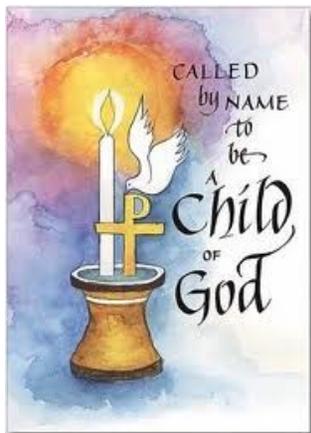


## Resources

Further resources about the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding Baptism are available on these websites:

- Catholic Encyclopedia: [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org)
- Archdiocese of Denver: [www.archden.org](http://www.archden.org)
- USCCB: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



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## Message to Parents

As you consider the wonderful gift of Baptism for your child, we hope you plan and prepare in the best possible way. It is to be a time of celebration and joy.



Through Baptism we become children of God and are born into the Christian Community. For this reason, Baptism is in every way as solemn and important as birth itself. It's an event that needs to be prepared for!

The most important preparation is to look at your own faith life since you will be the first teachers of the faith to your child. It is through you that your child will come to know God's love. As you pray, your child will learn to pray. Through you your child will acquire an awareness of being active in the Catholic faith. And, in this process of sharing the life of Christ with your child, your own faith will be enriched. This is a blessing of Christian parenting. To assist you in this effort, we provide a Baptismal Preparation process here at the Shrine of St. Anne. We welcome you and your child with love and prayers for the peace and happiness of your family in the years ahead.



### Guidelines

- The best way to prepare for the Baptismal event is to initiate the process before the birth of your child.
- The Church insists that "the hope of the child being brought up in the Catholic faith is well-founded." When this is evident, baptismal preparation can take place. If there is a question, the Baptism may be postponed until this "hope" is indeed well founded.
- If you belong to another parish and wish to have your child baptized at the Shrine of St. Anne, please provide a letter from your Pastor indicating that this meets with his approval.



### Selecting a Godparent

- In choosing Godparents, select someone who can honestly support you in your decision to baptize your child in the Catholic faith. Although it is customary to have two, only one Godparent is required. If there are two Godparents, then one should be male and one female.
- A Godparent is to be at least sixteen years of age, have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be an active witness in the faith, and be in good standing with the Catholic Church.

- A baptized person of another Christian denomination may be a Christian Witness together with the Catholic Godparent.
- If Godparents are not parishioners of the Shrine of St. Anne, they need to provide a letter from their parish stating that they are active parishioners and have participated in a Baptism Preparation class. Godparents must also provide a copy of their Baptism certificate with notations for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Matrimony (if married).



### Baptism Preparation

- Baptism Preparation for Parents and Godparents is offered as a two-part series at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Anne's Room of the Parish Center.
- Sessions are held on the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of February, April, June, August, October, and December.
- If this is your first child, or if it has been longer than two years since you participated in such preparation, we request that you plan to attend these sessions. Godparents may participate in preparation at St. Anne's or at their own parish.
- Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of every month at 1:00 p.m., on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the Holy Mass or it may be arranged by special appointment.
- Registrations forms and Godparent forms are available on our website or from the parish office.