

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 7:00 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.**
- **Baptism classes can be taken at any Catholic Church.**
- **No childcare 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 if you are not 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. ENGLISH ONLY**
- Sunday after the 12 noon Mass at 1:30 pm. ENGLISH ONLY**
- 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.

You will need a BAPTISM CANDLE.

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