BAPTISM PREPARATION GUIDELINES
ST. JOSEPH BASILICA

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Welcome and Congratulations!

The Parish Staff and our Baptism Team look forward to working with you at this joyous time in the life of your family. Working together, we join with you in accepting responsibility for your child’s faith journey in our Community. Below we have outlined some important information you need to know before you decide to have your baby baptized.

- Pick up a Baptism Packet from the Parish Office or download from our website: www.sjbalameda.org. Please complete the Baptismal Registration Form and return it to the Parish Office along with the $100 application fee to begin the process. You will be contacted by a Pastoral Staff member to set-up an Interview.

- We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as a community at St. Joseph Basilica. That is why we celebrate together with other families. Baptism happens at the weekend Masses.

- Those asking for Baptism should be registered parishioners – this can be discussed at the Baptism Interview. (Forms can be downloaded from: www.sjbalameda.org or pick up from the Parish Office)

- Parents may be required to participate in our Baptism Class. It takes about 1 ½ hours.

- The date of Baptism and the date of the Baptism Training Class will be discussed at the Interview.

- It is encouraged that you select godparents who are practicing Catholics. Canon Law requires that at least one of the godparents be a confirmed Catholic—already received Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

- For godparents from other parishes who need to attend a baptism class, there is a $50 application fee required.

- If you choose to have an outside priest (not belonging to St. Joseph Basilica), you will be responsible for paying his fee. If you choose a priest from outside of the Oakland Diocese, he must also provide a Letter of Good Standing that is sent from his diocese to the Oakland Diocese.

If you have any questions, please contact Parish Office (510) 522-0181. We thank you for choosing to be a part of our St. Joseph Community.

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
- Isaiah 55:1a