



INFANT BAPTISM POLICY

(2018)

The birth of a child is a major event in the life of any family. On behalf of Mission San Luis Rey Parish, we extend to you and your child our warmest welcome. Baptism is a welcoming of your child into Christ and into the Church. You are the primary teachers of your child. Your child will learn about life, love, God and religion from you. By your example and life, your child will learn about your values and beliefs.

A decision to have a child baptized is serious. This decision means that you are choosing to accept responsibility for your child's early faith development. Baptism is the beginning of one's life in the family of God and is surely a most important step. To assist you, we have established the following program:

1. Parish Registration:

- A) **Registered Parishioners:** Children whose parents are registered parishioners of MSLRP are granted first priority for the Sacrament of Baptism.
- B) **Non-parishioners:** Register to become a parishioner immediately. A registration form can be completed online or we can send it out upon request.
- C) **From Another Parish:** We require a letter from the Pastor of your own Parish granting permission to have your child baptized in our parish.
- D) **Military:** We ask that you provide a letter granting permission from the Base Chaplain for your child to receive their Baptism in our parish.

2. **Baptism Packet:** After meeting any of the above requirements, a baptism packet can be picked up from the office or one can be mailed to you.

3. Selecting Godparents:

- A) Godparents must be Catholics, at least 16 yrs. of age, who have received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.
- B) If he/she is married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church.
- C) Godparents must attend the pre-baptismal class; if they are out of town, they must take a class in their parish and attain a letter/certificate verifying class assistance which must be turned in to you to be submitted with your baptism packet. Non-Catholics may not be godparents but may be a witness as long as there is one Catholic godparent who fulfills the requirements.
- D) A copy of the Godparent's confirmation and marriage certificates must also be turned in to you to be submitted with your baptism packet.

4. **Setting up a Baptism interview:** Once ALL the paperwork has been properly completed and the Godparents have met the requirements, you can call (760) 757-3250 to schedule an interview. At this interview you will:

- A) Turn in the completed baptism packet including a copy of your child's birth certificate and Godparent's documents.
- B) Turn in the suggested donation of \$60 for the baptism
- C) Register the Godparents for class if he/she is taking it here. Pay the suggested donation for each which is \$25.
- D) You will be scheduled for the pre-baptismal class and baptism date.

***** Emergency Baptism:** child OR adult—in danger of death, all PRE-baptism requirements will be waived. Please contact the Parish Office, 760-757-3250, for any priest emergency. After hours and weekends, the automated recordings of the parish phones will guide you on how to contact the priest on duty. ***

(See back of this page for the baptism and class schedule)

BAPTISM/CLASS SCHEDULE:

All classes are on Wednesdays in Rm. #5 and baptisms are in our Serra Ctr. unless otherwise indicated

Our parish does not celebrate PRIVATE baptisms.

Parents and Godparents must attend the pre-baptism class.

A date is not guaranteed until all the required documents have been submitted.

Classes*	Baptism Day
JANUARY: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunday, January 14, 2018 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Mass - Saturday, January 20, 2018 11:00 a.m.
FEBRUARY: Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, February 3, 2018 11:00 a.m. - Sunday, February 11, 2018 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Mass
MARCH NO CLASSES DURING LENT	NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT (MARCH)
APRIL Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. - Saturday, April 28, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
MAY: Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, May 5, 2018 11:00 a.m.
JUNE: Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, June 9, 2018 11:00 a.m.
JULY: Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, July 14, 2018 11:00 a.m. - Sunday, July 29, 2018 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Masses
AUGUST: Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Mass - Saturday, August 18, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER: Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, September 8, 2017 11:00 a.m.
OCTOBER: Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, October 6, 2018 11:00 a.m. - Sunday, October 21, 2018 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Mass
NOVEMBER: Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 6:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. - Sunday, November 18, 2018 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Mass
DECEMBER: NO CLASSES DURING ADVENT	NO BAPTISMS DURING ADVENT (DECEMBER)

***NOTE:** We find that classes go more efficiently when the children are not present with the parents. Please make every effort to find someone to watch your child during these two hours of important class.