



OLD MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

It is with great joy that we anticipate the baptism of your child into the Catholic Faith.

Due to the sanctity of the Sacrament of Baptism and assuming that the child will be raised in the practice of the Catholic faith, preparation is required for all baptisms.

Please read the following guidelines and requirements thoroughly. It is our intention to make this a joyous and wonderful celebration for you, your child and your family.

The baptism will be scheduled following the completion of the attached forms and the documents that follow.

Please contact the parish office at
(831) 623-2127 if you have any questions

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTIZING AT OLD MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

FOR PARENTS:

- 1) Assistance at a pre-baptism instruction class. (Attendance within 24 months with a certificate of completion will be acceptable.) The fee for these classes are included in the baptism stipend. ***ONLINE CLASSES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**
- 2) Completed Baptism Inquiry Form
- 3) A Copy of the child's birth certificate
- 4) Stipend for Group Baptism: **\$100** for one Child and **\$150** 2 or more children with in the principal family.
 - **First, Second, and Third Saturday of the month are reserved for Spanish Group Baptisms at 10am**
 - **The Last Saturday of the month is reserved for English Group Baptism at 10am**
- 5) Private Baptisms are upon special arrangement and are **\$300 per child. Do to a high request.**
- 6) Parents are to select one or two Catholics in good standing with the Catholic Church to serve as the child's Godparent(s). Only a **Catholic** person can be a Godparent sponsoring a child into the Catholic church. A Godparent must meet the following criteria (per Cannon Law):

FOR ALL GODPARENTS:

- a) **Must be over the age of 16,**
- b) **In good standing with the Catholic Church**
- c) **If married, must be married through the Catholic Church**

*If the parents cannot designate more than one Catholic for this important role, then one **non-Catholic** who is baptized and belongs to a **non Catholic** Christian denomination can be a "Christian Witness". If there will be a Christian Witness, there must also be a qualified Catholic Godparent. Christian Witnesses also need to provide proof of baptism, a letter from their pastor stating that they are in good standing in their church, and must attend the Catholic pre-baptism class.

1. We need: A certificate or letter stating that you have attended the pre-baptism class. (May attend with the parents in their parish.)
2. **Christian Witnesses** need to provide the following:
 - a) A Letter from your pastor stating that you are in good standing in your church;
 - b) Proof of pre-baptism class attendance at a Catholic Church.