

POLICIES ON INFANT BAPTISM

How we prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of Infants at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Monterey Park, CA

- ✝ For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' and Godparents help is very important. For an infant/child under the age of 7 to be baptized in our community.
- ✝ The parents, or at least one of them, or the guardian of the child, give their consent. Parents, at least one of them, must provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate.
- ✝ Select Godparents or Sponsors for the Infant-Child. The God-parents/Sponsors (no more than two), together with the parents, presents the child for baptism, serve as role models in living the Christian life and assist the parents and the child in faithfully fulfilling the duties inherent in baptism.
- ✝ A God-parent must be at least 18 years of age, a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church (Baptized, First Communion and Confirmed), regularly receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist and Penance and living a lifestyle befitting of the Catholic Faith. The Godparent cannot be the father or the mother of the person being baptized. Provide the parish Office with copies of Godparents Confirmation certificate.
- ✝ Complete an Infant Baptism Form; the information will be forwarded to the Coordinator of Infant Baptism.
- ✝ **Attend an Infant Baptism Preparation Class (on the 3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am.)** Registration is required. OR have successfully completed such a class within the past year and can provide the parish with a certificate of completion. ***Instruction fee for class preparation is \$15.00 per person.***
- ✝ Provide the parish with a copy of the Birth record, preferably the certified copy from the County Hall of Records. If child is newborn, hospital printout may be accepted.
- ✝ ***Donation for Baptism is \$50.00 per child. Must be paid a week before the baptism. Private Baptisms by priest's availability only, \$100.00 per child.***

Baptism Schedule:

2nd Saturday of the month 10 AM~ English

Spanish and Chinese by request, and availability of Priest's calendars.

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