

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH
INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION
Rev 1/3/18

Priest: “What do you ask of God’s church for (name of your child)?”

Parents: “Baptism”

Priest: “Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?”

As requested of us by the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Portland, Christ the King Catholic Church offers Baptism Preparation Classes for parents and Godparents seeking this Sacrament for their children.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

*Our Baptism classes are offered 4 times a year and consist of one (two hour session). These are scheduled on the 2nd Saturday at 10 am in our Parish Center. (CHECK-IN begins at 9:30 am. Class starts promptly at 10 am.)

The session **must** be attended.

The family requesting Baptism must be a registered member of Christ the King Parish prior to registering for the Baptism class.

Call the parish office to register for the class **503-659-1475**. The class takes place in the Parish Office, which is the one story building at the end of the parking lot beyond the school gym.

Prior to the baptism, the parents will need to schedule an informal visit (not more than 15 minutes) with the baptismal coordinator. This can be an in-person visit or a phone conversation.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE BAPTISM CLASS:

Both parents.

If one parent is not Catholic, he or she is highly encouraged to attend the class.

Single parent

If unmarried or divorced. Another family member is welcome to attend the class.

Both God Parents.

Need to attend a baptismal preparation class. If not attending here at Christ the King, they can attend at a different Catholic parish but need to provide documentation of attendance at least one week prior to the baptism. Let the office know if you have special circumstances.

Requirements of God Parents:

Preferably, both must be practicing Catholics **or** at least one of them.
The second may be of another faith (he/she is then called a WITNESS).

Expecting Parents:

Are welcomed to take the class prior to the birth of their child and to follow up with the parish office after the child is born.

Following the class: Baptism is scheduled the **1st Sunday of the month at Noon** (outside of the Mass) **or** the **3rd weekend of the month** is also set aside for Baptism (during a chosen Mass)
No Baptisms will be scheduled during Advent and Lent (Ash Wednesday to Easter)