

BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS IN THIS CHURCH

1. **Only the parents, father and/or mother**, should register their children to be baptized. It is desirable, but not required, that the parents be married in the Catholic Church. It is expected that there be a reasonable assurance that the parents intend to educate the child in the Catholic Faith.
2. Registration for baptism must be done in person only. We do not take the registration by phone.
3. **THERE ARE NO PRIVATE BAPTISMS.**
4. **Please bring the child's original birth certificate for verification of data.** Please make sure you provide the correct names of the parents & sponsors. Certificates are provided with payment of a **\$10.00 fee each.** If orthographic errors are due to our negligence, a new certificate will be prepared. ***Baptism certificates are available upon request only.***
5. Children can be baptized from birth and up to **5** years of age. If they are older than five, they must attend religious education classes for a period of two year. The program is called Sacraments of Initiation, which includes Baptism and First Communion.
6. Baptisms in English will be celebrated on the **last Saturday of the month at 10:00am.** Parents & godparents must arrive at the church at 9:00 am for the pre-baptismal class before the ceremony. Those who arrive late would have to reschedule the baptism.
7. There is one pre-baptismal class per month in English. **The class is the same day, one hour before the baptism, from 9:00-10:00am.** Parents and sponsors must attend this class. If the parents or sponsors do not live in the church area, they must attend a class at their own parish, but must bring a verification of attendance a week before the baptism. Spanish pre- baptismal classes are the first (3) Saturdays of the month at 9:00am in the church chapel.
8. We request a donation of \$75.00 for each baptism, plus \$ 25.00 for pre-baptismal class, in the event that the baptism is canceled the donation is **Non -Refundable.** ***(Total \$100.00) (baptism certificate fee is separate \$10.00)***

GODPARENTS:

1. Parents should select the sponsors carefully, thinking about the future of their child.
2. The Sponsors must be friends or relatives who are an example of Catholic faith and have a lifelong friendship with parents or family sharing faith and love.
3. One sponsors is suffices. By custom there are two. Both of the sponsors must be Catholic and have received the sacrament of Baptism .If married, **married by the church.** If single, **not impeded** from the sacrament because of an irregular marriage. *(Proof of religious marriage is required.)*

Reminder

Baptismal Class: _____ Time: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Time: _____