



## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

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### **BAPTISM GUIDELINES**

#### Parents and Godparents

Each parent and godparent needs to attend one baptism preparation class prior to scheduling your child's baptism. We conduct classes in English the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in the Pastoral Center at 9 am. Classes in Spanish are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 9 am in the Pastoral Center. Please show up by 8:45 pm to sign in before the beginning of the class. Please do not bring your children. You don't need to provide anything prior to the class. At the completion of class you will receive a certificate of attendance that is good for two years.

**AFTER COMPLETING THE CLASS, TAKE YOUR CERTIFICATE TO THE PARISH OFFICE TO COMPLETE YOUR CHILD'S APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM.**

### **DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR BAPTISM**

1. Child's Birth Certificate – MANDATORY prior to baptism.
2. Parents' and godparents' baptism class certificates.
3. For parents and godparents registered in another parish, we need a permission slip from their pastor.

The child's parents must coordinate all requirements for baptism with the parish secretary. SPONSORS/PADRINOS are asked to purchase a white baptism candle prior to baptism. Please DO NOT show up at the church for baptism if you have not completed and confirmed your requirements with the parish secretary.

Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of the month in Spanish. Baptisms in English are held on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month. Only eight baptisms are allowed per Sunday. First come, first served. **YOU WILL BE INFORMED AT THE PARISH OFFICE OF AVAILABLE DATES FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM.**

**THERE ARE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT.**

Baptisms take place in the church after the 12:30 pm Mass. Please attend the Mass at 12:30 so we can welcome and congratulate you prior to the baptism. If your child needs "time out" during Mass, please take him/her to the sacristy or outside until the child has quieted down. Please be courteous to other people who are trying to hear and pray at the Eucharistic celebration. After the Mass, please move to the front of the church. Parents, godparents and children to be baptized are asked to sit in the front row or at the end of the aisle so the presider can have ready access to them during the ceremony. Thank you for your cooperation!