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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.)

### 2019

July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10

### 2020

January 14  
February 11  
March 10  
April 14  
May 12  
June 9

## Baptism Schedule

We often celebrate Baptisms in our parish twice a month. These generally take place at a Sunday Mass or as a Private Baptism on the first Saturday of the month outside of Mass.

### Sunday Baptisms during Mass

July 14th at 11:30 AM  
August 11th at 10:00 AM  
September 8th at 10:00 AM  
October 13th at 11:30 AM  
November 10th at 10:00 AM  
December 8th at 10:00 AM  
January 12th at 11:30 AM  
February 9th at 10:00 AM  
May 10th at 8:30 AM  
June 14th at 10:00 AM

## Private Baptisms outside of Mass

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

Private Baptisms are usually available on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. Other times and dates are also an option based on the availability of the priest and the Church.

### Customary Offering

We ask each family to prayerfully consider an offering of \$150 for a Baptism during Sunday Mass or \$300 for a private Baptism.