held every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.
- * attend the 11.30am Parish Mass on the last Sunday of the month prior to the Baptism, where we will present and welcome the child in the catholic faith.

Baptisms are available most Saturdays of the year, providing there is availability of the church and the priests. Baptisms are only available on the 1st & 3rd days of the month, where there is availability of the church and the priests.

