



The Sacrament of Baptism at the Church of Saint Mark
BAPTISM AND BAPTISM PREPARATION GUIDE

Congratulations! We are honored that you wish to celebrate this joyous occasion with our parish family. At the Church of Saint Mark, we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism every third Saturday of the month at 10 AM with some exceptions due to holidays or major parish events. Please see the 2019-2020 schedule on page two for details.

Registering Your Child and Reserving a Date for Baptism

Please complete the registration form at [this link](#) to reserve your desired date. *You must register at least one month before the baptism to ensure all paperwork is processed in time.*

Baptism Preparation for First Time Parents

Baptism is the door to all other sacraments your child will receive and it is the beginning of their personal relationship with Christ. As parents, it is your responsibility to be properly formed to pass on and witness to the faith. *If this is your first child or it has been five or more years since your previous preparation class, the Church requires you to complete sacramental preparation.* We recommend completing Baptism preparation before your child arrives. Please note that we cannot set up a Baptism date for your child until your preparation has been completed. Please see the schedule below and email Fr. Adam Tokashiki, PES at fradam@onestrongfamily.org to sign up for a dinner.

Baptism Preparation Dinners are held at the Rectory from 6:30-8:30 PM on the following Saturdays:

October 12, 2019	January 18, 2020	April 4, 2020
November 9, 2019	February 8, 2020	May 2, 2020
December 7, 2019	March 14, 2020	

Baptism Preparation Format

Our approach is not only to catechize, but to provide you with the tools and community to help you raise a strong Catholic family. Baptism preparation not only includes a dinner with a priest, but also two meetings with an assigned mentor couple from the parish. During preparation, parents will learn to introduce their small children to our Catholic faith, ways in which parents live out their own baptismal call through family life, and the rich meaning behind the Sacrament of Baptism and the Rite itself.

We understand that everyone is in a different part of their faith journey. If you have questions about the teachings of the Catholic faith, which you will pass on to your child, we encourage you to reach out to Fr. Adam Tokashiki, PES for additional resources or a meeting with a member of the Pro Ecclesia Sancta (PES) religious order at Saint Mark's.



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What are the requirements to be a godparent?

It is only necessary that one godparent be chosen for your child. If, however, you choose to have two godparents, the Church requests that one must be male and one female. A godparent must be a baptized Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church, who is at least 16 years of age, has received their First Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confirmation. If they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church.

A baptized non-Catholic may stand as a witness with a Catholic godparent. A parent cannot be the godparent for his or her child. Godparents are asked to complete a form which requests their parish establish their eligibility to act as a godparent.

Is there a fee for baptism?

The Church does not charge for the sacraments. Expenses for baptismal candles, garments, and certificates are covered by the parish, so your weekly support of the collection is greatly appreciated.

If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Adam Tokashiki, PES at fradam@onestrongfamily.org or (651) 645-5717.

We look forward to sharing in this special occasion with your family!

Baptism Saturday Schedule 2019-2020

December 21, 2019	July 18, 2020
January 18, 2020	August 15, 2020
*February 8, 2020	September 19, 2020
April 18, 2020	October 17, 2020
*May 2, 2020	November 21, 2020
June 20, 2020	December 19, 2020

*Not the third Saturday due to parish event or liturgical season. Please note, baptisms are not regularly celebrated during the season of Lent.