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**Infant Baptism
Information**

Congratulations on the birth of your child! Our Parish rejoices with you as you prepare to have your child received into the Catholic Church. The information contained in this flyer is meant to prepare you for this solemn celebration. Please note that these guidelines are in accord with universal law as found in the Code of Canon Law and Diocese of Laredo guidelines.

Requirements

- Children under the age of 7 may be baptized at our communal celebrations held monthly. Children 7 and older must enroll in a sacramental preparation program (registrations held in June through August).
- Parents and Sponsors (Godparents) must attend a pre-baptismal class before the celebration of Baptism. Baptismal classes are valid for up to one year. Pre-baptismal class may be attended at another parish; must present proof of attendance.
 - Classes are held in the Church at 7pm on the Tuesday before the Baptism. (see calendar)
 - Tardiness will not be tolerated.
- Sponsors (Godparents) must be fully initiated Catholics (have received Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation).
- A child may have one or two sponsors (godparents). If there are two, it must be one male and one female. These do not have to be married to each other.

Documents Needed:

- Birth Certificate (Long Form) of the child to be baptized. Please note that data is entered into our sacramental records according to what is found on the Birth Certificate.
- Godparents who are single must provide a Certificate of Baptism and a Certificate of Confirmation. Godparents that are married must also provide a Certificate of Marriage from a Catholic Church. *Please note that a Certificate of Marriage does not imply*

Confirmation so we still need the other two certificates. Also, due to an increase in the number of falsified documents reported at various parishes, copies of certificates will not be accepted. Please present the official document issued by the parish and we will make a copy at the time of registration.

- To register for Baptism, ALL documents must be presented together at the parish office on or before the 15th of the month of Baptism. Incomplete registration documents will not be accepted. We require that one parent be present at the time of registration since Baptism, by canon law, requires the consent of one parent.
- Finally, a registration fee \$25 for registered active parishioners or \$50 for non-registered families is to be paid upon registration. Parishioners are considered registered/active after a 1 year minimum of attendance at the parish. Please note that the parent(s) of the child is the one that ought to be registered.

2024 Baptism Dates

<u>Class Date</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Ceremony Date</u>
January 23	Spanish	January 28
February 20	English	February 25
March	No Baptisms	March
April 23	Spanish	April 28
May 21	English	May 26
June 25	Spanish	June 30
July 23	English	July 28
August 20	<i>Bpts held at San Carlos</i>	August 25
September 24	English	September 29
October 22	Spanish	October 27
November 19	English	November 24
December	No Baptisms	December

Spanish Baptisms are held immediately following the 9am Sunday Mass. English Baptisms are held immediately following the 12pm Sunday Mass.

Families are asked to attend the Mass immediately before the Baptism.