

We are delighted that you have chosen to share with us the celebration of the baptism of your son/daughter!

Our goal is to provide you with the necessary support, please look over all the information as it will help you plan for the baptism of your son/daughter here at Our Lady of the Assumption.



Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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Your Baby's Baptism



“Christian parents will recognize that this practice (Baptism) also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them”

-(CCC 1251)

For an infant to be baptized the parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent. There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion (Canon 868 § 1)

The parents or guardian of the child must be registered as members of this parish. If they are not registered and live within the boundaries of the parish, they must register at the time of the baptism request.

If they are members of another parish or live outside the boundaries of this parish, they must bring a letter from the pastor of the corresponding parish, giving them permission to baptize in this parish.

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the _____ Sundays of each month at 2:00 pm (please confirm the date with the coordinator).

Meeting with the Deacon

Two months before the baptism call the parish office to make an appointment, the number to the parish office is (805) 642-7966. Usually baptism appointments with the deacon are on _____ between _____ at the parish office.

On the day of your appointment please bring the following information.

- ❖ Original Birth Certificate for the child.
- ❖ Parent's address
- ❖ Name, last name and ages of the godparents.
- ❖ Name, city and state of the parish where the godparents go to Mass.
- ❖ Information on the godparent's sacrament of marriage: name, city and state of the parish where the marriage took place.
- ❖ Name of the parish, city and state where the godparents were confirmed.

Please be punctual, if you need to cancel, please call at least a day in advance. Please do not bring children to your appointment.

Pre – Baptism Class

Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptism class and have proof of attendance at least one month before the baptism.

The pre-Baptism class is offered at OLA on _____ from _____ in _____ (please confirm the specific dates with the coordinator). Please do not bring children to the class.

Godparent requirements

- ❖ At least one godmother and one godfather and no more than two godparents. If there are two, they must be a male and a female.
- ❖ Someone who is neither the father nor the mother of the child being baptized.
- ❖ Someone chosen by the parents and who is willing to take on the role of a godparent.
- ❖ Must be at least 18 years old.
- ❖ Must be a catholic who is confirmed and **able to receive the Eucharist.**
- ❖ Must be a person who faithfully practices his/her Catholic faith, going to mass regularly on Sundays and receiving communion.
- ❖ Must be a person who is living a Catholic Sacramental Life.
- ❖ **If either of the godparents has a spouse, they must be married by the church.**
- ❖ Be present at the ceremony.