

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF INFANT BAPTISM AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

- ✓ Parents are to be registered in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, attending church regularly and actively participating in parish life **for at least three months.**
- ✓ Parents are to attend a baptism preparation session if they have not attended one in the last three years.
- ✓ Parents are to call the parish secretary to **pre-register for the baptism preparation session no later than one month prior to the date of the scheduled preparation session.**
- ✓ Parents who are presenting their child for baptism and are not married in the Catholic Church or in the presence of a priest or deacon are asked to speak with the pastor about having their marriage blessed in the Church.
- ✓ Parents are to complete the necessary paperwork and must present an official, state-issued birth certificate.
- ✓ Parents agree to fulfill their spiritual responsibilities as the parent of a baptized child.
- ✓ Parents requesting baptism for children aged 5 or older are asked to speak with the pastor concerning baptism of their child. These children are also to be enrolled in our parish Family Faith Formation program.



IN CHOOSING GODPARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ Godparents must be Catholic, at least 16 years of age, and must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ✓ Godparents who are married must have gotten married in the Catholic Church and be in good standing with the Church.
- ✓ Godparents are to be actively involved in their church community (registered in a church and attending Mass weekly).
- ✓ Only one godparent is required, but that person must be Catholic and meet the above criteria.
- ✓ Anyone who serves as a godparent or Christian witness, Catholic or Protestant, are to be in good standing and active in their church.
- ✓ Godparents are encouraged to attend a baptism preparation session at Our Lady of Lourdes or at another parish of their choosing.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is the Sacrament of Initiation by which we become members of the Body of Christ, the new people of God, the Church. Those who are baptized experience the beautiful symbol of “living water.” In the waters of baptism, a person truly participates in the dying and rising to new life with Jesus. So it is through baptism that we begin our faith journey with God, supported by our Catholic Christian community. In baptism, the Church sees the role of parents and godparents as important since they will act as representatives of the Church in caring for the child’s spiritual needs and in serving as the principal teachers of their child in the way of faith.



Due to the penitential nature of the Lenten Season, it is inappropriate to celebrate baptism between Ash Wednesday and the Easter Vigil.



Adults requesting the Sacrament of Baptism will receive preparation through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Please call Alecia Lemelle at (409) 925-3579 for more information

Infant Baptism 2015



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SCHEDULES

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

January 6, 2015	7:00 pm
April 7, 2015	7:00 pm
July 21, 2015	7:00 pm
November 3, 2015	7:00 pm

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

January 11, 2015	11:15 am
April 12, 2015	11:15 am
July 26, 2015	11:15 am
November 8, 2015	11:15 am