

St. Elizabeth Parish
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Baptismal Requirements

Baptisms in English – First Sunday of each month at **2:30 p.m.**

Baptisms in Spanish – Every Saturday of each month at **9:00 a.m.**

We baptize children from this parish only, unless permission is obtained from their own parish. This permission must be brought in with the registration form. We consider anyone attending mass here to belong to our parish.

The child's birth certificate must be brought in for verification of data. Children may be baptized from birth up to 6 years of age. Once they are 7 years old they must attend religious education classes for a full year, as preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Requirements for Parents

Only the parents, father and/or mother, should register their child for Baptism. It is desirable, but not required, that the parents be married by the Catholic Church. If one parent is not Catholic he or she must agree to the Catholic Baptism and also agree to the Catholic upbringing. This is true even if parents are separated. **It is expected that there be a reasonable assurance that the parents intend to educate the child in the Catholic Faith**, otherwise, it is not possible to baptize the child. Both parents need to come to two classes (Pre-Baptismal talks.) Parents are excused from the classes if they have attended them within the last year (proof is required). If one of them does not live in Oakland, s/he should bring a proof from his/her own parish.

Requirements for the Godparents

The Godparents must be Catholics and if married they must be married by the Catholic Church. They must have their sacraments of Initiation and be at least 16 years old. The godparents are also asked to attend the two baptism preparation classes. If they cannot do it here, they may attend in another parish. They must bring a note from the parish where they attended classes. If they have attended the classes within the last year, they are excused (a proof is needed.)

Preparation Classes

The classes are held two weeks prior to the date of baptism on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Spanish in the church, or on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in English in the side chapel. They can check for the exact dates in the parish office when they come to register. **Classes are to be taken prior to Baptism; otherwise, baptism is cancelled or postponed. Any proof should be in the office 3 days prior to Baptism.**

Notes

* We ask the parents to register their child at least one week before the first class. Both parents need to come and sign the registration form.

*Parents and godparents must be at the Church with the child 15 minutes early so that the ceremony can begin on time. Those who arrive late may be excluded and will have to reschedule the Baptism.

*The donation is \$60.00, which includes the two classes. It is non-refundable.

*It is customary for the godparents to bring the candle that is used during the ceremony.

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Date: _____/_____/_____

1st. _____/_____/_____

Time: _____

2nd _____/_____/_____

I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE REQUIREMENTS: _____

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