

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

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Dear Parents:

We are pleased that you have chosen our Parish for your child's Baptism and will do our best to make the Baptism experience here at OLPH a spiritually fulfilling one for you and your family. The requirements for Baptism are as follows:

- Parents must pick up (or have mailed to them) a Baptism Packet. This packet will include a Catechetical Booklet, checklist, and paperwork to be completed before scheduling. Please contact Jennifer Murphy for a Baptism Packet (210-651-6913)
- The following **MUST** be turned in prior to registration for baptism class, and registration **MUST** be done no later than three (3) days before class:
 1. Packet
 2. Certified copy of child's birth certificate (a state issued birth certificate, a certificate issued by the hospital cannot be used)
 3. Blue Baptism Information Form (front & back)
 4. Permission Letters, if applicable must be turned in prior to baptism being scheduled
- Once all paperwork is accurately completed parents, Godparents, and witnesses (if applicable) can register for Baptism class. Baptism class is required for parents, Godparents, and witnesses (if applicable) if a class has not been completed in the last five (5) years. Baptism classes can be completed at another parish, but must have a certificate of completion. Baptism classes are held the second (2nd) Monday of the month at 7:00PM and will last approximately 1 ½ hours. Please see enclosed schedule. If child is being baptized at another parish, only class pre-registration and attendance is required.
- Once Baptism class is completed, parents can then schedule the child's Baptism with Jennifer Murphy at 210-651-6913.
- Baptisms are held on Saturdays following the 5:30PM Mass at approximately 6:45PM, unless otherwise noted. There will be no more than 7 children baptized at a time, and reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. No Baptism will be scheduled if **any** paperwork is missing. Baptisms **MUST** be scheduled at least three (3) days in advance.
- Godparent(s) Requirements and duties are as follows:
Minimum requirements according to Canon Law 873 & 874
 1. Only one Godparent is required, but if there are two, one must be male and one must be female
 2. Must be a practicing Catholic at least 16 years old who has received Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation
 3. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church
 4. Leads a life in harmony with the faith and leads a life in harmony with the role to be undertaken
 5. A baptized person who belongs to a Non-Catholic Christian community may be a witness but only with a Catholic Godparent

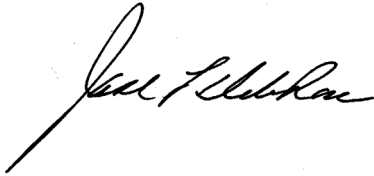
- If parents and/or Godparents are not registered members of OLPH Parish, they must obtain a letter from their Parish that is signed, dated, and sealed with the Parish Seal stating that they are members in good standing and have permission to baptize their child or be a sponsor outside their parish.

Older children (7+) must attend special classes designed for Baptism preparation through the Religious Education Department. Contact Vilma Vazquez de Torres at 210-651-6913 for more information.

Childcare is available in the Child Development Center during the time of the Baptism Class for children 1 ½ years and older.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, contact Jennifer Murphy at (210) 651-6913.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose De la Rosa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Fr. Jose De la Rosa
Pastor