

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION
THE DAY OF BAPTISM AT
ST. MARY IMMACULATE
AND ST. PETER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Parents, godparents and guests should plan on arriving at least 15 minutes before the baptism is scheduled to begin. Please notify the priest upon arrival.

Normally, the front row of the church, nearest baptismal font, will be reserved for you and your family.

The church provides a baptism candle but you are welcome to buy your own if preferred. Please let the Mass coordinator or priest know that day.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to call the church and contact the priest to satisfy your questions.

If for any reason you need to change the date of Baptism, please call the church office as soon as you know at (707) 263-4401.



Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit"
Jn. 3:5

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME _____

DATE _____

NAME(S) _____

Parents

Godparents

NAME OF THE CHILD _____

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE (Total: 3 weeks)

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The class and Masses are valid for one year from the date you attended.



The Sacrament of Baptism

**St. Mary Immaculate
& St. Peter
Catholic Church**
Lakeport - Kelseyville, CA.
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GUIDELINES FOR BAPTIZING YOUR CHILD AT ST. MARY'S PARISH



We welcome all seeking to baptize their child in our parish. We are here to help and encourage you to continue bringing up your child in the Catholic faith.

Parents and godparents are the principal educators of the child to be baptized. A pre-baptism class is offered and required for both parents and godparents, prior to the child receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

The class takes place on the church at St. Marys in Lakeport, Ca. at 7:00 pm. (There are exceptions due to holidays. Notice is given in the bulletin.) All information will be given at the class. The class is approximately one hour long.

Schedule of Baptism class dates for 2016:

(please confirm with church office prior to attending)

4rd. Friday of the month.

May 27	September 23
June 24	October 28
July 22	November 25
August 26	



NOTE:

If your child is 5 years or older, please see the priest.

DOCUMENTS

1. If one or both of the godparents are married and living as a couple, they are required to be married by the Catholic Church.
2. Candidates for godparents must be *practicing Catholics* having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.
3. Sponsors may be practicing Christians from a religion whose Baptism is recognized by the Catholic Church. There must be at least one godparent discussed in # 1 & 2.
4. Should godparents attend another parish, they are required to provide the Certificate of Attendance for Baptism Class at the time of Baptismal registration.
5. The recommended parish donation for the Sacrament of Baptism is \$150.00 according to you possibilities. Thank you for your generosity and contribution to our parish.



Once all parish requirements have been completed, bring the following required documents to the church office: child's birth certificate, godparent's Marriage Certificate (if a couple) or their Baptism Certificate (if single), adoption certificate if applicable, and Mass Attendance Card to schedule a date for the child's Baptism.

THE DATE FOR BAPTISM CANNOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL all the above paperwork is completed and turned into our office.

THE GODPARENTS

Godparents must be chosen responsibly by the parents. The godparents role is to ensure that the child is raised in the Catholic faith. They should be a good example for the child being baptized.

A godparent can be any practicing Catholic, 17 years of age or older.



Baptisms in English are held every Saturday. The time depends on the disponibility of the priest and your request.

If you need the baptism on another date and time, please contact the priest to see more options.

Please bring all required completed documentation to the church office for a date to be scheduled.

ONLY under certain special marital or family circumstances may Baptisms be scheduled directly with a *priest*.

