

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church



BAPTISM INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Parent(s),

We are delighted that you have expressed your desire for your child to become a member of our Catholic faith community through receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. We are excited to be with you on this journey of faith.

Baptism is the first of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. It is the “gateway” Sacrament that celebrates the entry of your child into the Catholic Christian community. Holy Mother Church desires that, through Her support of the faith development of parents, godparents and the child, the strengthening of faith will enrich the family’s spiritual life. We also hope that you consider becoming an active member of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Please read carefully the information in this packet. In order to begin your Sacramental preparation we ask that you to do all of the following:

- ___ Become a Registered Parishioner at Our Lady of the Rosary (*if not already registered*).
- ___ **Make an appointment to meet with Deacon Frank prior to deciding on baptism date.**
- ___ Complete the enclosed Pre-Baptismal Information Form. Please be sure to provide all of the information requested on the form. NOTE: If your child is not yet born you can provide name and birth information later.
- ___ Attach a photocopy of the child’s birth certificate. (NOTE: If your child is not yet born you can provide this later.)
- ___ Select your child’s godparents (see **Role of the Godparents** enclosed in this packet). Only one godparent is necessary, however, two (2) are welcome. **Godparent(s) must be practicing the Catholic faith.** As long as there is one godparent, a non-Catholic could also serve as a Christian “witness” at the Baptism. Please have your godparent(s) sign and date the **Role of the Godparents** form and include with your Pre-Baptismal Information form.

Donation: As a Sacrament of the Church, no charge is made for the celebration of Baptism. However, it is customary to give a donation of \$50 which helps to support the life and the work of the Parish.

Please return these forms at your meeting with Deacon Frank or Kathy DeSanto.

If you have other questions about this process, please contact Deacon Frank DeSanto or Kathy DeSanto at (813) 949-4565, or by email at Deaconfrank@ladyrosary.org. We are looking forward to celebrating your child’s baptism with you. God bless you!