

**Guardian Angels Catholic Church**  
**9310 Dalehurst Rd. Santee, CA 92071**  
**619-448-1213**      **[www.guardianangelssantee.org](http://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 Faith Formation office at 619-596-3282.
- 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. André is required before 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 (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.
- 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. Godparents may attend a Baptismal Seminar in their own parish. If either parents or godparents have attended a Baptismal Seminar within the last three years, proof of attendance is required, and they need not attend again.

Baptisms are generally scheduled for the third Sunday of each month at 11:30am. A minimum offering of **\$50.00** 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 Certificates to godparents ~ please make sure that they attend a Baptismal Seminar and have Certificates signed and sealed by their parish priest.
3. Call the parish office to schedule an interview with Fr. André (recommended to complete interview before seminar).
4. Bring donation (offering envelope in packet), copy of Birth Certificate and completed Baptismal Registration Form to scheduled interview with priest.
5. Call the parish office to register for the Baptismal Seminar
6. Attend Baptismal Seminar.
7. Bring all completed paperwork and offering (if not turned in yet) to the parish office at least 1 month before scheduled Baptism.
8. (Please make sure all paperwork is submitted together: completed Baptismal Registration form, copy of Birth Certificate & 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. André (448-1213 x304) or Patti Myers, Office Manager (448-1213 x301).