“Jesus answered, ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.’”

John 3:5



For more information

281.497.1500

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Infants (Ages 0-6)

For more information about Baptism Preparation for Infants - 6 Years old please contact the Parish Office.
Phone - 281.497.1500
Email - baptism@stjohnvianney.org

Children 7 & Up

Unbaptized children ages 7 and up are prepared for Baptism through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults for Children (OCIA) 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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Sessions are held throughout the year.
For details, contact Adult Formation.
Phone - 281.584.2022
Email - ygill@stjohnvianney.org

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

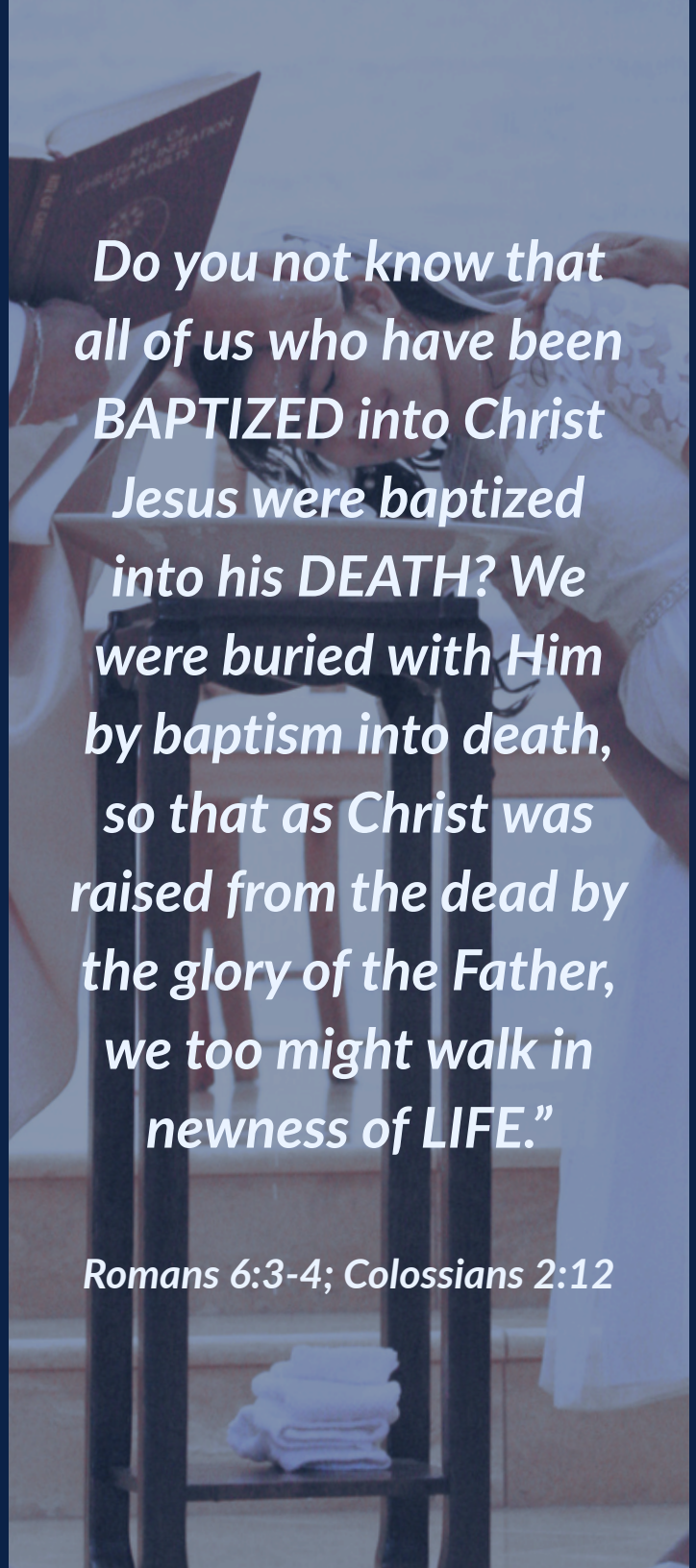
Baptism



Preparation

- Parents should be registered members of St. John Vianney Catholic Church for 6 months and active participants in the Catholic Faith.
- There are two 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" baptisms.
- Baptismal classes are offered in both English and Spanish.
- The nursery is available for those registered in baptism classes (ages 6 months - 5 years)

"The person baptized is incorporated into the Church and made sharer in the priesthood of Christ." ~CCC 127



Do you not know that all of us who have been BAPTIZED into Christ Jesus were baptized into his DEATH? We were buried 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; Colossians 2:12

Godparents

- One or two persons may be chosen as godparents for Baptism (if two are chosen one must be male and the other female)
- Godparents must be 16 years of age and a fully initiated, actively practicing Catholic (celebrated Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist). If married, God parents must be married in the Catholic Church
- Godparents are encouraged to attend baptism preparation classes at St. John Vianney or their own parish.
- 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 a 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 videos of the ceremony may be taken from the pews. Family and friends should not leave the pew. Time for photos will be allotted after the baptismal celebration has concluded.
- Religious articles can be blessed following the ceremony.