

## *Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic Church*

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### **Sacrament of Baptism** The First Sacrament

*Procedures and the Role and Responsibilities  
for Parents  
and Godparents in Baptism*

## **English followed by Spanish Brochure and class schedule**

- The information for the baptismal certificate will be filled out at the office when registering for the instruction class. You must bring a copy of the baby's birth certificate when registering for the instruction class. Be ready to provide the names, and correct spelling, of the Godparents.
- You will be provided with a baptismal candle, and white garment on the day of the baptism.

### *Offertory Gift*

The suggested minimum offertory gift to the church is \$100.00. This donation is made on the baptism date.

### *Come prepared to discuss the following questions:*

1. Why are you presenting your child for baptism?
2. Who do you want to be the Godparents of your child and why?
3. Godparents, why did you say yes to being the Godparents of the child?

### *English Baptisms*

2nd Saturday of the month at 12:00 noon.

### *Spanish Baptisms*

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at the 12:00 noon.

*Holy Baptism* is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis lanua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water and in the word."

### *The Role of Parents*

Parents have important responsibilities as the primary teachers of the faith in a child's life.

### *In the Baptismal Celebration:*

Parents ask that their child be baptized. They:

- Bless the child.
- Renounce sin.
- Profess their own faith.
- Agree to raise their child in the Catholic faith.

### *In Daily Living:*

Parents help form their child's faith. They:

- Set an example of Christian living by their words and actions
- Show true Christian devotion to their children by fostering a spirit of kindness and forgiveness.
- Give spiritual support as the child grows in faith.
- Provide for education in Catholic Faith.

### *The Role of Godparents*

Godparents are expected to take an active part in the life of the newly baptized person by providing support for the parents.

### *Qualifications for Godparents:*

- Members of the Catholic Church
- Fully initiated (they must have received Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist).
- Mature enough to assume the responsibilities involved (must be at least 16 years of age).
- Actively practicing their faith.

### *In Baptismal Celebration:*

Godparents help present the young child or infant to the Church. They profess their own faith, and renounce evil in the name of the young infant/child being baptized. Godparents represent the entire faith community.

### *In Everyday Life:*

Godparents should help the new Christian grow in faith and life as a Catholic. Their own lives should be full of faith and service - as an example and as a source of encouragement.

Make this a prayerful approach for your child's entry into the family of God and the parish community of Our Lady of the Pillar. This is a commitment. Are you prepared? Pray for guidance on the choice of Godparents.

Godparents, if asked to be a sponsor, pray about your ability to be a good and nurturing Godparent. It is a life long responsibility.

If you have any questions or concerns about your faith, please feel free to call and talk to a priest or deacon.

## *Classes*

Pre-baptismal classes in English can be scheduled in the Church office Monday through Friday from 9am to noon and 1pm to 5pm Monday through Friday. Pre-baptismal classes for Spanish are held on the Thursday prior to the first Saturday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the ChurchHall.

## *Guidelines*

- Must live in the parish boundaries or be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of the Pillar Parish, Our Lady of Refuge in La Honda, or St. Anthony's in Pescadero.
- If you are from another parish, a letter of permission for the baptism to be held at Our Lady of the Pillar, Our Lady of Refuge, or St. Anthony's must be obtained from the home parish and brought to the pre-baptismal class. Families with permission from another parish may fulfill preparation requirements here or at their own parish. A written certification of pre-baptismal class attendance must be provided by the home parish.
- Children must be under six years of age. Children in grades one and up must register in the Religious Education Program (CCD).
- It is **mandatory** for both parents to attend classes. Godparents (primary sponsors) are encouraged to attend.

## *Parent's Prayer*

- Lord, help us with this task of parenting.
- Help us be full of case-hardened strength and yet, quite tender to the touch.
- Help us be detached and balanced in our wisdom and yet, never far from feeling.
- Help us be free, and full of joy And yet, not unaware of real life.
- And most of all, Lord, let us be together- Together strong, Together wise, Let this love we feel for each other Be the love we as parents share. Amen.

## *As Godparent, I promise to:*

- At all times, remember the child in my prayers.
- Give the child counsel and aid.
- Place the Scriptures in the child's hands.
- See that the child is taught the Ten Commandments, The Creed and the Lord's Prayer.
- See that the child is brought up in the true knowledge of God.
- Bring the child to the services of God's house.
- Insure further instruction in the Christian faith so that the child comes to the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Amen.



