



Rules to follow in the celebration of the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Please call the rectory office
Monday – Friday from 9:00am - 4:00pm
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 or more in advance. The parents will find out if the date is available until they go to the interview and turn in all the documents and the donation. The baptism dates are limited.
- 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 Religious Education 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 Religious Education Office and speak to the **Director of Religious Education Mrs. Margarita Navarro at (714) 778-1399.**
- The **parents must be registered parishioners at least 3 months or more and 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 our pre-baptismal class. The baptism class is held on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. It is one class. **Please do not bring any children: the class is only for adults.** If you do not attend the pre-baptismal class you **CANNOT BAPTIZE**. 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 (16) 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 and godparents must arrive 30 minutes before the baptism ceremony** and must wait inside the church for the ceremony to begin.
- The church asks for a fee which you give the day of your interview. This fee is for necessities and services to the church community.

BAPTISM DATE:

Baptisms are on the third Sunday of each month at 2:00p.m. (By appointment only!).

The parents, godparents, and the child must be in the church, 30 minutes before the day of the baptism.

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

FIRST STEP – INTERVIEW: (THIS INTERVIEW IS ONLY FOR THE PARENTS!)

To reserve a baptism date the parents must attend first to the interview. The interviews are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the parish office with the secretaries. This interview is for the parents to turn in all of the paperwork, and the fee. **The baptism dates are not guaranteed until all the documents and the fee have been turned in.** Baptism dates are limited every month.

THE PARENTS NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE INTERVIEW:

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 which can be made by (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 (16) 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 the day of the interview.
8. The baptism certificate will be mailed to your home address.

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

The parents must attend to the interview first in order to attend to the pre-baptismal classes. The pre-baptismal classes are held on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. in the RCIA Office room 104. (It's just one class) and (This is a baptism requirement). The parents and the godparents **MUST ATTEND** to this class. If you do not attend you **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BAPTIZE and the parents will have to re-schedule another baptism date.** **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE CLASS. THIS CLASS IS ONLY FOR ADULTS.**

THIRD STEP – TURN IN YOUR CERTIFICATE OF THE PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASSES:

The parents and godparents are responsible to go personally to the rectory office the following day of their pre-baptism class and present their certificate(s) of the pre-baptismal classes to the office secretaries so a photo copy is taken. This verifies that you have attended the pre-baptism class. You must turn them in during the office hours of Monday – Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. **(If the certificate(s) are not presented to the office you will not be able to baptize).**

iVery Important!

Please have all of your paperwork with your fee the day of your interview.

Or you will not be able to set a date for the baptism!

