

Baptism

Preparation Classes

The goal here at Saint Anthony Mary Claret is to make this a special and memorable moment in your lives. Parents are the primary teachers of their children.

In Baptism, parents and Godparents share the role of planting the seed of faith.

By nourishing that seed with your love, teachings, and example that seed will grow.

At Saint Anthony Mary Claret parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptism class. It is the **first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. No child care is provided so make other arrangements for your children.**

Please call, email, or come to the Office to register for the class. **Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptism class - you can do so at any Catholic Church.**

See the list below for dates.

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

After you have attended the class, Baptisms can be scheduled **Monday through Thursday. THEY CANNOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.**

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday at 6:30 pm – ENGLISH ONLY, after the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday at 1:30 pm – ENGLISH ONLY, and after the 3:00 pm Mass on Sunday at 4:30 pm – SPANISH ONLY.

There are NO Bilingual Baptisms.

Requirements

THE FOLLOWING PAPERWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PARISH OFFICE (Monday – Thursday) BEFORE THE BAPTISM CAN BE SCHEDULED:

- Child's official Birth Certificate (state copy).
- Baptism Data Sheet.
- Baptism class attendance verification for parents and Godparents.
- If the parents are not registered members of Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church, a letter must be submitted. It should be from the parish where they are registered giving permission to have your child baptized at Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church.
(If the parents or Godparents are living in the boundaries of the parish and are not registered before the Baptism, please let us know.)
- Godparents who are not members here must obtain a letter from their parish stating that they are practicing Catholics and that they have permission to be a Godparent at Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church.
- Sacramental information for the Godparents is required – see the list to the right. →

On the Friday before the Baptism, please call the parish office to confirm the baptism, make any changes, or if you have questions.

Godparents

The role of Godparents is to help their godchild lead a good Catholic/Christian life. The following are requirements from The Code of Canon Law that the Godparent must meet. Accordingly, the Godparents should be present at the child's baptism to profess their faith as representatives of the child's extended spiritual family and of the whole church.

By Canon 873:

- There must be only one male or one female Godparent.
- If two, only one of each gender is permitted.

By Canon 874:

The Godparent:

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must be a Catholic who has received all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken.
- If married to each other or to someone else, Godparents must have a marriage through the Catholic Church.
- Must not be the father or the mother of the child.

Commonly Asked Questions

“Is there a cost for the Baptism?”

There is no cost for the Sacrament of Baptism. You may give an offering - how much is at your own discretion.

“Can a baby be re-baptized?”

Baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event. When we are baptized we are reborn into God’s family, we cannot become what we already are.

“Can we have more than one set of godparents?”

No, according to Canon Law only one female and one male or both may stand as Godparents.

“The couple I would like to have as Godparents are not married but are living together, is this acceptable?”

No, in order to be valid Godparents a person must be living in harmony with his/her faith.

“What do I need if the Godparents live out of town?”

If the godparents live in another city or state, they should attend classes at their parish of residence if classes are provided. The parish must send a letter indicating they are eligible to stand as Godparents and the days in which they attended the classes.

“What if I would like to have my baby baptized at another parish?”

Call the office and let us know if you will be attending the classes here or at another parish. A letter of permission from the home parish is usually required. Check with the parish where the Baptism will be celebrated. Please allow two days for the letter.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 noon
3:00 pm (Spanish)
6:00 pm

Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church

Baptism Information



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