

Reminders for Parents Considering Baptism for Children

The Godparent you choose for your child will be a role model, minister and example of one who lives a good Christian life. Choose wisely and thoughtfully. Think, "Into whose hands do I trust my child's spiritual life and journey?"

1. Parents and Godparent(s) must attend a full session of the Baptism preparation class. If Godparents cannot attend the classes offered at St. Paul's due to living out of the area, a class must be attended where they reside and proof of attendance must be provided prior to Baptism date.
2. Parents must provide an original copy of the child's birth certificate. A copy will be made and the original will be returned.
3. Baptism preparation classes are for children who have not reached their seventh birthday. Parents of children over the age of seven should contact the parish office for additional Baptismal information.

There are two Godparents for the child being baptized. However, only one is required, in case of an emergency baptism. The two Godparents chosen: one person must be an active Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, and if married must be married in the Catholic Church, the other person does not need to be a Catholic but must be a baptized Christian. (The Catholic Church does not recognize some baptisms.) If only one Godparent is chosen that person must be a baptized and active Catholic.

4. Catholic Godparents must:
 - Be at least 16 years of age
 - Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
 - Live a life of harmony with the Catholic faith
 - If married, be married in the Catholic Church
 - Fully intend to perform the role of Godparent
 - Not be a parent of the child to be baptized
5. A child is only admitted to baptism with the parents' consent, and ***a serious assurance that after baptism the child will be given a Catholic upbringing.***

Please contact the parish office at 208-466-7031 for more information and baptismal class dates.