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## CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION

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### “All Are Welcome in this Place”

The Ministry Team at Presentation Parish welcomes your request for information regarding the celebration of Baptism for your child. To baptize children under the age of seven years old at Presentation church, you must be registered in the parish or live within our parish boundaries. Parents outside of our boundaries require written permission from your parish. As you prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation for your child, keep in mind the following:

**The Baptism of your child signifies a solemn commitment by the parents to raise their child within the faith community of the Roman Catholic Church and in accordance with its teachings.**

To best prepare parents and godparents for this commitment we have designed some special sessions. These sessions will prepare you to raise your child as a member of the Family of God. The Baptism Preparation classes provide an opportunity for you to join together with other parents from our Parish to explore the meaning of Baptism and enrich your faith experience. Completion of the sessions prior to the Baptism **is mandatory** for both parents and godparents. If godparents live out of town, they may attend at their local parish. Please make child care arrangements for the sessions since they are intended **for adults only.**

The sessions are held from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 AM. in the Parish Youth Center gathering space (the entrance is under the big stained glass cross). Pre-registration is required. Upcoming session dates are as follows:

2017  
January 21  
February 4  
April 8  
May 6  
July 8  
August 12  
October 14  
November 4

Classes are also offered in Spanish. Please refer to the Spanish schedule for the dates.

Please review the following information sheet and return the attached forms with the appropriate registration fee and a copy of your child's birth certificate. **The process takes approximately three months to prepare for baptism. Class space is limited, so be sure to register at least two weeks in advance.**

Please feel free to contact me should you need further assistance.

Marijayne Patterseon  
Director of Early Childhood Ministries  
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## BAPTISM INFORMATION

### BAPTISM PREPARATION SERIES

Participation in the Baptism Preparation Sessions is a requirement for all families seeking Baptism. Parents and/or godparents who can provide documentation which states they attended the Baptism Preparation Sessions within the last two years are exempt. To register for an upcoming session, please complete and return the registration form no later than two weeks prior to your selected class date. Class space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. **The non-refundable fee for Baptism Preparation is \$50.**

This fee is to be paid when submitting the registration form. You will be called to confirm your registration in the session. **These sessions are for adults only, please arrange for child care.**

### GODPARENTS

Select your godparents carefully as Canon Law requires that each child seeking the Sacrament of Baptism has at least one official godparent, 16 years of age or older, who is a **practicing Catholic** who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and married through the Catholic Church (if married). Parents may choose to select one or two godparents. Unless your godparent(s) are registered parishioners of Presentation Parish, the Baptism Sponsor Form must be completed at the parish in which the godparent(s) are registered. Godparents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Sessions with the parents or at their own parish. Christians of other faiths may serve as "honorary witnesses" to the Baptism. Catholics who do not qualify as godparents **cannot** serve as honorary witnesses.

### SCHEDULING THE BAPTISM

Baptisms at Presentation are scheduled during designated Masses and at 10:30 a.m. on a designated Saturday of every month (excluding Lent). Please see the schedule for dates and times. Preparation Classes must be completed and all documents returned to our Ministry Center and approved before Baptism is scheduled.

### THE DAY OF THE BAPTISM

Baptisms scheduled on Saturday mornings will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m., please arrive at the Church by 10:00 a.m. For baptisms scheduled during Masses, please arrive at the Church thirty minutes prior to the start of Mass. A pew will be reserved for parents, godparent(s) and close family members. All family members and friends should also plan to arrive early.

### BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Parents seeking Baptism for children age seven years and over should direct their questions to Laura Lozano, Director of Religious Education, at 320-5714. An age-appropriate program is designed to meet the needs of older children and their parents.

### CUSTOMARY DONATION

A donation of \$50.00 is generally made to the Parish at the time of your child's Baptism. You may also choose to make an additional donation directly to the presider.

### BAPTISM CHECKLIST

- \_ Godparents chosen, must meet the requirements stated above and *be practicing Catholics***
- \_ Baptism Preparation Sessions selected**
- \_ Registration Form, Registration Fee and copy of birth certificate returned to the Ministry Center**
- \_ Documents from godparents returned to Ministry Center with parish verification**
- \_ Preparation Sessions attended**
- \_ Meeting with our Parish Priest if not married through the church**

**Baptism scheduled after ALL paperwork and requirements are completed**

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# BAPTISM REGISTRATION

## CHILD'S INFORMATION:

Full name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Boy or Girl? \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ City and State of birth \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENTS' INFORMATION:

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Sacramental Information (Y or N): Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ First Eucharist \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_  
Sacramental Information (Y or N): Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ First Eucharist \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Parish of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
If not married by a Catholic Priest, please explain why \_\_\_\_\_

Catholic Parish in which family is currently registered \_\_\_\_\_

**Mass Attendance** (Please Circle): Weekly - Frequently - Occasionally - Special Days - Do not attend

Please list Ministry(s) you are involved in \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for your child.

## RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Siblings residing with child and ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Are siblings attending catholic school or religious education classes? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## GODPARENT INFORMATION:

Name of Godparent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Godparent/  
Honorary Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BAPTISM CLASS CHOSEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation completed: Permission from Parish  Godparent 1  Godparent 2

Prep Class attended: Mom/Dad   Godparents   Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting with Priest

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Diocese of Stockton

6715 Leesburg Place Stockton, CA 95207 (209) 472-2150 FAX (209) 472-0541

### Godparent Eligibility Form

(ONE form for EACH Godparent please)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
Print full name of child to be baptized

Printed Name of Godparent \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR /GODPARENT FROM THE CODE OF CANON LAW:

Sponsors for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation must be baptized Catholics who have been confirmed and have received the Sacrament of Eucharist. They must be free from canonical penalty and must lead a life in harmony with the faith in keeping with the function to be undertaken. (*Canons # 874 & 893*)

Please read and check the following to affirm that you meet ALL Godparent requirements:

I am at least 16 years of age.

I have celebrated ALL three Sacraments of initiation:  Baptism,  Confirmation AND  Eucharist.

My marital status is:  Single  Married in the Catholic Church  Civil Marriage  Widowed

Divorced  Currently living with boyfriend/girlfriend

I participate in Sunday Mass regularly.

I understand the responsibility I am undertaking and have both the desire and intention to fulfill it faithfully.

I participated/will participate in the baptismal preparation program at: \_\_\_\_\_ parish  
on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_.

I am a parishioner of \_\_\_\_\_ parish, located at \_\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_.  
Address, city and state of parish Phone Number of parish Date

I affirm that I meet all the necessary requirements to act as a godparent.

Signature of Godparent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: IF NOT REGISTERED AT PRESENTATION, GODPARENT, TAKE THIS FORM TO YOUR PARISH FOR AFFIRMATION BY YOUR PRIEST, A DEACON, OR A LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTER DESIGNATED BY THE PASTOR. (SEE BELOW)**

*For use by the parish of the sponsor:*

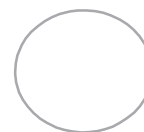
To the best of my knowledge this person is able to fulfill the responsibilities involved in sponsoring the Catholic initiation of another.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Please comment on reverse side.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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