

**“Let the children come to me and do not hinder them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”**

**(Mark 10:14)**

Congratulations and blessings on the birth of your child. Baptism is the beginning of the journey of faith for your child. No one has more influence on a child's growing sense of God and the Catholic faith community than the child's parents.

At Baptism, the faith is proclaimed for infants by the Church.

Through Baptism, your child becomes part of our faith community in the Catholic Church. Through your teaching example, your child will grow to become a follower of Christ and an active member of the church. This is why we have a special program to prepare parents and Godparents and to help them realize the importance of this responsibility.

#### **Age of Infant Baptism**

Traditionally, parents have their children baptized within a reasonable period after birth. Arrangement for baptism might be made before birth. Once children have reached the age of reason, seven years, they would enter the Christian Initiation for Children, a two year journey of faith to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation including Baptism.

#### **Additional Information:**

Provide a copy or e-copy of the child's birth certificate/Hospital Abstract and submit your donation to Reception or on-line at [www.holyfamily.org](http://www.holyfamily.org)

The Baptism Process can take from 3 to 6 months.

Please plan accordingly. The total Parent preparation time is less than three hours.

Summary of Steps for having your Child Baptized: At least one parent is required be a Catholic.

**Step One:** Complete the on-line Baptism Registration Form by visiting [hollyfamily.org](http://hollyfamily.org) website and upload copy of the child's birth certificate or abstract. You can also provide a hardcopy to the receptionist at the Pastoral Center.

**Step Two:** Attend the Parent Baptism Information Session. These sessions are on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm ending at 8:30 pm, and are held via Zoom, at the facilitator's home, or the Pastoral Center

**Step Three:** Attend the Baptism Sacramental Preparation Session in the Church, with the child's Godparents. Usually held on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7:15 pm to 8:15pm. The Link to register for the Parent/Godparent Session will be forwarded to you after the Parent Baptism Session is completed.

**Step Four:** Sign up for a Baptismal date with the Holtsnider Pastoral Center Receptionist. An E-mail of completion will be sent with the phone number.

Note: Parents are required to attend both Preparation Sessions, the Godparents are required to attend the Preparation Session and all paperwork has been secured by the receptionist at Holtsnider Pastoral Center.

**Only then can the Baptism date be selected.**

#### **Godparents:**

One Godparent is all that is required (a Godmother or Godfather) The second person can be a Godparent as described above or a "Christian Witness (Baptized member of another Christian Domination) Non-Christian are not eligible to be Godparents or Christian sponsors.

Being a Godparent is a sacred vocation – a calling, an appeal to live something out in your life, Parents are calling Godparents to be something special for their child: to set an example, help teach their child about the Catholic faith, and have a lifelong relationship of prayer, faith sharing and love. Before asking someone to be your child's godparent, take some time to pray and reflect on their ability to be a shining example of a Catholic Christian. Godparents must be at least 16 years old, have received all Sacraments through Confirmation, who participate in Sunday Mass with a Roman Catholic faith community and are willing to accept the responsibility of supporting their godchild in faith for a lifetime.

The godparents are required to attend the Godparent Preparation Session, which is offer at Holy Family Church via Zoom (or a Baptism class in their own parish. This class must be either in person or via Zoom.

**No paid on-line course certificates or those offered on-line at a Diocese can be accepted.**

**If nothing is available in the area, register for one of the four Zoom Sessions or contact [deaconcouple@hollyfamily.org](mailto:deaconcouple@hollyfamily.org) so that other arrangements can be made.**

The Baptisms, by month, are on the other side of this sheet. Baptisms, except in emergencies, are not celebrated during Lent. There is a minimum of 2 Baptisms per month (except during Lent)

A candle is provided for each child being baptized. If the family/godparents are providing a candle or other items to be used in the service, please let the presider know before the ceremony begins.

A celebration for those recently baptized will be held on January 5th, June 8th and October 5th, 2025, during the 11:15 am Mass.

(Dates subject to change)

#### **Questions:**

Please contact: Deacon Jay and

Candy Krueger at:

[deaconcouple@hollyfamily.org](mailto:deaconcouple@hollyfamily.org)

A required fee of \$100.00 for Baptism at Holy Family Catholic Church must be submitted before your child(ren) can be Baptized. Thank you for your generosity.  
[Home | Holy Family Church \(myvanco.com\)](#)

***Please note: if your family resides outside Holy Family Catholic Church boundaries of South Pasadena, Pasadena, Alhambra, Arcadia, San Marino, Altadena, Highland Park, El Sereno, and Monrovia,***

***Holy Family Catholic Church requires approval from your local Parish to proceed with the Baptism Process.***

**Complete the on-line  
Baptism Form**

[www.holyfamily.org/the-rite-of-baptism/](http://www.holyfamily.org/the-rite-of-baptism/)

**PARENT INFORMATION  
SESSION  
2025**

Gather with other parents and share faith and life experiences. This ninety-minute session looks at the meaning of Baptism. These sessions are on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm and are held in person or via Zoom. Our hope is that you feel welcomed and are able to share with others the joy of preparing for your child's Baptism.

**PARENT BAPTISMAL  
INFORMATION SESSION**

Please register on-line via AirTable Link  
Location:  
Date : Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_ at  
7:00 p.m.

**PARENT &  
GODPARENT  
PREPARATION**

Please register on-line.  
Sessions begin promptly  
at 7:15 pm in the Church  
January 14  
February 11  
March 11\*  
April 14  
May 13  
June 10\*  
July 8  
August 12\*  
September 9  
October 14  
November 11  
December 9\*  
\* Zoom only

**PARENT &  
GODPARENT  
SESSION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration link will be forwarded  
after Parent Baptism Session  
**In Person at Holy Family  
Catholic Church  
(or Via Zoom)**

**MONTHLY  
INFANT  
BAPTISMS**

January Three Baptisms  
February Three Baptisms  
No Baptisms during Lent  
(March 5 – April 20, 2025)  
May Two Baptisms  
June Two Baptisms  
All Baptisms will occur at St.  
Joseph's Center  
June 1 – October 31, 2025  
July Two Baptisms  
August Three Baptisms  
September Two Baptisms  
October Three Baptisms  
November Three Baptisms  
December Three Baptisms

Saturday Baptisms Begins at 10 am  
Sunday Baptisms begin at  
2 pm  
Baptisms are approximately one  
hour in duration

(Dates and Times are subject to  
change)

**BAPTISMAL DATE**

Baptisms begin promptly.  
Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the  
Baptism.  
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**BAPTIZING  
YOUR CHILD  
IN 2025**



*I baptize you in the name of  
the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

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Catholic Church  
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**HOLY FAMILY is a welcoming  
Catholic Eucharistic  
community of disciples of Jesus  
Christ connecting  
faith with life and reaching out  
to those in need.**