



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BAPTISM



We at Our Lady of Mount Carmel rejoice that you are considering having your child baptized here!

“Holy 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. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213)

All of our Baptisms are individual. If the child is seven years of age or older, we invite you to call the office to register your child in an initiation program for children.

REQUIREMENTS

Parents need to bring the following items to the office before we can confirm your date:

- Birth certificate of the child to be baptized.
- Parents and Godparents are required to complete a pre-baptism class prior to registering for a baptism. There are multiple on-line classes that fulfill this obligation, as well as a monthly class offered at the Carmel Mission by Deacon Warren Hoy on the second Tuesday of every month from 6 to 8 PM. Please include your class completion certificates with your baptism registration paperwork.
- Complete the baptismal registration form. You can access this on our website or pick it up in the office.

- Offering: \$150 for registered parishioners, \$250 for visiting families.

BAPTISMS AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

- The ceremony is usually held on Saturdays at 11:00 AM. If this time does not work for you, we can look at other options.
- The ceremony takes place in English, Spanish, or bilingual according to the parents' desire.
- Baptisms are celebrated by the parish priest.

If you would prefer your child be baptized at one of our weekend Masses we can accommodate you Saturdays at 4:30 PM or Sundays at 9:00 and 11:15 AM or 5:00 PM in Spanish.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BAPTISMS:

Q: Who can be a godparent?

A: There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor, or one of each.

Godparents must be at least sixteen years of age; and at least one must be a practicing Catholic who has been baptized, has received both First Communion and Confirmation, and who leads a life in keeping with the values of the Catholic Church.

If one godparent is not Catholic, they may serve as a Christian witness to the Baptism along with a Catholic godparent.

Q: Do parents need to be married in the Catholic Church?

A: No, the parents of a child to be baptized do not need to be married in the Catholic Church.