

GODPARENTS

Because it's very important to ensure the growth in faith of the baptized, the Church asks the parents to have the help of the Godparents.

REQUIREMENTS FOR

GODPARENTS

- Must be firm believers, able and ready to help a child in the way to Christian life and to ensure their perseverance
- They have to be elected by the Parents be capable of this mission and have the intention of fulfilling it, namely:
- Must be at least 16 yrs of age.
- Must be Catholic, have been confirmed, have already received the Holy Sacrament of Eucharist and must lead a life in harmony with the faith.
- Must be married in the Catholic Church, if cohabiting.
- Must not be the parent of the child.

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS AND SPONSORS

By requesting Baptism you undertake:

- Educating children in the faith, so that the Child can keep the commandments, love the Lord and their neighbor, as Christ teaches us in the Gospel.
- Caring for the Christian formation of your children to provide a strong Christian environment, to help them spiritually at various stages of life, clearing away doubts about living their Christian life through prayer, sacramental life and the acts of mercy.



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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*"Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your sins.
And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"*

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Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the spirit ("*ianua spiritualis vitae* ") and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.

Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God. We become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission. The Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word. (CCC1213)

Baptism is "the most beautiful and magnificent gift of God we call a gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and all the more precious thing. Gift, because it is conferred on those who bring nothing; *grace* , because it is given even to guilty; *Baptism* because the sin is buried in the water, *anointing* , because it is sacred and real (as are those who are anointed); *enlightenment* because it radiates light , *garment* , because it covers our shame; *bath* because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship ". (CCC1216)



STEPS FOR THE BAPTISM

Come to the office to fill out a **registration form** for the Sacrament of Baptism. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. Please do it at least **ONE MONTH** before of the class preparation.

To register you must have:

- **Birth Certificate of child**
- **A certificate of marriage or affidavit for the sponsors.**
- **Donation**

The Church has many expenses to cover, therefore the minimum we suggest is \$70 to cover costs of preparation and administration.

God bless you.

Parents and godparents must take the pre-baptismal preparation class, offered on the 1st Saturday of every month between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

If parents or godparents take the pre-baptismal preparation in a different Parish they must bring a letter from the respective Parish as proof of class, at least **TWO WEEKS** before the date of Baptism.

CLASS SCHEDULE

(REGISTER AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE CLASS)

DAY OF CLASS: Saturday

January 27
February 24
April 28
May 26
June 23
July 28
August 25
September 22
October 27

LOCATION: Family Life Center

TIME: 10:00 a.m. (Be on Time)

DO NOT bring children
ATTENDANCE will be taken.

DAY OF BAPTISM

January 14
February 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14

DAY: 2nd Sunday of the month.

PLACE: In the Church

TIME: 10:00 am. Mass (At the End of Mass)

PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR THE BAPTISM.

Without your help the Church cannot remain open!