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## 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)



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## 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

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**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

**Note: Baptismal dates are not finalized until all steps are completed.**

1. **Complete the Baptismal Registration form and provide a copy of the Birth Certificate**
2. **Attend a Baptismal Prep Session or provide documentation of Baptismal Prep**
3. **Meet with Fr. Saju or Fr. Generoso**
4. **Provide Customary Offering**

To sign-up for a Baptismal Prep Session, please email Daniel at [dvalcazar@stmartin.org](mailto:dvalcazar@stmartin.org).

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.

## 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. (Note: Please complete Baptismal Prep 30 days before intended Baptismal date because dates are not finalized until all steps are completed.)

### 2018

August 14  
September 11  
October 9  
November 13  
December 11

### 2019

January 8     June 11  
February 12     July 9  
March 12  
April 9  
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 10:00 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. Private Baptisms can be scheduled on other convenient dates based on the availability of the priest and the Church.

## Customary Offering

We ask families to prayerfully consider an offering of \$150 for a Baptism on one of the dates listed or \$300 for a private Baptism.