

# BAPTISM POLICY AT MISSION SAN JOSE CHURCH

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## INFANT BAPTISMS:

The baptism may occur soon after the birth of the child. The baptisms are scheduled as follows:

- At 1:30 p.m. on the Sunday following the first Wednesday of each month
- At 10:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. on the Saturday following the second Wednesday of each month

(Note: Children of school age (1st grade or older) must receive religious education instruction before the sacrament of baptism can be celebrated.)

## PARENT(S):

Parents should reside within the church boundaries or be parishioners at Mission San Jose. If parents are not parishioners residing outside the boundaries, a letter from the Parish within their boundaries which grants permission for the baptism to be celebrated at Mission San Jose is required. Parents must register the child for the baptism in the Parish Office by providing the child's original Birth Certificate from the **State Health Department**. Parents are also required to attend a Baptism Class.

## SPONSORS/GOD-PARENTS:

You may have one female sponsor or one male sponsor or one of each (one male and one female). Sponsors are required to take a baptism class and must meet the following criteria:

- *Be 16 years of age or older*
- *Be a catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist*
- *If sponsors are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church*
- *Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized*

*Proof of all sacraments must be provided no later than the Friday before the baptism class.*

## BAPTISM CLASSES:

The parents and the sponsors are required to attend a Baptism instruction class. If parents are parishioners, there is a \$30.00 fee per Baptism to be paid at the time the child is registered for the Baptism. If parents are **not** parishioners, the fee is \$50.00. Payment and copies of required proof of the sacraments for the God-Parents are due no later than the Friday before the Baptism Class. Classes are held the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Chapel.

**Baptism registrations are accepted at the Parish Office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday (except during the lunch hour (12-1pm) or if there is a Church holiday.) Call the Parish Office at 922-0543 if you have any questions.**