

## BAPTIZING YOUR BABY



### INCARNATION PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Incarnation Catholic Church is a house of prayer welcoming people of all backgrounds to be nourished by the Eucharist and the Word.*

*As a family of faith we strive to grow ever closer to God and to one another in Christ Jesus*

*so that we may be a beacon of light and grace and hope for our local community and for the world.*

### INCARNATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glendale, Ca, 91202  
818-242-2579

**Congratulations!**

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the third Sunday of every month at 1:30 PM. Please arrive by 1:10 PM.

### 2018 BAPTISM DATES

JANUARY 21

FEBRUARY 18

MARCH 18

APRIL 15

MAY 20

JUNE 17-Father's Day

JULY 15

AUGUST 19

SEPTEMBER 16

OCTOBER 21

NOVEMBER 18

DECEMBER 16

Baptism classes are usually held on the first Sunday of every month at 1:30 PM in room B101 of the school.

### 2018 BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

JANUARY 7

FEBRUARY 4

MARCH 4-St. Michael's Hall

APRIL 8

MAY 6

JUNE 3

JULY 1

AUGUST 5

SEPTEMBER 9

OCTOBER 7

NOVEMBER 4

DECEMBER 2

Children are welcome to attend.

You've had a child and you are asking for baptism! Baptism is a precious gift given by God through the Church. As parents, we have the privilege of presenting our children to receive this gift, a gift that will last a lifetime and beyond.

Baptism is the gift of new life, the eternal life of the risen Christ. This gift is a sacrament, and encounter with Christ himself.

Baptism is the beginning of a journey. Throughout this journey we are meant to enjoy the Good Shepherd's presence in our lives, to experience the benefits of his care and protection, and to grow in our love of him and in our knowledge of his endless love for us.

Our children need our help on this journey, and the help of the entire Church, to become aware of the immense gift they receive in baptism.

Incarnation Catholic Church welcomes you and your child into our faith community! We are here to support you on this journey as the primary teachers of your child. Through your good example, your child will grow to become a follower of Christ and an active member of the church.

## **Requirements for Baptism**

**Parents:** At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic and both parents must be willing to raise the child in the Catholic faith.

**Godparents:** A godparent should be someone who will be part of the child's life and is willing to accept the responsibility of supporting his/her godchild in learning and living the Catholic faith by way of example. Normally there is a godfather and a godmother. However, you may also choose to have only one godparent. The godparent should be at least 16 years of age, baptized and have received First Communion and Confirmation. He/she must be practicing their faith. As long as one godparent meets these requirements, another person who is not a practicing Catholic, but is a baptized Christian may serve as a "Christian Witness".

### **Baptism Preparation Class:**

Parents, godparents and Christian Witnesses must attend the baptismal preparation class at Incarnation Church or provide a certificate of completion from a similar class in another parish. This class is not required if you have taken such a class within the past three years. See list of upcoming class dates.

**Fees:** We do not charge a fee for Baptisms. However, we do invite you to help support the Church by making a donation.

### **What do I need to do?**

#### **1. Set up an interview with the deacon one month prior to Baptism.**

Please call 818-627-5595 or email [dcn.dominic@outlook.com](mailto:dcn.dominic@outlook.com) to set up an interview.

#### **2. Complete the application form.**

You can download a form from the parish website at [www.incaglendale.org](http://www.incaglendale.org) or you can pick one up at the parish center. Please bring your application to the interview.

#### **3. Submit a copy of the Birth Certificate.**

Proof of birth from the hospital is sufficient if you have not yet received your certified birth certificate.

#### **4. Attend the Baptism Preparation Class.**

If you have any questions, please call the parish office (818) 242-2579 or contact Dcn. Dominic at [dcn.dominic@outlook.com](mailto:dcn.dominic@outlook.com).