



All Souls Catholic Church wants to welcome you to belong to God's family.

The church has Seven Celebrations, called Sacraments, which are special signs of God's love and presence. A sacrament is an effective sign of grace given to us by Jesus Christ through which we share in God's life (CCC, 1131). The Sacraments are the most important celebrations of the Church and through each sacrament all Catholics are joined with Jesus Christ and with one another.

The seven Sacraments are
Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Confession, Marriage, Holy Orders, Anointing of the sick.

**“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”
Mt 28:19**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For all of us, our journey of faith begins with the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism “is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the spirit, and the door which gives access to other sacraments” (CCC, 1213). Through the sacrament of Baptism, we not only celebrate being children of God, we **become** children of God.

Whether you are a parent or godparent or family member, the journey to Baptism is a Grace-filled time not only for the child to be baptized, but for you as you accept responsibility for this child's life of faith.

Baptism is one of the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church and is celebrated in the community. To meet the needs of families seeking baptism, as well as the needs of the overall parish, All Souls Catholic Church offers Baptism every third Sunday of the month during the 10AM Mass (English) and the 12 Noon Spanish Mass. Requested baptism dates are scheduled after all necessary documentation has been submitted to the parish office (this includes attending a baptism class).

All Souls looks forward to accompanying families on this sacramental journey. Please refer to the following check list to assist in preparing for a baptism.

1. **Registering** with the parish is necessary in managing this information as well as recording documents. All Souls welcomes both parishioners and non-parishioners seeking baptism. **Special Note:** Most parishes require individuals to be registered for a minimum of 6 months in order to be considered eligible for sponsorship. Membership has its perks, whether registered with All Souls either as a parishioner or as a non-parishioner. Even if officially registered with another parish it is necessary to register with All Souls as a non-parishioner.
2. **Parental proof** of Catholic identity by at least ONE parent (one of the following may be submitted to the office: Catholic Baptismal, First Holy Communion or Confirmation Certificate). In the event a certificate cannot be provided, an Affidavit is completed, notarized and submitted on individual's behalf.
3. **Birth Certificate** of the individual being baptized.
4. **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FORM** is to be completed by each Godparent (maximum of 2 individuals: one male and one female) and returned to All Souls. The form may be provided by All Souls if the home parish does not provide one. Please Note: A Christian Witness may fill the role of one Godparent if the occasion arises.
5. **Interview (Phone or in person)** with Father David will be conducted upon initial intake of baptismal information. Documentation does not have to be submitted in order for the phone interview to take place.
6. **BAPTISM CLASS** is necessary for both the parents and Godparents alike. All Souls offers classes on the second Wednesday of every month alternating between English and Spanish. Families seeking baptism at All Souls may attend classes at a neighboring parish if it is more conducive to their schedule and personal location. In the event parents/Godparents attend classes at a different parish, a letter verifying attendance needs to be on file at All Souls upon completion of classes.

*God bless
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