



Welcoming Script: Baptisms at St. Giles During the era of COVID-19

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Greeter 1: Meeting the Family Outside

- Don't forget the clipboard with the names of the attendees!
- Use this script as a guide but feel free to put it in your own words. Be natural!

Welcome Home!! (be enthusiastic!)

- **Congratulations!! It is so wonderful to be able to celebrate the baptism of your child today! Because of the pandemic, we need to make sure we take some extra precautions to keep your family and guests safe.**
- **First - let's make sure we know who is here today!**
 - *Check off names against attendee list*
 - *If someone is not on the list, but is within the number of guests, write down name and contact information.*
- **Does everyone over 2 have a mask?**
 - *Provide one if needed*
- **For your safety, and the safety of the priest, we ask that everyone over 2 keep your mask on for the whole service.**
- **I have a few questions we are asking everyone before they enter the church:**
 - **Is anyone feeling ill today?**
 - **Does anyone have an elevated temperature (over 100) today?**
 - **Are you aware of any direct exposure to COVID-19 in the past 14 days?**
 - *Any yes answers: that person will not be able to attend.*
- **If no: Wonderful! Once you enter, please use the hand sanitizer and remember social distancing. There will be marks on the floor to help and {name of Greeter 2} will show you where to go next. We ask that you stay seated throughout the service, but if you have to go to the restroom, please use the side aisles. Congratulations!**
- **Once all guests are inside and accounted for, close the main doors.**



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Frequently Asked Questions

Why are you checking our names against a list? Isn't the church open to all?

- We need to keep track of who is attending each service, to help with contact tracing in case there is a COVID exposure. This way, we can contact you if we are alerted that someone came down with COVID after the baptism.

I don't want to wear a mask. Why do we have to wear one for the whole service?

- Wearing a mask has been shown to decrease spread of the virus. We are still learning new things about the virus every day, but one thing we do know is that people are most contagious right before they show symptoms. Wearing a mask protects you, but more importantly, it protects all of your friends, family, and Fr. ___ too!

Why can't we take pictures inside?

- We need to limit the time everyone is in the same inside space. For that reason, after the service we ask you to quickly move to the courtyard, where you can take as many pictures as you want.