



GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS REQUESTING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN CHURCH.

(Effective January 1st, 2022)

- Parents are asked to be registered and active (using envelopes or online giving program and attending Sunday mass weekly) parishioners for at least 2 months before the baptism is scheduled.
- Parents who are not members of the parish are asked to register and after two months from the registration, if they stay active the baptism can be scheduled.
- Parents are asked to meet with one of the parish priests before baptism is scheduled.

- Baptism will be scheduled after parents bring the following documents: certificate of confirmation, certificate of eligibility from Godparents and child's birth certificate.

- One of the Godparent has to be a fully and active catholic (received: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation and registered at a Catholic parish). A person who is not a Catholic, or did not receive Confirmation, or cannot get a certificate of eligibility can only be a Christian witness – in this case certificate of baptism is required).

- Baptism is available:

- First Saturday of the month at 11:00am.
- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30pm.
- During Saturday or Sunday mass.

Suggested donation for baptism is \$100.

Canon Law requirements regarding GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

Can. 872 Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation or together with the parents presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

Can. 873 There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each.

Can. 874 §1. To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

- 1/ be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;
- 2/ have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;
- 3/ be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;
- 4/ not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
- 5/ not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.