



Guidelines for Baptism

BAPTISM WITH MASS

Twice a month, as scheduled by the parish office, at 2:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION at least **three weeks** before the date of Baptism.

REQUIREMENTS:

SUBMIT the following upon registration:

1. Photo copy of the child's **birth certificate**
2. FOR NON –PARISHIONERS: **Permit** from the parent's church to have their child's Baptism outside of their own parish.

PRESENT the following upon registration:

1. Original copy of Parents' Catholic Marriage Contract
2. **Confirmation Certificate** of Sponsors if single and **Catholic Marriage Contract**, if married

REMINDERS

PARENTS

Parents who want their child baptized should be married in the Catholic Church. If parents want their child to grow in the Catholic faith, they should live this faith and follow the discipline of the Catholic Church.

SPONSORS

Sponsors must be Catholics who have received the sacraments of Christian initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist**, and are practicing Catholics (active in the celebration of Sacraments: Eucharist and Reconciliation)

Foremost of all, Sponsors must be willing to undertake the responsibility of partnership with the parents, in the Catholic upbringing the child into a mature and committed Christian.

SEMINAR

Parents and All Sponsors are required to be present and attend a Baptismal Seminar, **Baptismal Seminar is held every Saturday from 2:30 – 5:00 pm** (as scheduled). Parents and Sponsors may choose one Saturday to attend, but at least one week before the scheduled Baptism.

CELEBRATION

The **celebration** of the Sacrament of Baptism is a celebration of the parish community. It is celebrated within the Holy Mass on a Sunday designated for Baptism, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

In **Baptism**, your child becomes a member of the church. Our parish community is glad to welcome and be present in this meaningful beginning of your child's journey in faith. In this context, Baptism becomes more meaningful when more people pray for your child.

To **show** the communitarian dimension of the sacrament, the parish does not encourage **individual/Special baptism** except for serious reasons (medical, emergency cases, security, etc.) "**For convenience**" is not a serious reason.

DRESS CODE

Proper church decorum is strictly enforced. All are expected to dress properly and decently for church. Ladies wearing dressed with **plunging/revealing necklines, backless attires, or short skirts**, and men wearing "**sandos**" and **shorts** will not be allowed to enter the church.

PHOTO/PICTURE TAKING

Picture taking is allowed on during the actual baptismal rite. Please refrain from taking pictures during the Holy Mass. Allotted time will be given for picture after Holy Mass.

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