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REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISMS

BAPTISM DATES:

- English Baptisms are held every 1st, 2nd 4th and 5th Sunday at 3:00 PM
- Spanish Baptisms are held every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION:

- The parents of the child to be baptized must register at least one month in advance of the day they have chosen for the baptism.
- Parents must present the child's County Birth Certificate.
- Parents must present the godparent's Confirmation certificates. If godparents are married, they must be married by the Catholic Church and present their marriage certificate.
- All documents must be presented at least 1 week prior or baptism will be postponed.
- We cannot reserve a date over the phone and we cannot guarantee that a date will be available until you come in person.
- Both parents & godparents must attend a baptismal preparation instruction. We are accepting the following classes:

Pre Baptismal Instruction Certificate from other Roman Catholic Parishes OR

On line Pre Baptismal Class

- Ascension Press
- Follow prompts to Study Programs; Sacramental Preparation; Belonging: Baptism in the family of God; Certification Course; Enroll now (Fee \$9.95 each)

Maximum of 5 children to be baptized at one time

REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE AS A GODPARENT:

- A child may have one or two godparents (also called sponsors); if two are chosen, they must be male and female.
- Have the ability and the intention to fulfill the role
- Be at least 16 years of age

- Be a Roman Catholic, who has already received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Most Holy Eucharist, is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith (including Marriage) and will be a good role model for the child.
- A baptized person who belongs to another Christian community may be admitted only as a “Christian witness” (Not a godparent), provided that there is at least one Roman Catholic godparent who fulfills the above criteria. A Non-Baptized Person cannot be a Christian witness.

NOTE:

All the above information applies to **Infant Baptism only**.

If you have a child to be baptized, who has reached catechetical age, you and they will receive different preparation.

Having sufficient understanding, the preparation will now be for the full complement of the Sacraments of Initiation, i.e. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.