



Information for Parents about Baptism

Dear Parents,

Our parish of Our Lady of Refuge is delighted that you have chosen to have your child baptized. Baptism is a life-giving and incredible celebration of faith. It marks the beginning of a life-long journey of knowing and following Jesus Christ. On behalf of this parish community, I welcome you with open arms and express my gratitude for your decision in passing on your faith to your child.

We wish to help you make this Sacrament of Baptism a sacred and memorable occasion for you, your family and friends. In order to best assist you along with this process, please keep in mind the following:

Requirements for Registration:

1. A copy of the child's Birth Certificate. Children must be under the age of 7 years old. (Can. 92-9)
2. An ID from Parent or legal guardian
3. A contribution of **\$60 dollars (nonrefundable)** per child if it's a Community Baptism (not individual Baptism). And if there is a **change in the Baptism date** there will be a \$20 fee (only for Community Baptisms).
4. Parents must read and sign the guidelines for Baptism.
5. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptismal Class that explains the Sacrament and each of their responsibilities and roles. Parents have to bring in a certificate saying they took the class.

Requirements for Godparents:

1. The godparents must be a confirmed Catholic. They need to bring proof they have done their Sacraments (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation). If they are a couple we also need proof they have been married before through a Catholic Church. We need an original certificate or copy.
2. Godparents must also attend a Pre-Baptismal Class that explains the Sacrament and each of their responsibilities and roles
3. No more than 2 Godparents allowed, and godparents must only be one female and one male (can't be the same gender) (Can. 873).

If the parents or godparents live outside the area they must attest to their own Parish and send a letter from their home Parish confirming that they have completed the Pre-Baptismal class.

We look forward to celebrating with you this wonderful Sacrament.

May God's blessings be with you.

Fr. Rodrigo Paredes
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Baptism Dates Available

← **Last day to Register**

May 9, 2026	← April 29, 2026
June 13, 2026	← June 3, 2026
July 11, 2026	← July 1, 2026
Aug. 8, 2026	← July 29, 2026
Sept. 12, 2026	← Sept. 2, 2026
Oct. 10, 2026	← Sept 30, 2026
Nov. 14, 2026	← Nov. 4, 2026

*Baptisms are **NOT official** until all requirements are turned in. The payment is also not received until all requirements are turned in.

* All Community Baptisms are at **10 am.**

Baptism Date Chosen: Month: _____ **Day:** _____ **Year:** _____.

Family information:

Child's Full Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Child's D.O.B: _____ **& Place of Birth:** _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Godmother's Name: _____

Godfather's Name: _____

Phone# _____ **2 Phone#** _____

Office use: Parish Personnel: _____ Receipt# _____ Date _____
