

## Information for Baptism

Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child here at Saints Simon & Jude Church. We look forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have in support of your faith journey towards a more intimate relationship with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!

1. Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment for a brief interview with the Rites Coordinator to begin the registration process (714) 962-3333
2. Baptisms at Saints Simon & Jude are celebrated on Sunday after the 11:15 Mass. We only Baptize 3 children per Sunday.
3. **To complete your registration, you will need to submit**
  - a. A copy of your child's birth certificate
  - b. A completed registration form.
4. **Baptismal Preparation** is offered in person once a month at 6:30pm Parents and godparents need to attend one class only. **Registration is REQUIRED BEFORE you attend the Baptismal Preparation class.**
5. A copy of your son/daughter's birth certificate is **REQUIRED** when they register for Baptism.
6. If you live outside the boundaries of Saints Simon & Jude Church, please obtain a permission letter from your parish allowing your child's baptism here.
7. If the Godparent(s) live out of the area, they may attend the Baptismal Preparation at their home parish and provide verification to the Rites Coordinator prior to the baptism.
8. Baptisms are for children who have not yet reached six (6) years of age. A child of the age of reason, around age 7 will be baptized through the OCIA Youth process.
9. *Godparent Canon Law 872-874 states* a person to be baptized needs only **one Godparent**. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each. *A Godparent is a Catholic in good standing, they are to be at least sixteen years of age, who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. If the chosen godparents are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may serve as a witness of the baptism together with a fully initiated Catholic sponsor.*
10. **PARENTS:** Parents are not required to be married by the Catholic Church to baptize their son/daughter. However, we stand ready to assist couples in preparing them to become one with God and with each other in the holy covenant of marriage.