

Infant Baptism Within Sunday Mass: Outline

During Ordinary Time and the Christmas Season, the Ritual Mass may be used. Otherwise, the Mass for the Sunday is used (#29).

The Rite of Reception (#33-43 or #73-80) takes place as usual (#29.1).

The Greeting and Act of Penitence are omitted (#29.1).

The Introductory Rites of the Mass continue with the *Gloria* and Collect.

Liturgy of the Word (#29.2):

If the Ritual Mass is being celebrated, the readings may come from the ritual lectionary. If the Ritual Mass is not allowed, one of the readings may come from the ritual lectionary.

Otherwise, the Sunday readings are used.

The Profession of Faith (Creed) is omitted, since all will give their assent to the profession of faith later (#59, #96).

The general intercessions include those taken from the Rite of Baptism.

After the intercessions, the Rite of Baptism is celebrated as usual (#29.3), beginning with the Prayer of Exorcism.

Then Mass continues with the Preparation of Altar and Gifts (#29.4)

The blessing from the Rite of Baptism may be used to conclude the Mass (#29.5).

Note:

For weekdays (#30), the same pattern is followed.

If the baptism of children is to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil, the following adaptations are made (#28):

The rite of reception, with or without the Liturgy of the Word, and up through the Prayer of Exorcism and anointing with the Oil of Catechumens, is celebrated at another time before the Vigil.

Baptism takes place after the blessing of the water, as specified in the Rite of the Easter Vigil.

The assent of the celebrant and community (#59) is omitted, as are the presentation of the lighted candle (#64) and the ephphetha rite (#65).

The conclusion of the rite (#67-71) are omitted.