

BAPTISM GUIDELINES DURING COVID OUTSIDE OF MASS

We are very excited to celebrate the baptism of your child, even though it is during the pandemic. Below is some information for you about the actual day, if the baptism takes place outside of mass.

- There are no longer any limits on the number of people who can attend. They will need to follow all the COVID guidelines, including being masked and sanitizing their hands once they arrive in the church. It will be your responsibility to know who is attending in case there is any potential exposure to the virus.
- Please arrive as close to on time as you can (although I know it can be difficult with a little one). This is especially important for any guests who are coming from outside of West Seattle. The detours can be cumbersome, even on a Sunday morning.
- Please park in the south parking lot and enter the church through the southwest doors.
- People will need to self-distance themselves, based on their pandemic bubbles.
- We will provide a special candle with your child's name and date of baptism on it. We will also provide you a special container of holy water from your child's baptism.
- Fr. Kevin is fully vaccinated and will be masked the entire time. The only times he will touch your child are for the sign of the cross and the anointing with the Sacred Chrism.
 - The oil is poured out and only used once for each child.
- The celebration will be live streamed if you wish. You can send your family and friends this link for more information: <https://olgseattle.org/livestreaming-at-olg>
- You are welcome to safely take pictures after the baptism, including with Fr. Kevin.
- The celebration normally takes about 20 minutes.

There is a tradition of making a donation to the parish in honor of your child's baptism. This is based on the Jewish tradition, where parents, including Jesus' parents, brought their children to the synagogue or temple with an offering. If you wish to do this, just enclose your donation in an envelope, noting it is in honor of your child. Please make checks out to OLG. [Note: This is tax-deductible and we will record it for you for your yearly tax records}.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns:

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