

Baptism

at St. Mary's Episcopal Church

What is Baptism?

Baptism is one of the first steps in becoming a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ.

In Baptism, new Christians ask forgiveness for sins and promise to follow the teachings of Jesus.

We are baptized with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. From then on, we are “sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism, and marked as Christ’s own forever.”

Baptizing Children

Children are baptized so that they can share citizenship in the Covenant, membership in Christ, and redemption by God.

These promises are made for them by their parents, godparents, or other sponsors, who guarantee that they will be brought up within the Church, to know Christ and be able to follow him. Please note that parents/godparents/sponsors must be baptized Christians.

Getting Ready

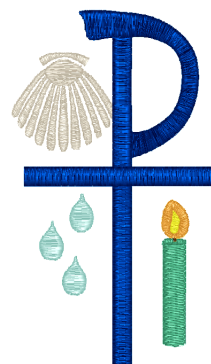
Baptism is free and open to anyone. At St. Mary's, preparation for baptism is of great importance. In trying to be faithful to Our Lord, we take initiation into his body and ministry quite seriously.

The person who desires to be baptized (or the adult parent/godparent/sponsor) would need to participate fully in the preparation process so they will be able to confidently make their Baptismal Vows.

The Quest

The Quest is a way of helping people enter into the Christian community. In a small group setting, the candidate joins other parishioners to reflect on the Sunday scripture passages. It is a great opportunity to get to know St. Mary's people while growing in the knowledge and love of God.

During the six months of preparation, the candidate should attend weekly Sunday Mass. If the candidate is a child, both parent and child should attend Mass or Sunday School.



When are Baptisms Celebrated?

Baptisms are celebrated during the **Great Vigil of Easter** - usually late March to mid-April. With permission of the priest, baptisms might also occur on:

- ✕ Pentecost Sunday (late May to early June).
- ✕ Sunday after the Feast of the Transfiguration (early August).
- ✕ Sunday after All Saints' Day (early November).
- ✕ Sunday after Candlemas (early February).

Baptismal Record Information

Full Name of Candidate

Birth Date

Candidate's Address

Candidate's Phone Number

City and State of Birth

Gender (opt.)

Mother's Full Name

Father's Full Name

Sponsor's Full Name

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