

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
9310 Dalehurst Rd. Santee, CA 92071
619-448-1213 **www.guardianangelssantee.org**

Congratulations! You have chosen to give your child the gift of Baptism into our Catholic Church. In order to assure the child's faith will be nurtured after Baptism, and to help us facilitate the Baptism itself, the following preparation is required:

An infant may be baptized only with the consent of the parent(s) or responsible guardian and the assurance of Catholic upbringing. A child over the age of 7 years will be prepared for Baptism through the Religious Education program. Please contact the Religious Education office at 448-1213 x 310.

Parents **must** be registered parishioners of Guardian Angels Parish and attending Mass on a regular basis (verified through offering envelopes) for at least 3 months prior to the Baptism process. An interview with Fr. Kevin is required prior to attending the baptismal seminar.

At least one parent **must** be a practicing Catholic (regular Mass attendance). If the parents were not married in the Catholic Church, this will be discussed with the priest or deacon at the time of the interview to explore the possibility of having the marriage blessed.

Only one godparent is required but if two are desired, they **must** be one male and one female. Godparent(s) **must** be Catholic and **must** be a practicing Catholic(s) (regular Mass attendance), fully initiated (has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and, if married, **must** be married in the Catholic Church.

Each godparent **must** complete and return the attached Sponsor Eligibility Certificate, signed by their pastor. If they attend the Baptismal Seminar in their own parish, confirmation of attendance is required (there is a space at the bottom of the form for sign off).

Both the parents (even if one is not Catholic) and the godparent(s) **must** attend a Baptismal Seminar. To register for the seminar please contact the parish office at 619-448-1213. Please do not bring children to the seminar. Godparents may attend a Baptismal Seminar in their own parish. If either parents or godparents have attended a Baptismal Seminar within the last two years, proof of attendance is required and they need not attend again.

Baptisms are generally scheduled for the third Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. A minimum offering of \$25.00 is customary to help defray the expenses of the preparation and the ceremony. A stipend for the priest or deacon is optional.

>Please follow these steps to insure the Baptismal process goes smoothly:

- (1) Complete Baptismal Registration Form.
- (2) Give Sponsor Eligibility Certificate(s) to sponsor(s) ~ please make sure that they attend a Baptismal Seminar and have Certificate(s) signed and sealed by their parish priest;
- (3) Call the parish office to schedule an interview with Fr. Kevin (need to complete interview before seminar)
- (4) Bring stipend (offering envelope in packet) and completed Baptismal Registration Form to scheduled interview with priest to be signed.
- (5) Call the parish office to register for Baptismal Seminar;
- (6) Attend Baptismal Seminar ~ bring completed Baptismal Registration Form to Baptismal Seminar for sign off.
- (7) Bring all completed paperwork and offering (if not turned in yet) to the parish office at least 1 month before scheduled Baptism. (Please make sure all paperwork is submitted together~completed Baptismal Registration form & completed Sponsor Eligibility form). Failing to complete any of the requirements will result in your child's Baptism being postponed.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any further questions or concerns, please call Fr. Kevin (448-1213 x303) or Patti Myers, parish secretary (448-1213 x301).

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SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

For Baptism of: _____

RATIONALE OF SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY: Sponsors for the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be Catholics who have been confirmed and have already received the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and who lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken. (Code of Canon Law, cc.874 & 893)

I HEREBY AFFIRM my Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and my fidelity to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church;

I HEREBY AFFIRM that I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation;

I HEREBY AFFIRM that I practice my Catholic Faith by regularly joining in the celebration of Sunday Mass and Communion;

That, if married, my marriage has been celebrated in the Catholic Church;

That, if I have children, they are being educated in the Catholic Faith;

I HEREBY AFFIRM that I am a registered parishioner of _____ Church and fulfill my obligation to my parish to the best of my ability.

I, THEREFORE, DO SOLEMNLY AFFIRM THAT I MEET ALL THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS TO ACT AS A SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM and/or CONFIRMATION, SO HELP ME GOD.

Sponsor's Name printed _____

Sponsor's Signature _____

Pastor's Name printed _____

Pastor's Signature _____

Note: This certificate must be duly signed and sealed by sponsor's parish priest, before the Baptismal Seminar.

Baptismal Seminar: Date attended: _____

Church: _____

Authorized signature: _____

(church seal)

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BAPTISMAL REGISTRATION FORM

Fee paid _____

Name of Child: _____ M or F
(first) (middle) (last)

Date of Birth: _____ City/State of Birth: _____

Parents' Home Address: _____
(street) (city/st) (zip)

Phone Number: _____
(home) (email address)

Father's Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____
(first) (middle) (**maiden**)

Religion: _____

Parents married? _____ Civilly or in Catholic Church? _____

If married in Catholic Church, name of Church: _____

Parents registered at Guardian Angels? _____ Active members? _____

Godfather's Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Address: _____
(street) (city/st)

Active member of a Catholic Church? _____ if so, name: _____

Religion: **Catholic** Single _____ Married _____ married in Catholic Church? _____

Confirmed? _____ Represented by proxy? _____

Godmother's Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Address: _____
(street) (city/st)

Active member of a Catholic Church? _____ if so, name: _____

Religion: **Catholic** Single _____ Married _____ married in Catholic Church? _____

Confirmed? _____ Represented by proxy? _____

Baptismal Seminar Date: _____ Tentative Baptism date: _____

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Please use space provided to state why you want to have your child baptized in the Catholic Church:

Father:

Mother:

~~~~~to be completed by interviewer~~~~~

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Status:

- Active parishioners ready for seminar \_\_\_\_\_
- New parishioners ready for seminar \_\_\_\_\_
- Reminded of Sponsors' Eligibility forms \_\_\_\_\_
- Donation explained \_\_\_\_\_
- Enroll in RCIA/Returning Catholics \_\_\_\_\_  
    If yes, please list name \_\_\_\_\_
- Blessing of marriage needed \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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~~~~~for office use only~~~~~

Sacrament administered by: _____
Actual Date of Baptism: _____
Record book #: _____
Date logged in book: _____
Date certificate mailed: _____
Bulletin announcement: _____