

## Pastoral Responsibility

### Approval of Candidates

Since Baptism is such a holy and important life passage, the incumbent makes the final decision to approve baptism of a candidate. This approval will be made after the completion of the preparation classes.

### Subsequent Children

At baptism, parents make strong and bold promises concerning the raising of their children. If a family requests baptism for a subsequent child and have not demonstrated a commitment to live according to the promises they made, a pastoral meeting will take place with the family. A decision about going forward with a baptism will then be taken. Otherwise, if there are no issues the family will need to attend a single class and a rehearsal.

### The Next Step

If you would like to apply to receive the sacrament of baptism either for yourself as an adult or for your children, please contact the church office at 905-279-2304.



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St. Hilary's is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada. It offers a variety of services and ministries designed for all ages.

For more information, you are invited to call the Church office at 905-279-2304.

## St. Hilary's Anglican Church Cooksville

### Information on Holy Baptism



Dear Seeker,

Welcome to St. Hilary's Church. There are few moments in one's life as holy as the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. At St. Hilary's we welcome all who wish to come as adults or as parents bringing their children to receive this crucial sacrament of the Church. We wish to help individuals and families understand this sacrament and to prepare them to receive it.

## Important Information about Baptism

### Who?

**Adults:** for adults, baptism is the normal and important next step once a person has expressed faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

**Children:** for children, baptism is celebrated when parents stand in proxy for their child and promise to raise them in a home of sincere faith in which that faith is practically lived out in fellowship with other Christians through involvement in a local church.

The normal journey of a child sees that child make their baptismal promises on their own through Confirmation which occurs usually in the early teen-aged years.

### Where?

Baptism is celebrated at one of the main Sunday services at St. Hilary's Church. Since Baptism is a celebration for the whole people of God and a formal reception of the individual into the Body of Christ, it is always celebrated publicly.

### When?

Baptism at St. Hilary's normally takes place on one of the major festivals of the Church:

- The Baptism of Jesus - early January
- Holy Saturday - mid-March to early April
- Pentecost - late May
- Holy Cross Day - mid September
- All Saints - early November

Other dates are possible.

### What is required?

Baptism is celebrated when a candidate wants to make a commitment to a Christian life.

### Preparation Classes

Parents and candidates need to attend 2/3 preparatory classes and a rehearsal. Godparents need to attend the second class and the rehearsal. Parents who have already gone through the preparation classes with another child need only attend one class and the rehearsal. Classes may be held in-person or on ZOOM.

### Attendance

It is recommended that candidates and parents of children attend services at St. Hilary's during the period of preparation.

