



Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism (infant to 6 years of age) Mission San Jose Policy and Guidelines

1. At least one **PARENT, or the legal guardian**, must come to the parish office to register the baby/child for baptism. The sooner you provide the required documents, the sooner we can confirm the date. **(Incomplete paperwork does not reserve a baptism date.) If you are not a Parishioner of Mission San Jose or if you do not live within San Jose boundaries, you must bring a letter of permission from your Parish to baptize your child here.**
2. **Parent/Guardian(s) must bring** the child's original Birth Certificate from a Health Dept. or City Agency.
- 3 **GODPARENTS:**
 - a. must be a Catholic at least 17 years of age, has been **Confirmed** and has already received the sacrament of the **Most Holy Eucharist** and leads a life in harmony with the faith. (Must provide proof of their **baptism** and **confirmation**).
 - b. If Godparent is married, must be married through the Catholic Church and have copies of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage certificates and not be bound by any church penalty.
 - b. You may have one Godparent that is male or one female, or one of each. (The Child's Parent can not be the baby/child's godparents).
4. The administration fee is \$50.00 or if a private baptism is scheduled the fee of the church rental is \$1,750.00 upon approval of the pastor (cash or check).
5. Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptismal class at Mission San Jose. **The class is held on the Wednesday before the baptism in the parish office at 7pm.**(If parents or godparents reside out of town, they may provide proof that they attended a baptism class at their parish within the year.)

The Sacrament of **Baptism** will be celebrated on the second Saturday of the month at 11:00am inside the Mission Church or a private baptism may be scheduled.

For children ages 6 and over, please call the Parish Office for information

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ADDITIONALLY, BE ADVISED THAT NO BAPTISMS WILL BE HELD DURING THE SEASON OF LENT BETWEEN ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY.

If you have any questions about our policies and guidelines, email the parish office at: sanjoseinsatx@yahoo.com or call 210-922-0543.