

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the St. Patrick Catholic Community Baptismal Prep Team, we welcome you to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Patrick Catholic Community, Carlsbad. We are pleased to journey with you for the preparation of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Below are the **INSTRUCTIONS** which we would like to request you read in order to journey with you, your family members, godparents, relatives and friends, to enable us to organize the meaningful celebration of the beautiful Sacrament of Baptism.

1. Data for the Baptism Register [CLICK HERE](#).
2. A copy of child's birth certificate.
3. If you are not a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Community, we request you obtain a letter of permission from your local parish to celebrate the baptism outside of your local parish.
4. Provide us with the name of at least 1 godparent (he/she must be a practicing Roman Catholic and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation; if married, they must have been married in the Church. They need to sign a Declaration in which they attest to their suitability to fulfill their spiritual role as godparent(s). Often people choose to have two godparents, in which case both need to be practicing Catholics. However, you may have one Catholic godparent along with a Christian witness (a practicing member of another Christian denomination). You can find a copy by [CLICKING HERE](#) and after filling it out, please email it to [baptism@stpatrickcarlsbad.com](mailto:baptism@stpatrickcarlsbad.com)
5. The Altar Society of St. Patrick Catholic Parish, through a member, Dori Purchase, offers the beautiful Baptismal Commemorative Cloth as a gift for your child; you are encouraged to frame and place it close to the child's bed. You can find a copy by [CLICKING HERE](#). After filling out the form, please forward a copy to Dori Purchase at [grandma.dori055@gmail.com](mailto:grandma.dori055@gmail.com)
6. You, as the parents, as well as the godparents, need to attend one Formation Session on Baptismal Catechesis. The St. Patrick Baptismal Prep Team offers such a formation session by an appointment on every FIRST SUNDAY after the 9:00 AM – Mass, and every THIRD TUESDAY of the month at 7:00 PM - in the Parish Library.
7. If you, as parents and godparents, received the Pre-Baptismal Catechetical Formation more than a year ago, then you, as parents and godparents, are encouraged to attend the Pre-Baptismal Catechetical Formation Session.
8. If godparents are residing outside the parish territory and cannot attend the formation session at St. Patrick Catholic Parish, then they must attend the Pre-Baptismal Formation Session in their local parish and provide a certificate of their participation to us prior to the Baptism.
9. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every SECOND and FOURTH SUNDAY of the month during the 11:00 AM – Mass. (This schedule can change during Advent, Lent and on other ecclesiastical days of obligation.)
10. The Sacrament of Baptism may also be celebrated outside of the Mass. To celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism outside of the Mass, you are requested to contact Fr. George at 760-729-2866, ext. 310 or send an e-mail to: [baptism@stpatrickcarlsbad.com](mailto:baptism@stpatrickcarlsbad.com)
11. Once you have completed all of the above requirements, you can EITHER drop off the documents at the Parish Office OR send the documents through an email [baptism@stpatrickcarlsbad.com](mailto:baptism@stpatrickcarlsbad.com) so that we can set a date for the wonderful celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. If possible, we ask you to arrange the Baptism of your child or children at least 2 months in advance before the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please feel free to contact Fr. George, or call the parish office, should you have any questions or need more clarification.