Do you not know that all of us who have been **BAPTIZED** into **Christ Jesus** were baptized into his DEATH? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of LIFE.

Romans 6:3-4; Col 2:12

INFANTS

For more information about Baptism
Preparation for Infant - 6 Years Old,
please contact Youth Formation
Phone #: 281.497.6665
Email: sacprep@stjohnvianney.org

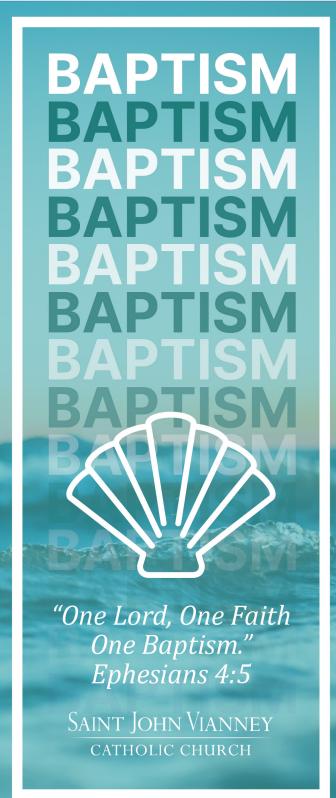
CHILDREN

Unbaptized children above the age of 6 are prepared for Baptism through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) and Faith Formation Classes (CCE) in a two year process. For details contact Youth Formation Phone: 281.497.6665
Email: sacprep@stjohnvianney.org

ADULTS

Adults wishing to be baptized are prepared through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Sessions are held throughout the year.

Contact our RCIA Director Phone: 281.584.2022.
or ygill@stjohnvianney.org





PREPARATION

Parents should be registered members of St. John Vianney Catholic Church

6 Months+

Actively practicing the Catholic Faith at SJV.

Baptismal classes offered in English and Spanish.

Nursery is available for those registered in baptism class (ages 6 months to 5 yrs).

There are 2 required preparation classes which must be attended by both parents.

Upon successful completion of both classes, parents may schedule the baptism celebration.

The baptism of children from infancy to six years of age is generally celebrated on Sunday afternoons.

There are no "private" baptism celebrations.

"The person is baptized is incorporated into the Church... and made sharer in the priresthood of Christ."

CCC 1279

GODPARENTS

- One or two persons may be chosen as godparents for Baptism (if two are chosen, one must be male and the other must be female).
- Godparents are encouraged to attend baptism preparation classes at St. John Vianney or their own parish and present a certificate of completion or a letter of good standing.
- Godparents must be at least be 16 years of age and must be a fully initated Catholic (celebrated Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist).
- Goparents must be actively practicing the Catholic faith and, if married, must be married in the Catholic Church.
- A non-Catholic Christian may serve as a Christian Witness along with a Catholic who will be a Godparent.
- An unbaptized person cannot serve as a Godparent or Christian Witness.

THE CEREMONY

- The Rite of Baptism is regularly celebrated in the Ars Chapel unless otherwise noted.
- Parents and Godparents should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the liturgy.
- Infants must wear white for the liturgy.
- The parish provides the baptismal candle, and no other items need to be purchased.
- Parents and Godparents are expected to dress appropriately.
- Photos and/or video taping during the ceremony may be taken from the pew but family and/or friends should not leave their pew.
- Time for photos will be alloted after the baptismal celebration has concluded.
- Religious articles can be blessed following the ceremony.