

Church of the Visitacion Policy for Baptisms

Registration for a baptism must be done by the parent(s) of the child in person. We do not accept applications over the phone.

Preference is given to families that are registered at this parish. For those who are not, we request a letter of permission from their home parish. After having attended the pre-baptismal preparation, Baptisms are scheduled at 11:00 a.m. on the Third Saturday of the month (in English) or at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month (in Spanish).

Requirements

A copy of the child's birth certificate is required because the Baptismal Certificate constitutes a legal document.

At least one of the child's parents must be a baptized and practicing Catholic.

It is not required that the parents be married in the Church, although a future Church marriage is suggested to give a good example of true Christian life to the child.

The godparents must be a baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholics over the age of 16.

Preparation

Both parents and godparents are obliged to participate in a Baptismal Preparation class at least one week before the baptism is to take place. This is to ensure that those involved know something of the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism. This baptismal session consists in a discussion regarding faith in the Catholic Church, the Creed, the Sacraments, and the symbols that are used during the Rite of Baptism, such as the holy oils of anointing, the water, the candle, etc.

The parents or godparents may attend a Baptismal Preparation class at a parish other than Church of the Visitacion. In this event, a letter or other document from that parish stating that the parents or godparents have attended their Baptismal Preparation class must be provided to Church of the Visitacion.* Children over the age of six years must take catechism (CCD; Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) classes in preparation for their First Communion before they may be baptized.

Although there is no charge for the Sacrament of Baptism, we do request a minimum donation of \$100.00 to cover the preparation class and to support the ministries of the church.* This donation is made at the time the child is registered for the baptism. During the ceremony, a candle and a symbolic "baptismal vestment" are provided to the child.

*For those who wish to attend the Baptismal Preparation class at Church of the Visitacion in order to baptize their child or be a godparent at another parish, we request a donation of \$35. Church of the Visitacion will provide a letter certifying their attendance in the Baptismal Preparation class.

Parroquia de Church of the Visitation Póliza para Bautismos

La registraci3n para el Bautismo tiene que ser hecha por los padres del ni1o o ni1a; no se aceptan aplicaciones per tel3fono.

Se da preferencia a las familias registradas en la parroquia. A los que no lo son, se les pide una carta de la parroquia a la que regularmente asisten. Despues de haber completado la preparaci3n pre-baptismal, los bautismos se llevaran a cabo cada tercer s3bado del mes a las 11:00 a.m. (en Ingl3s), o cada cuarto s3bado del mes a las 11:00 a.m. (en Espa1ol).

Requisitos

Es necesario adjuntar una copia del certificado de nacimiento para certificar el nombre del ni1o(a) y de sus padres, ya que el certificado de bautismo constituye un documento legal.

A lo menos, uno de los padres debe ser un cat3lico bautizado que practica su religi3n.

No es requerido que los padres est3n casados en la Iglesia, pero se les sugiere que lo hagan en el futuro para dar ejemplo de verdadera vida cristiana.

Los padrinos deben ser cat3licos bautizados y confirmados que practican su religi3n y que son mayor de 16 a1os.

Preparaci3n

Padres y padrinos deben asistir a una pl3tica de preparaci3n una semana antes al bautismo, con el fin de estar concientes sobre lo que es el Sacramento del Bautismo. La pl3tica consiste en reflexionar sobre la fe en la Iglesia Cat3lica, con base en la oraci3n del Credo, explicar el significado de los simbolos que se usan durante el Rito (aceites, agua, vela, etc.).

Se puede asistir a una clase de preparaci3n en otra parroquia que Church of the Visitation. En este caso, se les pide una carta de la otra parroquia como prueba que los padres o padrinos han asistido en una programa de preparaci3n. *

Ni1os mayores de seis a1os deben tomar clases de catecismo para Primera Comuni3n antes de poder ser bautizados.

Aunque no hay costo para el Sacramento del Bautismo, se les pide una donaci3n de \$100.00 para la preparaci3n y para apoyar los ministerios de la Iglesia. * Esta donaci3n se pide al momento de registrarse para el bautismo. Para la ceremonia se les proporciona una vela y una vestidura blanca bautismal.

*Si solo se necesita la clase de preparaci3n para bautizar un ni1o en otra parroquia, la donaci3n ser3 \$35. Nosotros proveemos una carta para certificar que ha asistido a la clase.