

Congratulations!

The priest of St. Mary of the Angeles Parish extend to you parents and godparents our sincere congratulations on your decision in initiating your child in the Catholic Faith. The Sacrament of Baptism is the First of the Sacrament of Initiation and we hope to do our best to make your child's baptism date as happy and memorable occasion as possible. In pledging our full cooperation, we only ask that you fulfill the Parish Requirements. For your convenience, we ask you to read the following information to assist you in preparing for your child's baptism.

Baptism Requirements

There is waiting period of **two months** prior your child's baptismal date and during this time the parents and godparents, and child, if applicable, must complete ALL parish requirements. If the child is too young to take the preparation, the parents and godparents will take that preparation and will take the commitment to educate the child in the Catholic Faith. Parents and Godparents are the first teachers of your child's education in the Catholic faith. Godparents and parents should be a model of Christian living for the newly baptized, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy. **The parents and godparents must each complete the following five steps:**

1. Read this pamphlet and turn in your child's registration form to the office.

Two months prior your child's baptism

2. Arrange a meeting with one of the priests. The parish office will determine if you are required to meet with one of the priests. In this meeting you will sign the appropriate certificates affirming that you are a parishioner in good standing and that you will undertake the responsibility to educate your child in the Catholic Faith.

2. Take a class and choose the date of your child's baptism, see schedule below.

3. Attend the weekend Masses or alternative options, please see details on the right. (You must bring to the office this pamphlet signed and dated by the priest before the baptism date. One for each, parents and godparents.)

4. Complete your child's registration for baptism. Please see the list of documents on the right.

Baptismal Classes

Parents and godparents must attend a mandatory class.

♦ **English** - Class is offered on the second Tuesdays of every month at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office at 462-1431 to register for the class.

♦ **Spanish** - Classes are offered on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm.

Baptismal Dates at St. Mary's

♦ **English** baptisms are held on the third Saturday of every month at 9:30am.

♦ **Spanish** baptisms are held on the second and fourth Saturday of every month at 9:30am.

ENGLISH 2016	<u>Classes</u> <u>(7:00pm)</u>	<u>Baptisms</u> <u>(9:30am)</u>
JANUARY	12th	16th
FEBRUARY	9th	20th
MARCH	8th	19th
APRIL	12th	16th
MAY	10th	21st
JUNE	14th	18th
JULY	12th	16th
AUGUST	9th	20th
SEPTEMBER	13th	17th
OCTOBER	11th	15th
NOVEMBER	8th	19th
DECEMBER	13th	17th

Mass Attendance

Parents and Godparents must attend weekend Masses for **at least 6 times** before the baptism. You also have the option to attend 4 weekend Masses and 2 other parish approved activities:

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| (1) Daily Masses | (2) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| (3) Spanish Prayer Group | (4) Cursillo. (5) Special Devotion |

Baptism Registration & Documents

Fill out your child's registration form, this form will be given to you when you inquire for baptism in the parish office. *You must turn it in at least **two months** prior your child's baptism.*

The following documents must be presented ***no later than 10 days prior*** to your child's baptism date:

1. A copy of your child's birth certificate.
2. The registration fee of \$50 dollars per child.
3. A copy of the marriage certificate by the Catholic Church for married godparents. If they are single you must present a copy of the confirmation certificate.

Note: Parents and/ or godparents who live in a different city or state and would like to have their child baptized at St. Mary of the Angels must take the Baptismal Class in the Parish where they worship. A letter confirming the completion of the Baptismal Class and giving permission to baptize at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Ukiah must be presented at time of registration.

Baptisms Outside the Parish

If you are planning to celebrate your child's baptism in a different city or state and need a permission letter you must fulfill all parish requirements as if you would baptize at our parish. You must present the following documents to obtain a permission letter from the Parish.

1. This pamphlet signed by the priest proving that you are coming to the weekend Masses.
2. A copy of the marriage certificate by the Catholic Church for married godparents. If they are single you must present a copy of the confirmation certificate. Note: this rule do not apply to parents of the child.
3. A document preparation donation of \$10 dollars for the letter.

Baptism - Child's Age

- ♦ If your child is 0 to 6 years old (baby to 1st grade of school). The child's parents and godparents must complete all preparations.
- ♦ If your child is 7 to 12 years old (2nd Grade-5th Grade) he/she must complete CCD classes.
- ♦ If your child is 12 to 18 years old (6th Grade-12th Grade) he/she must complete Confirmation classes.

Children between 7 to 18 years old

If your child is currently enrolled in the catechetical program and is satisfactory completing all First Year classes he/she is eligible to receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the Easter Vigil. Parents and godparents must take the preparation class during January or February. Please make arrangements in the office.

Requirements for Godparents

♦ A godparent must be at least 16 years old and must be a Catholic who has received Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation. They must also lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken. This also means that the godparents, if married, must be married by the Catholic Church and must present a copy of the Church marriage certificate at time of registration. Only one godparent is required.

Please fill out this form before showing to the priest. The priest will not sign it if blank.

