

2019 Baptism Classes

These classes are offered in Spanish. For baptismal prep classes in English, contact the parish office. See class registration information on other side

Class Dates: **Last date to register**
Both classes required **for classes:**

January 15 & 22	January 8
February 19 & 26	February 12
March 19 & 26	March 12
April 16 & 23	April 9
May 21 & 28	May 14
June 18 & 25	June 11
July 16 & 23	July 9
August 20 & 27	August 13
September 17 & 24	September 10
October 15 & 22	October 8
November 19 & 26	November 12
December 3 & 10	November 26

7:30PM- 9:00PM

(In the Church)

We do not offer childcare.
 Please plan your childcare and consider the other participants.

2019 Baptism Dates & Times

The following dates correspond to baptisms celebrated in Spanish. For English Baptisms contact the parish office.

January 12	12:00pm
February 9	12:00pm
March	<i>No baptisms during Lent</i>
April 27	12:00pm
May 11	10:00am
June 8	10:00am
June 22	10:00am
July 13	10:00am
July 27	10:00am
August 10	10:00am
August 24	10:00am
September 14	10:00am
September 28	12:00pm
October 12	12:00pm
November 9	12:00pm
December 14	12:00pm

Please make sure to arrive 20-15 minutes before time of baptism to reserve your pew, prepare and begin on time.

The Sacrament of *Baptism*

*Preparation & Requirements
 To Baptize at St. Alexander*



“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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt. 28:19-20)

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¿What is Baptism?

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift (Catechism of the Church 1216). Jesus taught us, "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt. 28:19-20). *God wants us to be his children, even if we do not deserve it.*

- Through baptism, your **child becomes part of the Body of Christ** and the Roman Catholic Church.
- During the baptism of small children, **parents and godparents promise before God to educate their child/godchild in the Catholic faith**, so that when he/she grows up he/she can choose to follow Jesus Christ having a personal relationship with him.
- The hard work comes after baptism; **For this reason parents and godparents must create a strong foundation in the faith by giving testimony for their children/godchildren.**
- **Parents are their children's first catechists**, through their teaching and testimony of sacramental life.

For those who are older than 7 years old.

Candidates 7yrs old or older, must participate in a different process, called Rite of Christian Initiation, RCIA (adults) or RCIC (children/youth). The Church determines that at this age, the candidate is old enough to take catechesis and prepare to receive the sacraments of Christian initiation. For more information, please contact our Director of Religious Education: Kim Folsom, ext.15
kfolsom@archdpdx.org.

What do I need to set aside the date of baptism?

Your application must be complete to be accepted and processed. Following documents need to be included at time of registration:

1. Baptism Application:

Fill out application completely

**if information is incomplete your application will be returned and accepted until all pieces turned in.*

2. Pre-baptismal Prep Classes

a) **cover the \$30 fee for prep** (cash or check) if classes are taken here. This covers both parents and sponsors.

**we will register you for classes upon receiving your application with supporting documents.*

Or ...

b) **Present proof of pre baptismal classes**, if prep previously taken here or elsewhere by parents and/or sponsors.

3. Birth Certificate

Provide copy of child's birth certificate, state issued copy. **Child's and parents names will appear on baptism certificate as they appear on birth certificate.*

4. Marriage Certificate

Provide a copy of the sponsors certificate of sacrament of Marriage (*this applies to each sponsor, whether you have a couple or individuals who are not a couple but are married*).

The baptism date will be reserved once we receive all requirements and classes have been completed. We recommend you do not make reception plans until you have secured the date.

What is required to be a Sponsor?

The word of God tells us, "**and teach them to fulfill all that I have entrusted to you ...**"

Therefore the Catholic Church requires that those who receive the honor to have been asked to be sponsors, profess and live out their faith, thus being an example of Christian life for our godchildren and support for their parents. Following this mandate, those who are considered to be sponsors must meet ALL of the following specifications:

- 1) You can have 1 or 2 sponsors. If two are chosen, it must be a man and a woman. They are not required to be a couple.
- 2) Be at least 16 years old.
- 3) Be practicing Catholics and have received the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion
- 4) Be single or married in the Catholic Church.
**This applies to each person individually (Those who are living under common law or only civilly married, are not eligible in the archdiocese of Portland to be a sponsor).*
- 5) Pre baptismal classes are to be taken. See the information on the left.

***Note: This applies to each sponsor, whether one or two are chosen and whether or not they are a couple. Each one must meet the archdiocesan requirements.**

If at this moment you do not meet the requirements to be a sponsor, we invite you to contact your parish office to assist you in your faith journey. Our intention is not to limit you, rather, our desire is to support you to continue growing in your faith and be an active member of the body of Christ and the Church.