

**St. John Vianney Catholic Church**  
**Diocese of Austin**  
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### [Infant Baptism Guidelines](#)

Congratulations! With great joy we anticipate celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with you. To help with this process, St. John Vianney Catholic Church has established the following *Guidelines*.

**Who:** Infants and children who are under 7 years of age

**When:** Baptisms are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. In addition, there are times during the year when baptisms will be held during a weekend Mass.

#### **Requirements:**

Residence. The child's parents must meet one of the following:

- Be registered members of St. John Vianney or
- Live within the parish boundaries of St. John Vianney or
- Obtain permission from their pastor granting permission to have their child baptized at St. John Vianney.

#### Documents

- St. John Vianney Baptism Application
- Parents' Information Sheet for Baptism Application
- Official Birth Certificate from the State of birth
- Baptism Preparation Class Certificate of Attendance for each parent
- For each Godparent:
  - Godparent Covenant Form
  - Baptism Preparation Class Certificate of Attendance
  - If not a St. John Vianney parishioner, obtain a pastor/parish letter confirming membership and good standing.
- All documents submitted in to the Parish Secretary the week before the scheduled Baptism.

#### **Qualifications for Godparents:**

- Only one godparent/sponsor is required.
- If two are chosen, one of each gender must be selected. One may be a Christian witness.
- To be qualified to serve as a godparent, a person must:
- Be older than 16 years
  - Be a Catholic who has received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation (Sacraments of Initiation)
  - Be a practicing Catholic who leads a life in harmony with the Faith and the role to be undertaken.
  - If the godparent is married, the marriage must be a marriage recognized by the Roman Catholic Church as valid. The Parish Secretary can assist if you have any questions about this.
- Not be the mother or father of the child

## Preparation Steps

### Parents

- Obtain child's official birth certificate.
- Choose one or two godparents/sponsors. See above for Godparent qualifications.
- Complete the St. John Vianney Baptism Application.
- Complete the Parents' Information Sheet for Baptism Application.
- Submit Application and the Information Sheet to the Parish Secretary.
- Contact the Parish Secretary to register for a Baptism Preparation Class or visit our website site at <https://www.sjvroundrock.org/baptism-r>
- Attend a Baptism Preparation Class. If you have attended a Baptism Preparation Class within the last three years and can present a copy of your *Baptism Certificate of Attendance*, this will meet the requirements.
- Check with the Parish Secretary for a tentative date of Baptism.
- Finalize the date of Baptism when all paperwork has been completed and submitted in to the Parish Secretary.
- Attend the Ceremony. On the date of a Baptism during Mass, arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. For a Baptism performed outside the Mass, arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the Baptism.

### Godparents

- Make sure you meet the qualifications to be a godparent. (See above.)
- Register and attend a Baptism Preparation Class. If you have attended a Baptism Preparation Class within the last three years and can present a copy of your *Baptism Certificate of Attendance*, this will meet the requirements. If godparents are not from the same parish or the geographic area, they may attend the class in another parish. If this is the case, they are to provide verification that they attended the class.
- Complete, sign and return the Covenant Form to the Parish Secretary.
- If not a St. John Vianney parishioner, submit a pastor/parish letter of good standing.
- Attend the Ceremony. On the date of a Baptism during Mass, arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. For a Baptism performed outside the Mass, arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the Baptism.

### **Fees:**

Once registered, there is a \$16.00 fee for the workbooks/journal. There are no fees for having your child baptized. We would certainly welcome a gift to help with the costs associated with the celebration and to assist with the ministry of the parish. If you would like to offer a gift specifically to the celebrant of the sacrament, please designate your offering.

### **Classes for Parents:**

When: First and third Sunday of each month (classes are two sessions)

Time: 12:30 pm-2:30 pm.

Where: St. Francis House, Room 1

Come 15 minutes early to complete class sign-in.

### **Classes for Godparents:**

When: Third Sunday of each month

Time: 12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Where: St. Francis House, Room 1

To register, <https://www.sjvroundrock.org/baptism-r> or contact Parish Secretary at 512-218-1183 or [office@sjvroundrock.org](mailto:office@sjvroundrock.org).