

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

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Dear Parents:

We are pleased that you have chosen our Parish for your child's Baptism and will do our best to make the Baptism experience here at OLPH a spiritually fulfilling one for you and your family. The requirements for Baptism are as follows:

Godparents (Sponsors) must be practicing Catholics in good standing and married in the Church, if applicable. Only one Godparent is required, but if there are two, one must be male, and one must be female. A non-Catholic can be a witness, as long as there is one Catholic Sponsor. If Parents and/or Godparents are not members of OLPH Parish, they must obtain a letter from their Parish that is signed, dated, and sealed with the Parish Seal stating that they are members in good standing and have permission to baptize their child or be a sponsor outside their parish.

Parents and Godparents are required to attend one class for Baptism Preparation. Classes are held the 1st Tuesday and 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Pastoral Center and will last approximately 1½ hours. Only one class is required.

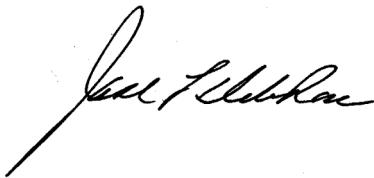
Parents must pick up (or have mailed to them) a Baptism Packet from the Receptionist at the Pastoral Center. This packet will include a Catechetical Booklet, checklist, and paperwork to be completed before scheduling class attendance. One of the items on the checklist is the requirement of an original or Certified Copy of the child's Birth Certificate. Once all paperwork is accurately completed, parents and Godparents can schedule their Baptism Class with the Parish Receptionist. When the class is completed, parents can then schedule the child's Baptism with the Parish Receptionist. Baptisms are held following the 5:30pm Mass on Saturdays at approximately 6:30pm. If desired, a Baptism may be arranged directly with a preferred priest or deacon. More than one child may be baptized per ceremony. Appointment for Classes and for Baptisms should be made at least three (3) days in advance of the event.

Older children (3+) must attend special classes designed for Baptism preparation through the Religious Education Department. Contact Vilma Vazquez de Torres at 651-6913 for more information.

Childcare is available in the Child Development Center during the time of the Baptism Class for children 1 ½ years and older.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, contact the Parish Office at 651-6913.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Jose De la Rosa
Pastor



Fr. James Seiwert
Associate Pastor