

BAPTISM WORKSHOP - REGISTRATION

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504
Baptism Workshop Leaders: Luz Badberg, Elaine Hodges, Teresa Smith

The Baptism of a new baby is the beginning of the journey of faith for your child and a joyous occasion for the entire family. The St. Francis Xavier parish family celebrates this with you and wants to help our youngest members and their families feel very much at home. This is why we have a special program to prepare parents and godparents and to help them raise their consciousness about this important responsibility. To this end, a preparation process is offered for parents of infants and young children to be baptized. Arrangements for Baptism should be made as soon as possible after birth, or even before birth (attending the workshops during pregnancy is highly encouraged).



Both parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptism preparation program before the Baptism can be scheduled. St. Francis Xavier Parish offers a two-part workshop and we ask that you schedule your two-sessions within the same month. Workshops are held January, March, May, July, September and November on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Godparents may attend a workshop at another parish. Please be sure Godparents maintain their Baptism Workshop certificate for their records.

When choosing your child's godparents:

- Godparents must not be less than 16 years of age (unless the parish priest considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made).
- Godparents may not be either the father or mother of the person to be baptized.
- At least one of the godparents **MUST** be a baptized, confirmed, and a practicing Catholic.
- Godparents are highly encouraged to attend the Baptism workshop with the parents.
- Beyond the minimum requirements, we suggest that you select the person whose own life makes it clear that he or she believes in Jesus Christ and in His Church, that he or she is a committed Christian, and that he or she would be able to offer real assistance to you as parents in raising your child and a real and effective model to the child of the Christian life. The role of godparent and its duties is lifelong and meant to assist the child in achieving life eternal.

BAPTISM SUNDAYS - 1:00 P.M. at Church

Two-Part Workshop Dates
All held 7:00-9:00 P.M. in the Lower School Building
across from Church (Sunburst Room)

2012 Dates
January 10 & 17
March 6 & 13
May 15 & 22
July 10 & 17

2012 Dates
January 8
February 19
April 15
May TBD
June 3
July 8
August 12

(Note: No Baptisms are held in March due to Lent.)

Registration is required. Please fill out and return the attached form to the Parish office at least one week before the workshop. St. Francis Xavier Parish, 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504 Attn: Rosie Roope

Cost: \$20 Parishioner Rate / \$50 Non-Parishioner Rate

For more information, please email the Religious Education Office at religioused@sfxrccburbank.org or call 818-504-4411.

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Today's Date _____ Workshop Month/Year _____

Are you a registered member of this parish? _____ Yes / _____ No

Both parents must attend a series of two workshops and have an interview with the priest prior to the baptism. Also, Godparents are highly encouraged to attend the Baptism workshop with parents if possible.

Your Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Wk Phone _____

Email (most often checked) _____

How old is the baby to be baptized? _____

Any child over the age of 6 needs some catechesis prior to baptism. Please put off workshop until the child has been enrolled in SFX school or Religious Education program for six months to a year.

Will the godparents be joining you for the workshop? _____ Yes / _____ No

(Note: Godparents must also submit a registration form for the Baptism Workshop)

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Payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish

Thank you!

We look forward to meeting you at the workshop.

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Date Received _____

By _____

Amount Received \$ _____

Check No. _____ Cash _____