

Baptism

Baptism is the sacrament belonging to the people of God. In Baptism, we are cleansed from sin and made worthy to stand in God's presence. We put away the old life of the world and take on the new life of Christ. We participate in the death of Jesus, and experience a new birth in Christ. By God's grace, we are grafted into the Body of Christ, becoming members of the Church. Practicing Christian parents who desire these things for their children bring them to the Church for Baptism.

Baptism is not a naming ceremony, or the registration of birth. These are functions of the government's Registrar of Civil Status.

Baptism is celebrated on Sunday morning, at the main service (11:00 a.m.). There are five specific feasts in the church calendar that are especially appropriate for Baptism, and these are the dates used at St. James the Apostle. In addition, an alternative time would be at the visit of our Bishop.

Parents and Godparents take part in a Baptismal Preparation Course. These are normally given on the two Sundays prior to the Baptismal date. (Please confirm the dates and times of these classes with the church.) **It is expected that both parents and Godparents attend these sessions.**

Dates for Baptism

The Baptism of the Lord

(usually the 2nd Sunday of January)

Easter

Pentecost

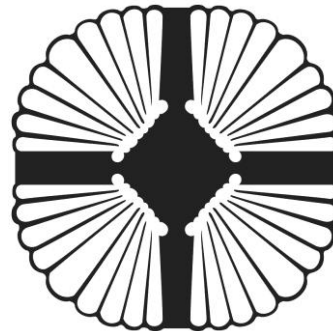
(seven weeks after Easter)

The Transfiguration

(first Sunday in August)

All Saints

(first Sunday in November)



Some Common Questions

How many godparents should there be?

Traditionally, there are two godparents, though there is no hard and fast rule.

One tradition allowed for three godparents, two of the same sex as the child and one of the opposite sex. The role of godparents is to set a good example in the faith, so the number is not particularly important. Two is the usual number.

One of the godparents is not Anglican. Is that all right?

Godparents do not need to be Anglican, but they do need to be practicing Christians. Non-Christian friends or relatives are most welcome to attend the service, but are inappropriate choices for godparents.

How do I sign up for baptism?

Speak to one of the clergy following the service, or call the church office during the week. It is preferable to arrange for baptism at least a month in advance.

Is there a fee?

No. There is no fee for baptism, though you may wish to make a special thank - offering.

Baptism Information

Candidate

Name:

Date of Birth:
 DAY MONTH YEAR

Place of Birth

Hospital:

City: Province:

Mother:

Father:

Address:

City: Province:

Postal code:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Godparents

Name:

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Regular Services and Christian Education

Sunday 8:30 a.m. **Holy Communion**
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. **Sung Eucharist**
Morning Prayer (3rd Sun. of the month)
 Children's Ministry Available

Wednesday 12:15 p.m. **Bread for the Body,**
Food for the Soul
 (Soup and Reflective Readings)

Holiday Services

Our Service schedules for Advent, Christmas and Easter are published separately.

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Christian Education Series

At various times throughout the year, we organise Christian Education activities. We meet at various times of the year to study together a Christian-related subject:

- On Sundays after the service during Advent and Lent;
- On Weekday Evenings, for a few weeks during Spring and Fall. Visit our website for more information.

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Fellowship Social Events

Each year, we organize many fellowship events that are good occasions to know each other and have fun.

- Newcomer evening
- Pancake Brunch
- Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Seasonal Brunches
- Christmas Luncheon and Sale
- The Cabaret
- Saturday morning Fellowship Meetings
- Wine and Cheese
- Scotch Tasting
- West Indian Night
- Other retreats and activities on occasion



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