Child's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Mother Father Godparent

Your Signature: _____

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Baptism Date: _____ Baptism Class Date: _____

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Priest Signature

Required Sunday Attendance

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

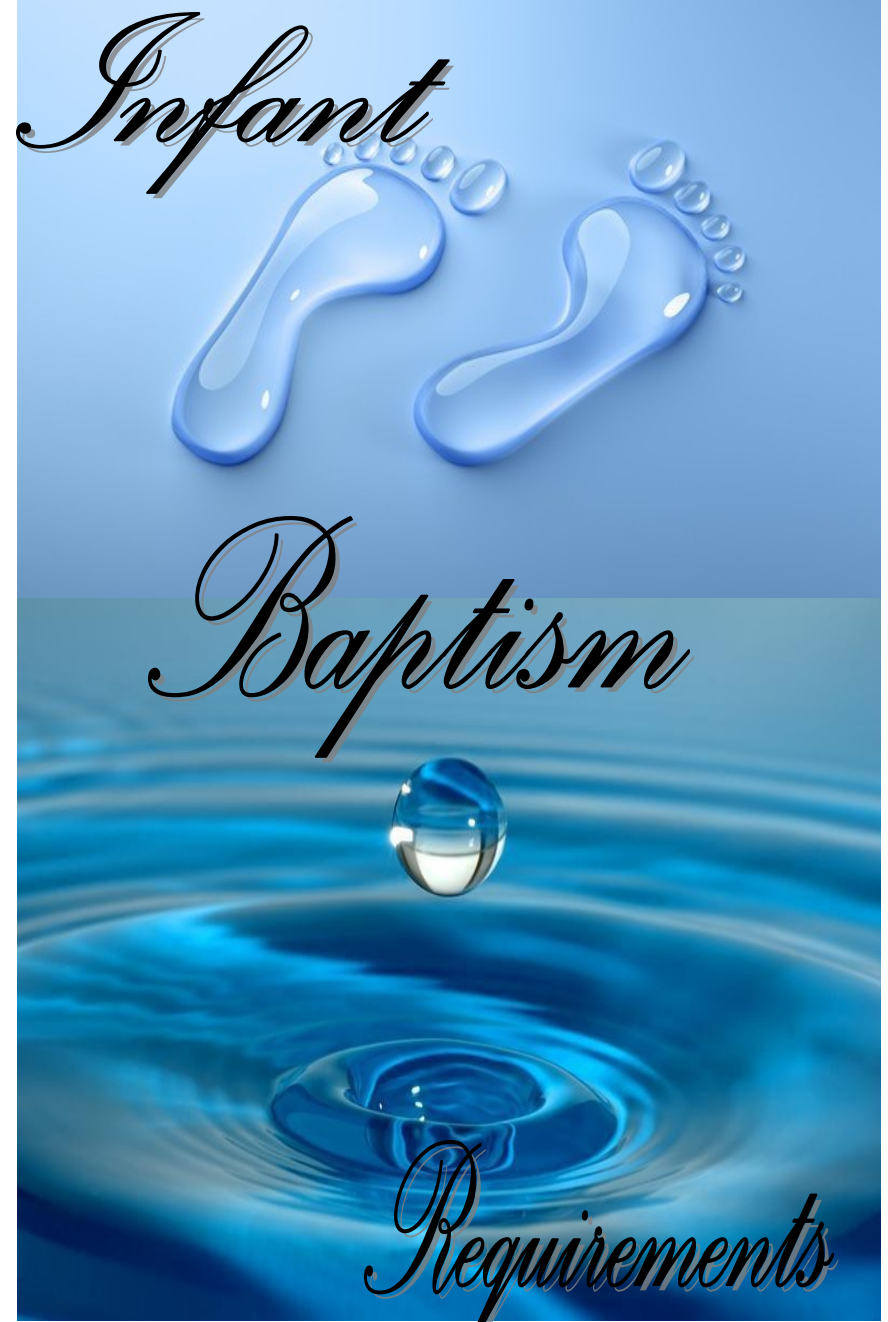
It is important to practice our Catholic Faith well so we suggest that you continue to attend Sunday Mass regularly.

Alternative Approved Activities to Fulfill Requirements.

a _____

b _____

Dates



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Parents, Congratulations!

You may be awaiting the birth of your child, have a newborn, or have a child who is several months old. No matter the stage of parenting you are currently in, you have been entrusted with a great gift from God. In your role as parent, you will serve as the first and most influential teacher of your child's faith (among other things). Baptism is "the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments" [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213]. The liturgy of Baptism invites you to think about the hopes and dreams you have for your child and the values you want to communicate to him or her in everyday life. These hopes, dreams, and values are expressed in the choices you make as a parent, the traditions you foster in your family, and the habits and interests you cultivate in your child. This rite, or set of ritual actions, celebrates the beginning of your child's life as a child of God and member of the Church.

Parents have the primary responsibility to instill our Catholic faith in their children. Through word and example, parents are in a position to teach their children:

- A sense of their own goodness as children of God.*
- A sense of trust in others and in God who loves them.*
- A sense of belonging.*
- An understanding of forgiveness and reconciliation.*
- Reverence for all creation.*
- Reverence for and practice in religious traditions.*

In asking to have your child baptized, you are taking on the responsibility to raise your child in a Catholic Christian environment. This means among others things:

- Faithfully participating in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations.*
- Praying as a family on a regular basis.*
- Teaching your child about Jesus and the Church.*



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The Role of a Sponsor!

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Listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs in living a Christian life, and keep yourself informed on Christian doctrine and values to be able to answer questions when they arise.

Encourage a life of faith through special cards, letters, or gifts which celebrate holy events...Sacraments, Christmas, Easter...and personal growth events...graduations, first job, engagement. (Gift suggestions: a Bible, rosary, spiritual book, religious jewelry, retreat opportunity.)

Most importantly, become a model of Christian living for the person you have sponsored, through daily prayer, virtue and active participation in parish life and liturgy.

By living a Christian life in partnership with the one whom you have sponsored, both of you will experience the great joy of sharing a life of faith. Congratulations, and may God Bless You!



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