



GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM AT MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

- ◆ *We welcome your child to be baptized at Mater Dolorosa Church.* Parents should contact Fran Lidwell at the Rectory Office at least three months prior to the desired date of baptism, in order to allow sufficient time for the sacramental preparation, and to gather paperwork.
- ◆ When you contact our Rectory Office, we will gather the necessary information prior to the sacrament. We will require a copy of your child's birth certificate. In order to focus your attention on your blessed event, please be prepared to offer a minimum donation of \$100.00 before the date of your baptism. In addition, it is customary to donate a stipend to the minister after the ceremony. However, if the donation is a hardship for your family, please advise us.
- ◆ Both parents and Godparents are required to attend a pre-Baptism Class which is held the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the school. The Baptism Class and the baptism can be conducted in Spanish, if required, for registered parishioners only. Please contact the Rectory Office to register for the class.
- ◆ At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. We will require a letter from the pastor of the Godparent's parish. The second Godparent must be a Christian. If you have more than two Godparents, please note that only two names will be placed on the baptismal certificate and will be recorded in the Church Record. The others will be considered Christian Witnesses.
- ◆ Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Usually, baptisms are not held during the season of Lent. Please discuss any special circumstances with Father Roland De la Rosa or Deacon Alex Aragon.
- ◆ We will provide you with a keepsake book for reflection and prayer, a baptismal garment, and a baptismal candle.