

St. John Vianney Catholic Community

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Dear Parents:

Congratulations! We are happy that you have expressed a desire to have your child baptized into the Catholic Community at St. John Vianney. To help you prepare for your child's initiation into God's family, our parish offers a pre-baptismal process.

1. Please complete the *Pre-Baptism Interview Form* and the *Godparent Form* and turn it in to the Corpus Christi Center Office or email it to fespinoza@sjvhh.org, **along with a copy of your child's official birth certificate.** Hospital certificates are not accepted.
2. Begin to think about the persons you will invite to be godparents for your child. Remember you are inviting this "special person" to walk with your child on his/her spiritual journey. The godparents you choose must be good Christian role models, consistently active in their own parish. At least **one godparent must be a practicing Catholic** who:
 - a. Has received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
 - b. Be over the age of 16.
 - c. If married, be married in the Catholic Church.
 - d. Be a practicing member in good standing in the Catholic Church, who lives a life in harmony with the faith.

The other godparent, if not a Catholic who meets the above requirements, must be a **baptized Christian**. Only one godparent is necessary.

3. When the Religious Education Office receives the initial baptism request forms, an email will be sent with the baptism class instructions which are given online through the Los Angeles Archdiocese. These classes are to be taken by parents and godparents. Certificate of completion will need to be emailed as part of the documents requested.
4. An in-person baptism class is required for parents and Godparents. This class is in addition to the online class given by the Archdiocese. A certificate of completion is part of the documents requested. Date and time will be emailed after all requested documents have been received.
5. After all documents and certificates have been turned in, an in-person interview will be scheduled here at St. John Vianney Church, Religious Education Office. You will be able to choose the baptism date at this time.
6. If you live outside the boundaries of St. John Vianney Church, you will be asked to request a *Permission to Baptize at Another Church* form from your local parish. If you are a registered parishioner at St. John Vianney Church, this form will not be required.
7. If the godparents live outside the boundaries or are **not** registered parishioners at St. John Vianney Church, they will need to request a letter of good standing from their local parish. If the godparents are registered parishioners at St. John Vianney Church, this form will not be required.

We know God will bless you and your family as you prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism for your child.

St. John Vianney Priests and Staff

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**Saint John Vianney Church
Pre-Baptism Interview Form**

Attach a copy of child's Birth Certificate.

Date & Time of Interview: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY, Thank you!

The CHILD to be BAPTIZED

Full Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Date of Birth: Month _____, Day _____, Year _____ **City and State of Birth:** _____

Was this child adopted? _____ Adoption Registration Number: _____

Was this child previously baptized? _____ (If yes), When, where, circumstances _____

The PARENTS of the CHILD

Father's Full Name: _____ **Religion:** _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____ **Religion** _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Address: _____
(number & street) (Apt. #) (City & State) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ **Father's Cell Phone:** _____ **Mother's Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Are you formally registered in this parish? Yes ___ No ___ **New Registration?** ___ **ID#** _____

MARITAL STATUS: (Please answer all questions.)

How long have you been married? ___ years __ months **Married in the Catholic Church?** Yes ___ No ___
Married in a non-Catholic church? Yes ___ No ___ Civil marriage? Yes ___ No ___ Living together but not married? Yes ___ No ___
One of us (or both) had a previous marriage(s) Yes ___ No ___ One of us (or both) is younger than 18 years old. Yes ___ No ___
I am a single parent. Yes ___ No ___ Do either of you have children from a previous marriage? Yes ___ No ___

How many children do you have? _____ What are their ages? _____
Are all children over 5 years of age enrolled in the Parish Religious Formation Program or do they attend a Catholic School? Yes ___ No ___

MOTHER'S FAITH (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> I participate weekly in the celebration of Mass.	<input type="checkbox"/> I was baptized Catholic.
<input type="checkbox"/> I attend Church, but not regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/> I made my First Communion.
<input type="checkbox"/> I rarely go to Church.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have been Confirmed.
<input type="checkbox"/> I go to Confession and receive Holy Communion at least once a year.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a non-practicing Catholic.
<input type="checkbox"/> The last time I went to Confession was more than two years ago.	<input type="checkbox"/> I belong to a different Christian denomination or religion.

Have you attended any Pre-Baptismal class? Yes ___ No ___ **If yes, when & where?** _____

FATHER'S FAITH (Check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> I participate weekly in the celebration of Mass.	<input type="checkbox"/> I was baptized Catholic.
<input type="checkbox"/> I attend Church, but not regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/> I made my First Communion.
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