

**SAINT ROSE OF LIMA PARISH
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BAPTISMS IN ENGLISH

As members of your faith community, we welcome you and share your joy as you prepare for your child's baptism, the single most important day in the life of any child. We understand our responsibility to assist you as the primary educators of your child in the faith, and we look forward to doing our best to be helpful to you in fulfilling your obligations as Catholic parents.

Parents desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for their child (six years of age or less) need to be active and practicing members of this parish. If you are not members of this parish, please discuss this with the priest or deacon who will be present for the Baptismal Preparation Seminar. Registration for new parishioners is only completed when all required steps in the registration process, including the four weeks of envelope use, are accomplished. A date for the baptism will not be scheduled until this registration process is complete.

Parents are required to participate in the Baptismal Preparation Seminar. The Baptism Preparation Seminar is offered in two sessions on the first and second Sunday of each month. Parents attend the 10 AM Sunday Mass and afterward proceed to the Staff Lounge on the second floor of the De Flores Center for a one hour seminar on both Sundays. Both parents are expected to attend both sessions of the seminar. Godparents are welcome to take both sessions of the seminar at our parish with the parents or they may take the seminar at their own parish and submit their certificate of attendance before the baptism date is set. All paperwork and questions about Baptism will be handled by the deacon present at the seminar sessions. All couples will need to schedule an appointment with the deacon at a convenient time after the seminar to set the date for the Baptism and make their donations. The suggested donation is \$100.00 for the family and \$50.00 for the godparents.

Godparents are an important part of the sacrament of baptism, because it is their ministry to assist the parents in bringing the child up in the Catholic faith. Therefore, Godparents must be selected based upon their ability and willingness to do this. The Catholic Church asks that a Godparent be a practicing Catholic in good standing; be at least sixteen (16) years old; and have already received the sacraments of baptism, confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If the Godparent is married he or she must be validly married in the Catholic Church. These requirements cannot be waived. Only one Godparent is required but two Godparents are the norm. Only two Godparents can be recorded in the baptismal records (additional Christian witnesses may be present if desired). Godparents must submit the appropriate form stating that they meet the canonical requirements for Godparents. This certification form must be signed by their parish priest or deacon if they are not registered at Saint Rose. Godparents must also attend the Baptism Preparation seminar.

The Sacrament of Baptism in English is celebrated on the third and fourth Sundays of the month at 2:45 PM in the Church. Please do not arrive any earlier than 2:30 PM so that parking will be available. There are no Baptisms celebrated on the fifth Sundays except in cases of urgent need. When the seminars are completed and the required documents are submitted the date for the baptism can be set with the priest or deacon. Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation and is a public celebration involving the whole church; because of this, "private" baptisms are not encouraged.

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