# BAPTISM INFORMATION

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'Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where

- Tenderness
- Forgiveness
- Respect
- Fidelity and
- Disinterested Service are the rule.

The home is well suited for education in the virtues.'

- Catechism of the Catholic Church 2223

## **Requirements for Baptism**

### **PARENTS and GODPARENTS must attend Baptism Instruction:**

- Class is held almost every month on the 1st Tuesday.
- The class begins at 7:30 pm and is approximately 1 ½ hours long.
- Parents and Godparents need to attend.
- Class is held in the 3-story Religious Ed Building.
- Call the office to register for the Baptism class.
- No child care is provided. You must make other arrangements for your children. One parent may attend class one month and the other parent may attend class the next month.

### **PARENTS:**

- Must be registered members of Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church. If you are not currently registered members, you must submit a letter from the parish you are registered at stating that you have permission to have your child baptized at our Parish.
- Must submit a copy of the child's State Birth Certificate.

### **GODPARENTS:**

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- Must not be the father or mother of the child to be baptized.
- Must be registered members of Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church. If you are not currently registered members, you must submit a letter from the parish you are registered at stating that you are practicing Catholics and have permission to be Godparents at our Parish.
- Must be only one male and/or one female.
- Must be Catholics in good standing.
- If the Godparents are married to each other or someone else, it must be a marriage through the Catholic Church.

### AFTER COMPLETION OF THE BAPTISM CLASSES

### **Required Documentation to be Submitted:**

- 1. Baptism Data Sheet (front completed through #8 and back completed with initials and at least one parent signature). Form Attached.
- 2. Baptism class attendance verification for Parents and Godparents.
- 3. A copy of the child's State Birth Certificate.
- 4. Letter of permission for Parents and Godparents from the church you are currently attending <u>if you are not</u> registered parishioners here at Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church.
- 5. Godparents who are single should submit a Confirmation Certificate. Godparents who are married should submit a Confirmation Certificate and a copy of their Catholic Marriage Certificate.

After all the above documentation has been received the Baptism can be scheduled.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church on:

Saturday after the 5:00 pm Mass at 6:30 pm.
 Sunday after the 12 noon Mass at 1:30 pm.
 Sunday after the 3:00 pm Mass at 4:30 pm.
 SPANISH ONLY

There are NO BILINGUAL Baptisms and no individual Baptisms, only common Baptisms.

Once the Baptism is scheduled, please call the Parish office if there are any changes or if you have questions.