



Rules to follow in the celebration of the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Please call the rectory office
Monday – Friday from 9:00am - 5:00pm
for information on the baptisms.**

FAITH is a DIVINE GIFT. It is not ours but God's, our creator, and He gives it to all who asks for it. Who ever receives this faith, receives God's eternal love.

The CATHOLIC CHURCH, is everyone who believes in the true God: The Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus founded the Catholic Church for everyone who is part of his family. He instituted signs that transmit a life of grace and sanctity that we call SACRAMENTS. We accept these sacraments, respect and observe them as Christ gave them to us and not as something we have to do.

BAPTISM, makes us children of God, incorporates us in the true Church, frees us from the effects of original sin and makes us witnesses of this faith. This SACRAMENT is the foundation of Christian life and demands commitment on our part.

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REQUIREMENTS:

- Baptism arrangements must be done at least (1) one month in advance. The parents will find out if the date is available once they turn in the application and turn in all the documents and the fee.
- If the child is 7 years old or older the child **CANNOT BE BAPTIZED** and must then be registered for classes. You must register your child in the Faith Formation Office where he/she will be prepared for Baptism and First Communion, reason being that they are old enough to understand what the Sacraments are all about and their responsibility. Please call the Faith Formation Office and speak to the **Director Marisela Cabrera** at (714) 778-1399.
- The parents must be registered parishioners at least 3 months or more or be residents within our church boundaries to baptize at our church. If the parents are not registered parishioners or residents, they must obtain a church permission letter from their nearest catholic church stating that they can baptize at our parish. Please call the parish office to verify that you are within the parish boundaries.
- The parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal class. If the parents and godparents have taken classes, you need to show the proof and you must bring in the document on the day of your interview.
- If the parents of the child choose a MARRIED COUPLE to be godparents, they must be **practicing Catholics, have completed all their Sacraments, and MUST be married by the Roman Catholic Church.** The church will ask for a copy of the couple's Original Church Marriage Certificate to show proof.
- If the parents of the child choose godparents who are SINGLE they must be **older than (18) years of age, Practicing Catholics,** and have completed all their Sacraments of **Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.** We need copies of your certificates of Sacraments.
- The church will not allow godparents that are only married through the civil court, or have separated and are living with someone else that is not their actual spouse.
- The parents, godparents, and child must arrive 30 minutes before the day of the baptism ceremony.

DATES AND TIMES OF BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are on held on a Saturday of each month at 10:00am. *(Some dates and times vary)*

* The parents, godparents, and child must arrive 30 minutes before, the day of the baptism ceremony.

* **There are no baptisms during Lent*.**

FIRST STEP – TURNING IN THE APPLICATION:

To reserve a baptism, date the parents must turn in the application to the office secretary. You can turn in applications Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the parish office with the secretaries.

THE PARENTS NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE SECRETARIES:

1. The child's **Original Birth Certificate**.
2. The baptism application **must be filled out clearly and correctly with all the child's information just like it appears on the child's original birth certificate. This is a legal document therefore all that information that is provided will be registered in the baptismal books of our church.** If a correction needs to be made, the parents must bring the child's original birth certificate to the rectory office and make any necessary changes with the parish secretaries from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday.
3. The baptism **fee is \$50.00.** (Cash or Credit Card) **No personal checks.**
4. If the parents choose a married couple to be godparents, they must be married in the Roman Catholic Church and they must bring a copy of the **ORIGINAL CHURCH MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE** of the godparents or a picture that shows the couple in the church with the priest that is marrying them.
5. If the parents of the child choose godparents who are **SINGLE** they must be older than (18) years of age, Practicing Catholics, and have completed all their Sacraments. **We need copies of their certificates of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.**
6. If the parents are not residents of our church or registered parishioners, they must bring a **church permission letter** from their nearest catholic church to baptize at our parish.
7. If the **parents and godparents** have already **taken the pre-baptismal classes**, they must **present the certificates when turning in the application.**
8. The baptism certificate will be mailed to your home address.

SECOND STEP - PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASSES FOR THE PARENTS & GODPARENTS:

The parents and godparent(s) must register to a Pre-Baptismal Class. Once the class has been completed the parish office will need a copy for both parents and godparents.

(This is a baptism requirement)

iVery Important!

Please have all of your paperwork with your fee
Or you will not be able to set a date for the baptism!

APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

Name of the Child: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Apartment # City State Zip

Phone Number: _____ Cell phone _____
(Area Code) (Area Code)

Child's Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year City & State of Birth

Name of Father: _____
First Middle Last Name

Name of Mother: _____
First Middle Maiden Last Name

Are you married by the Roman Catholic Church? Yes _____ No _____

Name of the Church of Marriage _____
City and State _____

Was the child ever baptized privately? Yes _____ No _____

Is the child adopted? Yes _____ No _____

(You need special authorization to baptize an adopted child)

Godfather: _____
First Middle Last Name

Godmother: _____
First Middle Last Name

Are the godparents married by the Roman Catholic Church? Yes _____ No _____

Name of the Church of Marriage _____
City and State _____

Are the godparents being represented by a proxy? Yes _____ No _____ (if yes)

Please write the name of the proxy _____
First Middle Last Name

Church Law- requires that a candidate for Baptism – for membership in the church community – should be sponsored by a baptized and confirmed member of the Catholic Church who is willing and able to help the child develop and grow in the Catholic Faith. There must be at least one sponsor or godparent. **In the case where there are two (2) sponsors, one must be male and the other female. The maximum number of sponsors is (2).** The minimum age for a baptized and confirmed Catholic to be a sponsor is Eighteen (18) years of age. A baptized Christian non-Catholic may not be a sponsor, but may act as a witness. Non-baptized persons may not officially act as a sponsor or a witness to a Baptism of a child in the Catholic Faith.

(Please DO Not write below this line. The secretaries will check off your documents the day of your interview.)

Parents:

- ___ Baby's Birth Certificate
- ___ Fee
- ___ Parish Permission Letter
- ___ Pre-Baptismal Classes

Godparents:

- ___ Single - Certificates of Sacraments
- ___ Married
- ___ Catholic Church Marriage Certificate
- ___ Pre-Baptismal Classes

Signature of the Priest: _____ Date of the Baptism: _____