

Baptism or christening

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

10:00 – 10:30 Guest and Family Arrival

Guests gather in the foyer of St. Jude's Church. Godparents and immediate family check in with the officiating priest.

Location: St. Jude's Church Foyer

10:30 – 10:45 Processional and Welcome

The family and godparents process to the altar area with the child. The priest welcomes the congregation and presents the purpose of the sacrament.

Location: St. Jude's Church Sanctuary

10:45 – 11:05 Liturgy of the Word

Selected scripture readings and a short homily focused on faith, guidance, and community support for the child.

Location: St. Jude's Church Sanctuary

11:05 – 11:25 Baptismal Rite

The parents and godparents make vows before the holy water is poured over the infant's head. The child is officially baptized into the faith.

Location: St. Jude's Church Baptismal Font

11:25 – 11:40 Anointing and Candle Lighting

The child is anointed with holy chrism oil and presented with the white garment and baptismal candle symbolizing new life.

Location: St. Jude's Church Sanctuary

11:40 – 12:10 Formal Photography Session

Group photos around the altar and baptismal font with parents, godparents, grandparents, and extended family.

Location: St. Jude's Church Sanctuary

12:10 – 12:30 Transfer to Reception Venue

Guests travel from the church to the private dining venue for the celebration.

Location: Transit to Riverside Garden Pavilion

12:30 – 13:15 Welcome Reception and Refreshments

Guests enjoy welcome cocktails, non-alcoholic drinks, and light appetizers upon arrival at the venue.

Location: Riverside Garden Pavilion Terrace

13:15 – 14:30 Celebratory Luncheon

A seated three-course lunch served for family and friends to celebrate the special occasion.

Location: Riverside Garden Pavilion Main Dining Room

14:30 – 14:50 Godparent Speeches and Toasts

The godparents and parents give brief speeches, followed by a formal toast to the baptized child's future.

Location: Riverside Garden Pavilion Main Dining Room

14:50 – 15:20 Cake Cutting and Dessert

The custom christening cake is presented and cut, served alongside tea and coffee.

Location: Riverside Garden Pavilion Main Dining Room

15:20 – 15:50 Gift Presentation and Guest Favors

Parents present godparent gifts and hand out personalized favors to all departing guests.

Location: Riverside Garden Pavilion Foyer