
THE GODPARENTS OR SPONSORS

1. The godparent must be a fully initiated Catholic (baptized, confirmed, received Eucharist), at least 16 years old, and must be leading a sacramental life in harmony with the church. (CIC 874)
2. The godparent should be willing to accept the responsibility of assisting the parents in developing the faith life of the child.
3. The godparent may not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized. (CIC 874)
4. Although people of some cultures sometimes choose multiple godparents, only two names can actually be entered in the Baptismal Register. (CIC 873)
5. A baptized and believing Christian from a separated church or community may act as a Christian witness at the request of the parents, but there must be a Catholic godparent. (CIC 874)



JESUS' BAPTISM



As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



In Baptism we use your gift of water, which you have made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament.





INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

- **Complete the Baptismal Registration form**
- **Provide a copy of the Birth Certificate**
- **Attend a Baptismal Prep Session**
- **Meet with Fr. Saju or Fr. Generoso**

The parents should bring the Baptismal Registration Form and Birth Certificate to the Parish Office (or email to Daniel) before attending Baptismal Prep. To set up a meeting with a priest after Baptismal Prep, please call the Parish Office (408) 294-8953.

To sign-up for a Baptismal Prep Session, please email Daniel at dvalcazar@stmartin.org.

Baptismal Prep Sessions

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Session which is generally held on the second Tuesday of the month. The meeting is in the Community Building or Bailey House and goes from 7:00 PM -9:00 PM.

Godparents that are not local may complete Baptismal Prep at a convenient parish and should provide a letter confirming their participation.

| 2018 | 2019 |
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| August 14 | January 8 June 11 |
| September 11 | February 12 July 9 |
| October 9 | March 12 |
| November 13 | April 9 |
| December 11 | May 14 |

Baptism Schedule

The baptisms in our parish generally take place twice a month. These happen at a Sunday Mass or on the first Saturday of the month (outside of Mass).

Sunday Baptisms during Mass

- July 15th at 11:30 AM
- August 19th at 10:00 AM
- September 23rd at 10:00 AM
- October 14th at 11:30 AM
- November 18th at 10:00 AM
- January 13th at 11:30 AM
- February 17th at 10:00 AM
- May 12th at 8:30 AM
- June 16th at 10:00 AM

First Saturday of the month at 11:00 am

- July 7th January 5th
- August 4th February 2nd
- September 1st March 2nd
- October 6th June 1st
- November 3rd
- December 1st

Private baptisms are also an option at St. Martin of Tours after all the preparations are complete and the family has met with the priest. Based on the availability of the priest and the Church a private baptism could be scheduled.

Customary Offering

We ask families to prayerfully consider an offering of \$150 for a Baptism on one of the dates listed. The offering we request for private Baptisms is \$300.