

the baptism of your child

the catholic community of mission basilica san buenaventura



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*“Let the children come to me and do not hinder them.
It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”*

- Mark 10: 14

Preparation Requirements

Before the baptism, parents and Godparents must individually complete the Baptism Preparation Course offered by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To enroll in the course, click here: [Baptism Preparation Course] <https://lacatholics.org/baptism/>.



Also, completed Pre-baptism Information Form, available at the parish office or on our website: [Pre-baptism Information Form] **Registration Form**

After completing the preparation course, parents and Godparents will schedule a meeting with a deacon for a Q&A session before confirming the baptism date, please contact the parish secretary: parishoffice@sanbuenaventuramission.org or (805) 643-4318 ext. 201. By this meeting, all necessary documents should be submitted, and a proposed baptism date should be discussed. Please note that the date is to be confirmed after this meeting.

Once you have met with the deacon, please contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism date (**see schedule*).

For children aged seven or older, please contact Sister Mary Rose Chinn, +JMJ, at (805) 643-4318 ext. 205.

If your family has ties to the Mission and your relatives are registered and active members of the Mission Parish, we will consider a baptism at the Mission with the permission of your local Pastor. Active membership is defined by regular participation in a ministry or consistent attendance at Mass and support of the Mission Parish.

**New members must wait six months to verify active status.*

GODPARENT REQUIREMENTS:

Godparent(s) must be at least 16 years old. If there are TWO godparents, one must be male and one female. At least one Godparent must be a practicing, fully initiated Catholic, meaning they have been baptized, received First Communion, and been Confirmed in the Catholic faith. ***If married, a valid sacramental marriage certificate is also required.***

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. Pre-Baptism Registration Form
2. Baptism Prep Course certificate
3. Birth Certificate: A copy of the baby's/child's official birth certificate or final adoption decree.

GODPARENT DOCUMENTATION:

1. Baptism Prep Course certificate
2. EACH Godparent must provide copies of their sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion).
****If married, a church marriage certificate is also required.***

PERMISSION LETTER:

If you do not reside within our parish boundaries and are not registered members of Mission Basilica San Buenaventura, you will need a letter of permission from your registered church or the parish where you live. This letter facilitates for baptism at Mission Basilica San Buenaventura.

Submission Timeline: All documentation must be submitted to the parish office *at least two months* before the parent/Godparent interview with a deacon or priest.

Baptism Donation: A suggested donation of \$75 per child is requested on the day of the baptism.

If you are missing any requirements or need assistance, please contact the Parish secretary to schedule an appointment with Father Eduardo. He will discuss your situation and determine how we can assist you in your journey as a full member of the Catholic Community.

Mission Basilica Sas Buenaventura does NOT offer baptisms during LENT.

The Catholic Church doesn't have a universal rule that prohibits baptism during Lent, but many parishes and dioceses have policies that discourage it. Some reasons for this include:

- Lent is a time of preparation for baptism at Easter.
- Lent is a final stage of retreat for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.
- Baptisms may run contrary to the narrative of Lent.
- Some cultures associate baptisms with festive social celebrations that might be inappropriate during Lent.

2026 BAPTISM DATES

All @ 10:00 AM

Month	Day	Month	Day
January	3	July	11
February	7	August	1
March	NO BAPTISMS	September	4
April	NO BAPTISMS	October	3
May	2	November	7
June	6	December	5