The Celebration of Baptism Within Sunday Mass: Rationale and Praxis

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“On Sunday, baptism may be celebrated even during Mass, so that the entire community may be present and the relationship between baptism and eucharist may be clearly seen; but this should not be done too often.” (OBC, 9)
What is the value?

- Illuminates the connection to the Paschal Mystery
- Emphasizes initiation into “The Church of God”
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How often should we baptized during Mass?

• “Not too often”

• Achieve flow
Special Considerations for Baptism During Mass

Roles of

• Ministers
• Parents/godparents
• Assembly
New appendix for Baptism during Mass

- Entrance Antiphon or other acclamation, Sign of the Cross
- Reception of the Child(ren)
- Procession to the Altar (include acclamation?)
- Gloria, if called for
- Collect
- Liturgy of the Word
• Procession of the Gifts
• Blessing for Parents
Practical Considerations

- Tiny Humans
- Older Humans
- Other Humans
BREAK!
Q&A with Keynoters