

Parish Sacramental Guidelines (November 2015)

1. It is important that all those approaching the sacraments are active in the Catholic Church, attending Mass regularly.
2. For those who have been inactive and want their child baptized, we want to see them for a period of 6 months before scheduling a baptism.
3. A baptismal class is required for the parents, as long as they did not attend a class in the previous 2 years. (contact persons: Scout Lappe (English) and Vicky Hernandez (Spanish.) Godparents must be active in the church, and if they are a couple, must be married in the church.
4. Children, 5-7 ½ years, who have not been baptized, need to attend Faith Formation classes regularly before scheduling a baptismal ceremony for them. The ceremony will be in February during Faith Formation class time, 4:30 PM, with their classmates present, or during a Sunday Mass.
5. Older children and youth, 8 years and up, who have not been baptized will be enrolled into the RCIC classes (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) and follow the same guidelines explained in the next section.
6. For children and youth who have been inactive completely, or inactive for the last few years, and want to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation, they will participate in one year of Faith Formation before entering the year of sacramental preparation. In most cases they will receive the sacrament at the end of the year of preparation.
7. For Quinceneras, the girl has to be confirmed, as well as attending Faith Formation classes, and be active in the church with her family.
8. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is an individual conversion journey for anyone 18 years and older that wishes to either (1) Looking to be baptized into the Catholic Church (2) Enter into full communion with the Church or (3). Grow deeper within their Catholic faith, which in all three cases involves a journey within a prayerful Christian-faith community. This process is dynamically moved along by liturgical rites that serve as gateways to a deeper relationship with Christ.
9. If a person has been married before and needs a church annulment, they have to speak with a priest to go through the process of getting the marriage annulled, so that they may continue on their Christian journey. If a couple has been married civilly and want their marriage blessed, they also have to speak with a priest, to go through the paperwork, so that the marriage can be convalidated, that is blessed by the church, and recognized as a sacrament.