



St. Timothy Catholic Church

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Dear Baptismal Parents,

Greetings in Christ! We are excited you are investigating the baptism of your child. Baptism is a special event in your child's life that requires preparation. In order to have your child baptized at St. Timothy Parish you must meet one of the following minimum requirements before attending the required baptism preparation class:

- (1) the mother or the father is and has continuously been a registered member of St. Timothy Parish for at least three months prior to attendance of the baptism preparation class.
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- (2) the mother or the father is and has continuously been a registered member of another parish for at least three months prior to attendance of the baptism preparation class, and you can provide a Baptism Permission Letter (provided in our package) signed by the pastor of that parish which specifies the date of that registration.

If you do not meet the registration requirement at this time, you may begin to gather necessary documentation. You may not, however, attend the baptism preparation class until after you meet the registration requirement. The baptism preparation class is held virtually or online, as such it is important that we are provided with accurate and up to date email or telephone contact information of the parents and godparents.

Parish registration means formal written registration with the parish as contained in the parish records. Unless there is a medical emergency involving the child, no exceptions will be made to the parish registration requirements. Parish registration is an important indicator of participation in church life which is so important for parents to responsibly carry out the duties assumed when a child is baptized.

If you have or will soon have a child to be baptized I encourage you to avoid delay in taking any necessary steps to meet the registration requirement. For parents meeting the registration requirement, the minimum time between completing the virtual baptismal class and having your child baptized is three months. A date for Baptism will not be booked until after parents have submitted the preparation packets which include registration material, documentation, and attended a baptism preparation class at St. Timothy. You may call or email the Parish Office to pick-up the preparation packets. 'Expectant' parents are welcome!

In Christ,

Fr. Brenton Cordeiro
Pastor