



# Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

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## Guidelines for the reception for infant baptism: Cost \$50.00

1. Infants should be baptized soon after birth, but sufficient time is necessary for the proper instruction.
2. Children who are seven years [7] or older must receive instruction [religious education-CCD] in the Church before being baptized.
3. The ordinary place for baptism is in the parish Church of the parents.
4. One of the parents or a legal guardian must request baptism.
5. There must be founded hope that the child baptized will be brought up in the Catholic religion.
6. Godparents must have received Baptism, the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, should be at least 16 years of age, and should be practicing Catholics who are able to give the example of a good Catholic life. There are normally to be two Godparents - one man one woman. If they are married they must be married in the Catholic Church. Bring in a Marriage Certificate.
7. A baptized non-Catholic may not be a Godparent but may be an official witness to the baptism, as long as there is one Catholic Godparent who is in good grace with the Church. [see #6]
8. Baptism is not to be conferred until parents\* and godparents\* have attended pre-baptismal instruction [dates & times are on the back of this sheet]. The responsibilities of parents and godparents are to be reviewed, as well as preparation for the Celebration of the rite of Baptism.

A-This is an adult class only-please leave children at home.

B-The Pre-Baptismal Class begins at 5:00pm and ends at 7:00pm-If you cannot stay for the duration of the class we can reschedule the class & baptism.

After carefully viewing the above information & selecting church approved godparents, a parent or guardian should come into the parish office at least one month prior to the date of the scheduled baptism date to register their child for baptism\*\*.

**Things to Bring: The Child's certified birth certificate & the Godparents Confirmation Certificate and if married a Marriage Certificate and \$50.00.** All paperwork must be turned in at registration.

\* if a parent/godparent lives out of town, they can receive pre-baptismal instructions from the Church they attend and send us proof of completion 2 weeks before the actual baptism takes place.

\*\*it is the parents responsibility to make sure the child's registration is complete, any missing information or pre-baptismal class nonattendance WILL put the baptism on HOLD until everything is completed.



**2024 Baptismal Schedule for Sacred Heart Church-Fresno**  
**Baptisms are held on Saturday after the 4pm Mass**  
**in ENGLISH - Cost \$50.00 per child**

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<b>Dates of Baptism Saturday at 5pm (after the 4pm Mass)</b>	<b>Date of Pre-Baptismal Preparation</b>	<b>Time of Class</b>	<b>Location of Class</b>
<b>January 6th</b>	Tuesday, December 26th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>February 3rd</b>	Tuesday, January 23rd	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
March-No Baptisms during Lent <b>April 6th</b>	Tuesday, March 26th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>May 4th</b>	Tuesday, April 23rd	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>June 1st</b>	Tuesday, May 21st	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>July 6th</b>	Monday, June 18th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>August 3rd</b>	Tuesday, July 23rd	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>September 7th</b>	Tuesday, August 20th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>October 5th</b>	Tuesday, September 24th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>November 2nd</b>	Tuesday, October 22nd	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center
<b>December 7th</b>	Tuesday, November 19th	5:00pm - 7:00pm	St. Mary's Room in Activity Center

**St. Mary's Room is located in the Activity Center - the building behind the church.**  
**Class is for Parents & Godparents only - Adults only - no children allowed in the class.**