

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### Requirements for Baptism:

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) need to be registered members of the Parish.

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) need to attend a Baptism Preparation Session before the Baptism is scheduled and the Sacrament received.

Note: The Preparation Session can be omitted if a class was taken within 3 years prior.

### Godparents:

It is customary to have two godparents, one godfather and one godmother; however, there can be just one in certain circumstances.

A baptized non-Catholic may serve as a Christian witness; but, there must also be a Catholic godparent.

### Requirements for Godparents:

A godparent must be a registered member in good standing of a Catholic Church. A Certificate of Sponsorship from their home parish must be supplied.

A godparent must be a fully initiated Catholic, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

A godparent must be able to fully understand and accept the responsibility of the role of godparent.

A godparent should be at least 16 years old.

A godparent should be someone other than the child's parent.

### Scheduling:

If possible, Baptism should take place on Sunday, the day on which the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery.

At Holy Family, Baptisms are celebrated during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses on alternate months. All other Baptisms are scheduled after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Any other scheduling is subject to the pastor's approval.

Note: Unless a special situation arises, no more than 3 children will be baptized at one time at any given celebration.

Please call the Church Office (526-5783 ext. 21) for further information; or, to schedule the Baptismal Prep Class and/or the Baptismal date.