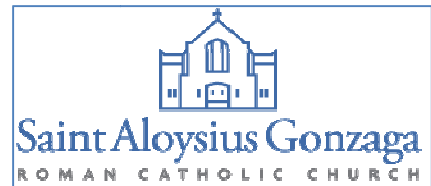


St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish Community **Baptism Preparation**
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Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround this child with your love, protect it from evil. Fill it with the Holy Spirit and receive it into the family of your church that it may walk with us in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love.

“Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.” Catechism of the Catholic Church

1. Baptism Registration Form
2. Your Baby's Baptism handout
3. Baptism is a faith journey:
 - a. Christ's Baptism
 - b. For your child
 - i. The effects of Baptism
 1. Welcome into the Christian community
 2. Forgiveness of sins
 3. Born into a new life
 4. Receive the Holy Spirit
 - c. For you
 - d. For your friends and family
4. Godparent(s) Handout
 - a. Requirements of the Church
 - i. A role model in faith, continuing involvement through child's life
5. Rite of Baptism
 - a. Reception of the Child
 - b. Celebration of God's Word
 - c. Celebration of the Sacrament (at Font)
 - i. Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith
 - ii. Baptism
 - iii. Anointing With Chrism
 - iv. Clothing With The White Garment
 - v. Lighted Candle
 - d. Conclusion of The Rite
 - i. Lord's Prayer
 - ii. Blessing
6. After the Baptism

Scheduling the Baptism Service

Saturday, Sunday afternoons 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Sundays during 9:00 am or 11:00 am Mass (start
time 20 minutes before Mass)