

Information for Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism
San Francisco Solano Catholic Church

Requirements:

For a child to be baptized at San Francisco Solano Church, the family must be registered members of San Francisco Solano Parish. However, if for pastoral reasons, the pastor grants permission for a non-registered family to celebrate the sacrament of baptism at San Francisco Solano Parish, the family must provide a letter of permission from their home parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at San Francisco Solano Parish and verification that the family has completed the baptismal preparation class or classes in their home parish.

For registered families at San Francisco Solano Parish, both parents are required to attend one baptismal class prior to the baptism of their child, after which they may schedule a date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents may choose to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism the same month they attend the baptismal preparation class or at any other scheduled celebration of baptism.

If a couple presenting their child for baptism is not married in the Catholic Church, the couple must meet with the parish Deacon or Parochial Vicar, prior to scheduling the baptism and attending the baptismal class. This will provide the couple an opportunity to discuss with the priest or deacon the possibility of their celebrating marriage in the Catholic Church, thus enabling the couple to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. If a couple is not married in the Church, they are to call the Parish Receptionist who will arrange for the couple to call either the deacon or parochial vicar to schedule an appointment. (Please see Addendum, "Marriage in the Roman Catholic Church.")

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for infants and small children once a month on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Children are always baptized in a group. All guests are welcome to attend your child's baptism.

Pre-Baptismal Class:

The pre-baptismal class will be held in the Parish Hall, Room B and will include a spiritual reflection presented by our pastor, a short video on the sacrament of baptism, a review of the rite of baptism, and sharing with other parents. Classes are held once a month on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

The pre-baptismal class provides helpful information for parents, and since parents' full attention and participation is important, we ask that parents do not bring their babies or young children to the class. The class begins at 7:30 PM and concludes by 9:00 PM. After both parents have attended the pre-baptismal class, parents may call the parish office to schedule the baptism, **if the couple is married in the Catholic Church or has met with the deacon or parochial vicar to discuss marriage in the Catholic Church.**

It is customary for the family of the newly baptized to make a donation to the parish on the occasion of the celebration of the sacrament baptism. An offering by check may be made payable to San Francisco Solano Church. A Baptismal offering envelope will be provided.

If for any reason you need to reschedule your pre-baptismal class, please contact the parish office as early as possible.

You are scheduled to attend the pre-baptismal class on the following date:

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