

Thank you for asking for information about reception of the sacrament of Baptism for your child here at St. Joseph Church. We welcome your inquiry.

(A preliminary note... the recommendations, stated on the next page, for preparation to receive the sacrament, apply generally to infant and children baptisms. Adult Baptism most often is prepared for during the parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program. Please contact the rectory for more information on RCIA.)

Recommendations

Getting Started: Please contact the Office of Religious Education, 301-937-7183 to register for the Baptismal Preparation class and to schedule the date of the Baptism of your child.

Parish Registration: You (the parents) must have been registered in the parish for at least 6 months prior to the Baptism. Registration forms are available in the bulletin rack in the church foyer.

Baptism Preparation Class: Pre-Baptism preparation class for parents and godparents are held in the Church at 10:00 am on the second Saturday of each month. You (the parents) must complete the Official Data form and bring it with you to the class. You may complete the form below, or pick up a copy from the bulletin rack in the Church foyer. (Attendance at such a class in another parish is acceptable if distance/travel constraints make it necessary. That other parish provides a statement of attendance.)

Choice of godparent(s): Customarily there are two godparents, but choosing to have only one godparent is also acceptable. The prerequisites are that at least one godparent is Catholic, has been confirmed and is currently receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist; both must be at least sixteen years of age; both lead a life of faith in harmony with the godparent function they are undertaking (are not in irregular marriages) and have the intention of undertaking this function of godparenting; and that they are not parents of the child.

Godparent eligibility: The Catholic godparents provide a statement from their parishes attesting to their eligibility to be godparents. If the second godparent is Christian but not Catholic, he or she will be designated as a "Christian Witness to Baptism."

Sacrament Celebrated: Baptisms generally are celebrated after the 12:00 Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month. The Archdiocesan Sacramental Norms provide..."The baptism of infants is to take place within the first few weeks after birth" (pg. 12). Contact the Office of Religious Education to schedule a Baptism.

Official Data for Baptismal Register

Parents: please fill out this section completely		
Full Name of Child		
Date of Birth	Gender: M F	
City of Birth	Parish Household #	
Residence (Complete Address)		
Telephone		
Father's Full Name	Religion	
Mother's Full Name	Religion	
Godfather's Full Name	Religion	
If represented by proxy, name of Godfather's proxy	Religion	
Godmother's Full Name	Religion	
If represented by proxy, name of Godmother's proxy	Religion	
Were parents married by a priest?	Was the child adopted?	Was the child privately baptized?
Remarks:		

Documentary proof of Baptism is required for the reception of other Sacraments.

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life..."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213

To be completed by Office of Religious Education

Scheduled date and time of Baptism Preparation Class

Scheduled date and time of Baptism

Scheduled Priest or Deacon

St. Joseph Parish Household #

Godfather's Eligibility Confirmed

Godmother's Eligibility Confirmed

Remarks

To be completed by officiating Priest or Deacon

Date of Baptism

Attended Prep Class?

Printed name of officiating Priest or Deacon if different from above

Signature of officiating Priest or Deacon

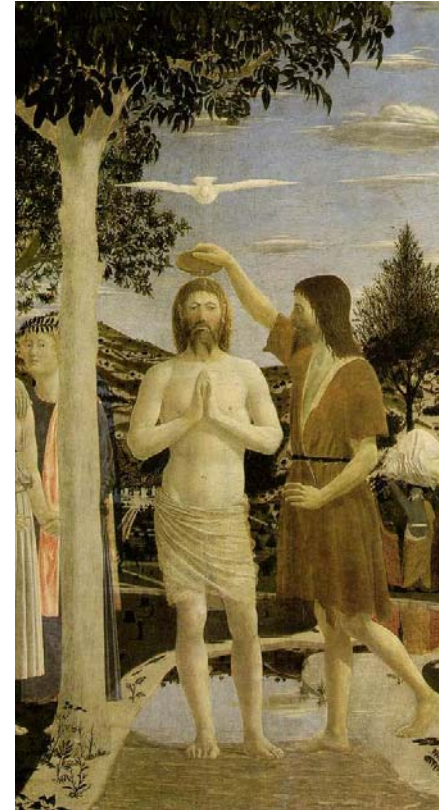
Remarks

After the Baptism, please return this completed form to the rectory office so that this Baptism can be recorded in the parish register. Thank you.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Preparation for Baptism



Piero della Francesca, The Baptism, 1442

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