



**Saint John Vianney Parish**  
2021 Baptismal Guidelines

**Member Requirements for Parents:**

- Be a registered member of Saint John Vianney Parish or
- Provide a Letter of Permission from your current parish.

**Parent Baptism Class:**

- Attend a Parent Baptism Class (Pre-Jordan) at St. John Vianney or
- Provide a letter of attendance to class at another parish
- Must be within the past two years

**Birth Certificate**

As part of the process of preparation for baptism, it is necessary to bring the original birth certificate of your child to the Parish Office. We will make copies of this document and review any other requirements necessary for the Baptism at that time.

**Godparents:**

- It is acceptable to choose only one godparent for your child; however, that one person must be an active, practicing Catholic. This sponsor must meet the following criteria:
  - Be at least 16 years of age
  - Be a fully initiated Catholic (one who has received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation)and
  - Be married by the Church or living single
- If you desire to have two godparents, then Cannon Law requires that there be one male and one female. Of the two godparents, at least one must be an active, participating Catholic who meets the requirements listed above. The other Godparent may be a Christian.  
If both Godparents are Catholic, they must comply with the requirements listed above.
- Your Catholic godparent (or godparents, if both are Catholic), must either be registered members here at St. John Vianney or
- Provide a Letter of Eligibility from the parish where they are members.
- The Letter of Eligibility must be emailed/mailed to the parish offices.
- Godparents are often from out-of-town. If they are unable to be present on the day of the Baptism, they can be represented by proxy. A proxy can be a family member, a friend or a parishioner who will stand in for your official godparent on the day of the baptism.

**Stipend:**

- On this joyful occasion, it would be most encouraged to make a financial offering (\$75) to the parish in thanksgiving for the gift of your child's Baptism. A generous monetary gift back to God would be appropriate and very appreciated.
- Please prepare your donation ahead of time by placing it in an envelope with the name of the child who is baptized on the outside with the date of baptism. Please give it to the Priest or Deacon after the Rite of Baptism. Remember to collect your child's Baptismal Certificate at that point.
- If the offering is a check, please make it out to Saint John Vianney Parish.

**Adoption:**

- If your child was adopted, it is necessary to present the adoption decree, which includes the name of the court that entered the adoption order and the date of the order. A copy will be made.

**Arrival Time:**

- Please arrive at least 15 minutes early on the day of the Baptism in order to receive instructions for your participation in the ceremony.

**Paperwork Check-Box**

- If non-parishioner – Letter of Permission from home parish
- Proof of Pre-Jordan Class
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- If godparent(s) is/are non-parishioner – Letter of Eligibility from home parish
- Stipend
- Collect Baptismal Certificate (Day of Baptism)

*Congratulations and God bless you!*