

Baptism Requirements Checklist

Emailed copies of the Birth Certificate and Baptismal Class Certificates will be accepted. You may email them to ngarcia@n-bvm.org. Please bring the original Affidavits to the office or place in an envelope with "Baptism, Faith Formation Office" marked on the front. Drop the envelope in our locked mail box located to the left of the main entrance to the Pastoral Center.

- ☐ BIRTH CERTIFICATE-Your child **will not** be Baptized without this!
- ☐ BAPTISM INFORMATION FORM
 - Please fill this out, so the Church has contact information and other important info needed for the Baptism.
- ☐ BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS(Parents & Sponsors)
 - You do not need to register, you can simply walk in.
 - Our classes are:
 - 2ND SUN of every month(English) @ 9am Pastoral Center
 - 3RD SUN of every month(Spanish) @ 9am Pastoral Center
 - You may also attend a class at another parish. Be sure to bring any proof of attendance (usually a certificate).
 - PARENTS
 - Parents need to attend the Baptism Prep class
 - Bring Certificate to Religious Ed office
 - SPONSORS
 - Both Sponsors need to attend
 - Bring certificate to Religious Ed office
- ☐ AFFIDAVIT FOR SPONSORS
 - Each Sponsor needs an Affidavit
 - Affidavit must be taken to Sponsor's Parish to be signed and sealed. If Sponsor is **not** registered at a Parish, they should register immediately to avoid delays.
- ☐ Baptismal Candle & white outfit
 - These are needed the day of the Baptism. Please bring them with you.

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If you have any question please contact the office of Faith Formation at (505)340-0421 or email ngarcia@n-bvm.org

Other Baptism Information

Days of Baptism

We are currently Baptizing on the following days:

- Saturdays at 10am
- Sundays after the 12:30 Mass

Number of People Allowed at the Baptism

- Due to the pandemic and ever-changing restrictions, please check with the Faith Formation office to see what the current limit is.

Photography/Recording of Baptism

- In general, you are allowed to take photographs or record the Baptism, as long as the person doing so is not in the way of the ceremony. As a general rule, please check with the Deacon performing the ceremony to be sure that it is ok to record.

Godparents

- To choose a Godparent for your child, please refer to the list on the Affidavit for qualifications for a Godparent.
- You may have one Godparent or two, but if you have two, they must be one male and one female.
- You can have no more than two Godparents.
- You may have a Godparent that is not Catholic (they will be considered a Christian Witness) as long as the other Godparent is a Catholic in good standing.

Blessing Items

- If you would like an item blessed, please let the Deacon performing the Baptism know, and he will bless it for you.
- You may also come during office hours (Monday through Friday, 9:30am to noon, 1pm to 3pm) to have the items blessed.

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