

Saint Joseph Parish

and Mission Church of St. Vincent de Paul

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Thank you for asking about the Sacrament of Baptism for your child, the most precious gift God gives you. In baptizing your child, you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith and how to live as a child of God in this world.

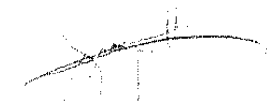
Our parish community extends to you a warm and loving welcome as you prepare for the celebration of your child's baptism. Our Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith, and are reminded to make it their constant care to bring up their children in the practice of the faith. This is a lifelong promise you make to your child on the day you baptize him/her.

Our Baptism preparation process is offered to help you as parents renew and deepen your faith celebrated in the sacraments. The steps in the process of preparation adopted in our parish are the following:

- Contact the parish office and pick up the baptism packet containing a brochure, a registration form and some more information.
- Review the brochure, "Your baby's Baptism" in which many aspects of the sacrament is offered for your consideration and reflection.
- Consider the importance of baptism, and what is expected of you as parents, and those you have chosen as godparents or sponsors.
- Complete the Baptism registration form, as fully and neatly as you can. Please attach a copy of the child's birth certificate and return the form to the parish office.
- Meet with a parish priest or other designated person to review the form and address any questions or concerns about the practice of the faith.
- Parents and sponsors must participate in the baptismal preparation session (which is held once a month). These sessions are offered to help parents and sponsors understand their commitment in bringing up their child in the faith.
- After the session, schedule the celebration by contacting the parish office.
- There is no charge for a baptism. It is customary however, for an offering to be made. This is at the discretion of the family, knowing that your donation supports the work of our parish.
- **Regarding Godparents/Sponsors:** *For a person to act as a sponsor for Baptism, he or she must be at least sixteen years old, must have already received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist), and must be living in a way that demonstrates that one's faith is strong enough to be able to fulfill the responsibilities involved with being a sponsor. A sponsor who is married must be married in accord with the laws of the Church (cf. CIC, can. 874).*

In the hope and prayer each and every one of us will be the best disciples of the Lord, please know that our parish is here to serve you in anyway we may.

Respectfully yours, in His name and service,



Fr. Julito R. Orpilla
Pastor

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Full Name of Child: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): ____/____/____ **Place of Birth (City, State)** _____

Address (Street, City & Zip): _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Father's Full Name: _____ **Religion:** _____

Address (Street, City & Zip): _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ **Religion:** _____

Address (Street, City & Zip): _____

Marriage: Civil Church _____
(Name) (Date) (City, State)

Baptismal Preparation: Yes No Certificate of Preparation

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Godparent: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Parish (Name, City, State) _____

Baptismal Preparation: Yes No Certificate of Preparation Single Married Church/Civil

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Parish (Name, City, State) _____

Baptismal Preparation: Yes No Certificate of Preparation Single Married Church/Civil

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Parish Registration # _____ Date Registered: ____/____/____

Date of Registration for Baptism: ____/____/____ Proposed Baptismal Date: ____/____/____ Time: _____

Date of Baptismal Preparation: _____ Prepared by: _____

Donation to the Parish: _____ Received By: _____

Priest/Deacon Officiating: _____ Recorded by: _____

Birth Certificate (Recent Copy) Pastor's Letter of Permission (If from Outside the Parish)

Notations: _____