

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

(July 2021)

It certainly is a cause of celebration to welcome a child into our family of faith thru the Sacrament of Baptism. “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,” we heard our Lord Jesus say (Matthew 19:14). As we lead one another to our Lord, especially the children, we do so with consciousness for the safety and well-being of all concerned.

To the parents of the Candidates of Baptism: Our community commends you to God for taking seriously your vocation of raising these children into our faith. To the possible Godparents: We commend you, too, to our God as you share your treasures to the children, most especially your treasure of faith.

At this time, depending on the availability of the Minister, we schedule baptisms every Saturday with two candidates ONLY in each celebration, inside the Church.

To facilitate arranging the schedule, please complete the following:

A. ONLINE COMPLETION of Pre-Baptismal Class.

We are unable to give the class in person at this time, so parents and godparents need to submit to the Parish Office a copy of the completion certificate of the Belonging: Baptism into the Family of God. The English course costs \$9.95 per couple. The Spanish course is \$15.95. You may sign up through the links provided below.

For English classes:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/belonging-baptism-in-the-family-of-god>

For Spanish Classes:

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/pertenecer-bautismo-en-la-familia-de-dios>

For those turning in a completion certification, please keep a copy for yourselves as we will be honoring the certificates for 18 months.

For those who have attended a class in person within the last 18 months, please send us a copy of the certificate for that class.

B. Complete the Application Form: [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

- A copy of the Birth Certificate of the Candidate for Baptism is required to be sent.
- Baptismal Fee is \$50.
- We invite the Family of the Candidate to make a donation to the Church on the day of celebration. An envelope will be provided on the day of baptism.

C. Send to the Parish Office(511 Main Street, Winters, Ca. 95694) thru mail:

- copies of the Completion Certificate of the Online Class (2 certificates: one for Parents; another one for the godparents).
- The completed application form with fee and a copy of the Birth Certificate of the Candidate.

Once the office receives this form, someone will contact you to finalize the date of baptism. Incomplete submissions will not be entertained for scheduling.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

During the entire celebration of the Rite of Baptism, wearing face masks and social distancing will be HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. The Candidate for Baptism will be held only by the Parents.

The Parish HIGHLY RECOMMENDS that there will be no party with family and friends after the celebration, in consideration for the mitigation of the spread of the virus. It certainly is a great blessing already that the child has been welcomed into the faith.

We definitely are in uncertain times still, but God's love to each one of us is sure. This policy is designed that we may welcome your child into the faith through baptism, and that all the people involved are safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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