



San Sebastian Baptism Procedure and Diocese of St. Augustine Requirements

We are excited to welcome your child into the Church!

To register your child for baptism, please call the office at (904) 824-6625.

Group baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The parents must be San Sebastian parishioners or have a letter from their home parish pastor giving permission to celebrate the sacrament here at this parish.

Diocese Requirements:

1. Both of the parents and the godparents must attend a free one-hour preparation class.

- a. Classes are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- b. If the godparent lives out of the area, they may take the class at their home parish and note the date taken on the godparent eligibility form.

2. If there are two godparents, they must be one man and one woman. They do not have to be a couple or related.

3. There must be at least one godparent who is a practicing Catholic that has received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- a. They must submit a recently signed copy of their Confirmation certificate from the church they received the Sacrament at.
- b. If the godparent is not a San Sebastian parishioner, they must submit a godparent eligibility form signed by their parish priest or deacon.
- c. Catholics who are not Confirmed or have not submitted their certificate and eligibility form are designated as *witnesses* rather than godparents.
- d. Non-Catholic witnesses must be baptized Christians from a denomination approved by the Diocese.
- e. All documents must be submitted a week prior to the baptism or else the date will be pushed back to the following month.