

## **BAPTISM INFORMATION**

Congratulations and many blessings as you prepare to have your child baptized here at Immaculate Conception Parish. Here are some of the guidelines to prepare for this holy sacrament.

Because Baptism signifies entrance into the Christian community, we celebrate Baptisms at Sunday Mass in the presence of the worshipping community. Baptisms are scheduled for either the 10:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Masses. Except in emergency situations, there are no private baptisms.

A Baptism Preparation class for parents and godparents is required. The class presents the spiritual meaning of the sacrament and will describe the sacramental signs of Baptism: the water, the anointing with Chrism, the white garment and the lighted candle. The class is online and information to register for the class is provided when we have received your Baptism Registration Form.

### **Godparents**

One godparent is required and you may have two (one male and one female). As witnesses to our faith, godparents are Catholics who practice their faith and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. If they are married, they should be married in the Church. If you select a godparent who is not Catholic, he or she must be baptized in their own Christian church. They are called Christian Witnesses to the baptism. In this case, another Catholic godparent is required.

### **Documents**

- Baptism Registration Form
- Child's birth certificate
- Baptism Preparation Class certificate of completion (parents and godparents)