



SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH

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REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OF INFANTS

(cf. Sacramental Preparation Guidelines Diocese of Pueblo)

1. All arrangements for Baptism must be done at the office and at least a month prior to the preferred date, in person and not by phone or email. Documentation is needed for registration:
 - a. Child's original Birth Certificate issued by the State.
 - b. Parents/Legal Guardian and Godparents photo IDs.
 - i. Godparent Commitment form.
 - ii. Valid proof of received sacraments may be requested at the priest's discretion.
 - iii. Must be registered active parishioners for at least 12 months.
 - c. Requirements for Godparents (CIC 872, 874):
 - i. At least 16 years of age and mature enough to undertake this responsibility.
 - ii. Must have received the three sacraments of initiation, i.e., Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
 - iii. Practicing Catholics.
 - iv. Must be canonically free to carry out this office. (Catholics openly living in an invalid marriage, i.e., those not married in a Catholic Church or who are co-habiting, living together without sacramental marriage, are unqualified.)
 - d. Parents and Godparents must present proof of Pre-baptismal classes.
 - i. Parents and Godparents are mandated to participate in Pre-Baptismal classes.
 - ii. Pre-baptismal classes are valid for one year.
 - iii. All people must be present to take the class, no exceptions.
 - iv. Class should be taken 3 months prior to baptism. (Please check dates and availability of classes at the office).
2. Given the ecclesial nature of Baptism, "private baptisms" are discouraged, and are typically celebrated at Saturday evening mass.
3. Out of respect for the parish community and to avoid interrupting a celebration, Godparents, Parents and Child MUST arrive and be seated in the first pew of the Church 45 minutes before the scheduled celebration. (Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the postponement of the sacrament. No exceptions.)
4. Children who have reached Catechetical Age (cf. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 252–330; CIC §852) cannot be considered for the celebration of Baptism of Infants, but at their parent's request may and should be enrolled in Catechism Classes for Christian Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation). The period of the Catechumenate can last for as long as several years or a shorter time. This will depend on the person's sincere commitment to grow in Faith and its participation in the liturgical life of the faith community.
5. Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in a delay of the celebration
6. The suggested donation per Baptism is \$125.00 payable at the parish office on the day of registration. Any additional donation is very much appreciated.

I have read, understood and agree to fulfill the above requirements to have my child Baptized at St. Ignatius Parish or its Missions: St. Bartholomew and St. Peter St. Rosa

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____