

BAPTISM INFORMATION & SCHEDULE 2025 through 2026

Important

If you wish to enroll your infant in our faith community for Baptism, kindly reach out to Fr. David, our pastor, at dsanchez@ourlourdes.org or via phone at (502) 896-0241. For children above the age of 6, enrollment in the Family Catechesis Program is a prerequisite for Baptisms during the Easter Vigil. Please remember, your family should be registered at our Parish for at least 6 months before you request the Sacrament.

What is the Sacrament of Baptism?

The sacrament of Baptism ushers us into the divine life, cleanses us from sin, and initiates us as members of the Christian community. It is the foundation for sacramental life. At Baptism, the presider prays over the water: *Father, look now with love upon your Church, and unseal for her the fountain of Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit give to this water the grace of your Son, so that in the sacrament of Baptism all those whom you have created in your likeness may be cleansed from sin and rise to a new birth of innocence by water and the Holy Spirit. (Christian Initiation of Adults, #222A)*

Classes

Class will be on Wednesday at 6:30 pm on the week of the scheduled Baptism (unless otherwise noted). Both Parents and Godparents/Sponsors and Witnesses must be present at class, even if you have previously attended the class. The child does not need to be present. Baptism will take place as scheduled. Beginning in 2025, Baptisms will take place during the Weekend Liturgy at Parent's Mass Preference (Saturday at 4:30 pm/Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am). Please be advised that these dates and times might change due to unforeseen circumstances. For the latest updates, kindly refer to our bulletin, website, newsletter, Parish App or contact the Parish Office. Children will be baptized at the font. Male Sponsors are expected to bring a Baptismal candle. Female Sponsors or witnesses are to bring a towel to dry the infant's head.

Schedule

2025	
Baptism Date	Class Date
February 22 and 23	February 19
April 19 (Easter Vigil)	April 16
June 28 and 29	June 25
August 30 and 31	August 27
October 25 and 26	October 22
December 27 and 28	December 17

2026	
Baptism Date	Class Date
January 24 and 25	January 21
April 25 and 26	April 22
June 27 and 28	June 24
August 29 and 30	August 26
October 24 and 25	October 21
December 26 and 27	December 16

Additional Information

Parents, Sponsors/Godparents and Witnesses should arrive at church 30 minutes prior to the Mass.

Infants should be dressed in non-white clothing and will be changed into a Baptismal gown or white garment after the infant's Baptism.

Order of Service

- Parents, Sponsors/Godparents and Witnesses will be received at the vestibule of the Church. Families will be seated at the nave of the sanctuary.
- Parents, Sponsors/Godparents and Witnesses are invited to the front of the altar for anointing with the Oil of the Catechumens.
- Each family (Parents, infant, Sponsors/Godparents, and Witnesses, siblings, and guest members of the family) will be invited to the Baptismal Font for the Baptism.
- Baptism.
- Child will be vested with white garment at the rear of the church (please do not cover the child's head). After each Baptism, Parents, Sponsors/Godparents and Witnesses will return to the front of the altar with the infant. Other members of the family and guests can return to their seats.
- Anointing with The Chrism and presentation of the Light of Christ (Baptismal Candle).
- Effetha.
- Final Blessing.

The church will be open for a short time after the service for photos if desired.