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## PROCESO PARA EL BAUTISMO

- **PRIMERO:** El papá o la mamá pasará a la oficina de la parroquia para llenar la forma de datos para el bautismo. Este es un requisito previo para poder asistir a las pláticas.
- **SEGUNDO:** Papás y padrinos asistirán a la charla preparatoria. Si los padrinos no pueden asistir a la plática juntamente con los papás del bebé porque viven en otra ciudad, tendrán que enviar con tiempo el comprobante que asistieron a la plática en la parroquia a la que pertenecen.

## CERTIFICADO DE BAUTISMO

El certificado de bautismo será entregado por el sacerdote bautizante el día del bautismo al terminar la ceremonia.

## DONATIVO ECONOMICO

\$ 50.00 es la donación a la Parroquia, el día que llenen la forma de bautismo en la Oficina. El día de la ceremonia, habrá sobres disponibles para dar la donación al sacerdote por su servicio.

**DIA DE BAUTISMO:** 1<sup>er</sup> y 3<sup>er</sup> sábados de cada mes. Vea el calendario en la última página de este folleto para que sepa las fechas exactas. Durante el año habrá algunas excepciones las cuales ya están tomadas en cuenta en el calendario.

Nota: Si desea un Bautismo privado en una hora y día diverso a las fechas establecidas, cada caso deberá ser dialogado en particular. Todo dependerá de la disponibilidad del sacerdote y de la Iglesia. La donación será de \$150.00.

**HORA DEL BAUTISMO:** 12:00 p.m. (mediodía)

**LUGAR DEL BAUTISMO:** En el interior de la iglesia.

## PLATICAS PREPARATORIAS

Papás y padrinos están obligados a asistir a la plática preparatoria para bautizar al bebé. Si los padrinos vienen de fuera tendrán que hacer llegar a esta parroquia, por medio de los papás del bebé, el comprobante de que ya tomaron la plática en la ciudad en donde viven.

### ¿Cuántas pláticas hay que tomar?

- Una sola plática.

### ¿Cuándo son las pláticas?

- El jueves anterior al sábado primero de cada mes. Para saber la fecha exacta vea el calendario en la última página de este folleto. Durante el año habrá algunas excepciones en las que se suspenden las clases y los bautismos, lo cual ya está previsto en el calendario de este folleto.

### ¿A qué hora son las pláticas?

- 7:00 p.m.

### ¿En dónde son las pláticas?

- En el hall viejo que está a un lado de la iglesia.

## PADRINOS

Los padrinos son las personas elegidas por los papás para ayudar a que el niño crezca dentro de la fe católica. Por esta razón los padrinos tendrán que ser:

- católicos.
- personas maduras que practiquen su fe.
- casados por la Iglesia en caso de que sean pareja que vivan juntos como matrimonio.

# CALENDARIO 2011

<b>PLATICAS</b>		<b>BAUTISMOS</b>
Jueves 6 de Enero	<b>ENERO</b>	Ano Nuevo
@ 7:00 P.M.		Sábado 15 @ 12:00 P.M.
Jueves 3 de Febrero	<b>FEBRERO</b>	Sábado 5 @ 12:00 P.M.
@ 7:00 P.M.		CUARESMA
Jueves 3 de Marzo	<b>MARZO</b>	Sábado 5 @ 12:00 P.M.
@ 7:00 P.M.		CUARESMA
<b>CUARESMA</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>CUARESMA</b>
Jueves 5 de May	<b>MAYO</b>	Sábado 7
@ 7:00 P.M.		Sábado 21
Jueves 2 de Junio	<b>JUNIO</b>	Sábado 4
@ 7:00 P.M.		Sábado 18
Jueves 2 de junio	<b>JULIO</b>	Sábado 2
@ 7:00 P.M.		Sábado 16
Jueves 4 de Agosto	<b>AGOSTO</b>	Sábado 6
@ 7:00 P.M.		Sábado 20
Jueves 1 de septiembre	<b>SEPTIEMBRE</b>	Sábado 3
@ 7:00 P.M.		Sábado 17
Jueves 1 de septiembre	<b>OCTUBRE</b>	Sábado 1
@ 7:00 P.M.		FESTIVAL DE LA CALABAZA
Jueves 3 de Noviembre	<b>NOVIEMBRE</b>	Sábado 5
@ 7:00 P.M.		Sábado 19
Jueves 1 de Diciembre	<b>DICIEMBRE</b>	Sábado 3
@ 7:00 P.M.		Sábado 17