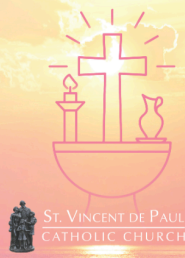


# Baptism



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who can baptize?

Parents wishing to baptize a child (under 6 years old) at SVDP must be registered members in the parish. There is a 3 month waiting period for new parishioners.

### Who can be a Godparents?

- While it is customary for a child to have a godmother and godfather, only one godparent is required by canon law. A child may not have more than two godparents.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation., and is regularly receiving the Eucharist..
- Attends Mass on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and sincerely trying to follow the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.
- If single, the godparent must be living a chaste life and not cohabitating with another person.
- If a Catholic godparent is married, they must be married in the Catholic Church.
- A Baptized believer of another Christian faith may serve as a Christian witness along with a Catholic godparent.

### What documents are required?

ALL required documents must be submitted in order to complete the Baptism registration process.

- Photo copy of Child's Birth Certificate
- Each Godparent's Confirmation Certificate
- Certificate of Catholic Sacramental Marriage (NO civil marriage certificates)
- Godparent's letter of good standing and permission to serve as a godparent (if not a SVdP parishioner)
- Certificate of Preparation class if taken at a different church

## **When are Baptisms?**

- **Baptisms in Spanish:**
  - Saturdays - 10:30AM Baptismal Rite, limit of 20 children
  - Sundays - 12:00PM (noon) Mass in Spanish, limit of 3 children
  
- **Baptisms in English:**
  - Weekend Masses, limit of 3 children per Mass
    - Saturdays - 5PM Vigil Mass in English
    - Sundays - 10AM Mass in English
    - Sundays - 5PM Mass in English
  - **No Baptisms offered during:**
    - Lent
    - Advent
    - Holiday weekends

## **Is there an administration fee?**

Yes. The following administrative fee is charged to cover the costs associated with the Baptismal Preparation Class and the processing and maintenance of Sacramental Records:

- \$10.00 for registered parishioners, 1+ year registered, attending Mass regularly and contributing
- \$50.00 for registered parishioners, less than 1 year registered and NOT contributing
- \$100.00 for non-parishioners