

Our Lady of the Valley Church

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BAPTISM POLICY

1. It is recommended that the parents of the child be registered parishioners.
2. Original Birth Certificate of Child (From the County, not the hospital)
3. Godparents Certificate: Required

If currently with someone

Must be married *by the church* (the marriage certificate *must* state that they are married through the Roman Catholic Church)

Or

Single Godparents

Single people 16 years of age or older may assume the role of sponsors, the single person should be a practicing Catholic and have already received Confirmation. Please bring a copy of the Confirmation certificate.

4. It is recommended that grandparents should not be sponsors for their own grandchildren especially if they are elderly.
5. The parents of the child to be baptized may not stand in as Godparents.
6. There may be only one male and/or one female sponsor for each child.

Parents **ONLY** should be the ones requesting the baptism of their child. Once you have the documents, please bring them to the parish office to begin sacramental preparation. At the same time, we will inform you of the **pre-baptismal class** which is required for parents and godparents and also the date of the baptism. Normally, the class takes place on a Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Please do not bring any children to the class.)

If the god parents and parents do not attend the class, they will not be allowed to baptize.

Baptisms are normally celebrated on the second Saturday of **every month** as a group at 1:00 p.m.

A fee of \$50 is required at time of baptismal reservation.

If you have further questions, please call the Parish Office.

Do not plan for a specific day until you register your children