

PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION OF INFANT BAPTISM

Congratulations on the birth of your child! We look forward to help your family grow in the love of God and become a part of the St. Joseph Community!

Basic Information

****No child shall be baptized without the consent of at least one parent/legal guardian ****

- **Preparation:** The parents and godparents must attend a preparation class before the baptism. If the godparents are unable to attend the class at St. Joseph's, they may take the class at their own church. If the godparent completes the class at another parish, their certificate of completion must be brought in with the seal from the parish at which it was completed. The cost of the class (for the parents and godparents together) is \$50.
- **Godparents/Sponsors:** A child must have at least one godparent, though if two are selected, one must be a male and the other a female. Godparent(s) must fall under the following requirements-
 - o Is in good standing with the Catholic church
 - o Is a practicing Catholic
 - o Is 16 years or older
 - o Has received all sacraments of initiation- Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
 - o If they are married- they must be married in the Catholic church

The following paperwork is also asked of the godparent(s):

- o Sponsor letter signed with church seal by their home parish
 - o Copy of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation certificates
 - o Certificate of completion of baptismal preparation class
 - o If they are married- a copy of marriage certificate, noting that the marriage was through the Catholic Church
- Other paperwork required by the parents:
 - o Copy of the birth certificate of the child
 - o Completed baptism registration form (can be completed before or during the baptismal class; form can be found on St. Joseph's parish website)
 - o Certificate of completion of baptismal preparation class
 - o **If you are not registered at St. Joseph's-** Letter of Authorization from your home parish allowing your child to be baptized at St. Joseph's

If you have any questions or would like to register for the baptismal class,

please the Parish Office at (909) 981-8110.