



## Infant Baptism (0-6 Years Old)- Letter to Parents

We are excited to be a part of your child's relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through the Sacrament of Baptism! It is always a joyful experience for us to welcome a new Christian into the Church and into our parish community. Through baptism, your child will be adopted into God's family, receive the grace of salvation won for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and have life in the Holy Spirit. As the doorway into God's Church, Baptism enables your child to grow in holiness by receiving the other sacraments as they mature.

### Baptismal Preparation

- Your child can only be 6 years old or younger for "Infant Baptism." If your child is 7 years old or older, please contact our office for details on preparing this child for Baptism.
- We need a copy of your child's legal Birth Certificate 2 weeks prior to the date of the scheduled Baptism in order to create your child's Baptism Certificate.
- Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation class at least one month before the scheduled date of your child's Baptism. Godparents are strongly encouraged to attend the class along with the parents. (Registration for our Baptism Class is handled online at <https://ap.church/sacraments/baptism/>. For a step by step guide to register for our Baptism Class please see the *Baptism Preparation Class Information* form in this packet.) If you've already attended a Baptism class within 3 years you will need to submit verification of when and where this was completed.
- Not a member of the parish? We need a letter of permission from the pastor of your current parish before we baptize your child. If you live nearby, we encourage you to join our parish today. <https://ap.church/our-parish/join-our-community/>

### Forms to Return

To help you through this process, the following forms can be found in this packet and will need to be returned to the parish office (fax, email or hand-delivery). You will be contacted by our baptism team within one week to confirm your child's Baptism date.

- Sacrament of Baptism Registration form (must be submitted in order to reserve a Baptism date).
- Verification of Completion of Baptism Preparation Class (Instructions for registering online for our classes is included in packet)
- Godparent Form(s) signed and completed (one for each Godparent)
- Copy of your child's official Birth Certificate

We look forward to walking with you as you prepare to have your child baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. If you have any questions, you may reach us at the contact information listed below.

God bless you and your family.

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