

THE RITE OF BAPTISM SCHEDULE 2009-2010

Baptism at Mass Option

Mass schedule : Sat. @ 5:30pm,
Sun. @ 8:15am, 10:30am &
5:30pm. Mass options are May
23-24, June 20-21, July 18-19,
Aug. 8-9, Sept. 5-6, Oct. 10-11,
Nov. 7-8, Dec. 12-13, Jan. 9-10,
Feb. 13-14, no Baptisms during
Lent, Apr. 10-11, May 22-23, June
19-20

Group Baptism Option

Sundays at Noon—Families are
invited to attend the 10:30am
liturgy to receive a blessing. Group
Baptism options are May 17, June
28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27, Oct.
25, Nov. 15, Dec. 27, Jan. 17, Feb.
7, no Baptisms during Lent, Apr.
25, May 16, June 27

Please contact the CFP office to
schedule Baptisms (368-0146, ext.
104). We will schedule no more
than 2 baptisms per Mass and no
more than 3 for the group bap-
tism.

Dear Parents,

The entire parish community joins me
in welcoming you and your child. We are
thrilled for you and blessed by your decision to
have your child begin the journey toward full
initiation in the Catholic Church. This journey
will continue as he (she) is later anointed at
Confirmation and comes to the table at First
Eucharist. We encourage you to participate in
all aspects of our infant baptismal process. It
has been designed with the input of parents
like you who are anxious to provide an envi-
ronment that will foster faith in Jesus Christ.

To help you understand the full mean-
ing of baptizing your child, we ask that you
participate in our preparation classes. We
look forward to meeting with you. Please con-
tact the CFP office at 368-0146, ext. 104 to
register for the preparation classes. If some-
thing comes up and your are unable to attend,
please give us a call and we will reschedule as
soon as possible.

We are glad to join you in this impor-
tant step of welcoming your child into the fam-
ily of the Church. Taking this step will affect
your child's entire life.

As your faith community, we promise
to support you, the primary educators of your
child. Together, we can help your child learn
more about Jesus and grow closer to him.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bill Graney,
Pastor

INFANT BAPTISM

RESURRECTION PARISH



“Before the celebration of the sacrament, it is of great importance that parents, moved by their own faith or with the help of friends or other members of the community, should prepare to take part in the rite with understanding.” (Rite of Baptism for children, #5.1)

Baptism Preparation Process

From the earliest days of the church Baptism has been seen as the first step for entry into the Christian life. And it has always been the responsibility of the parents, as the child's first teacher, to take this step by bringing their child forward to be Baptized. The purpose of this Baptism Preparation Process is to introduce parents to their role and to a basic understanding of the principals of religious development in children Catechesis (the Church's word for instruction) connects the sacrament of Baptism with Confirmation and Eucharist. Catechesis for the sacrament



encourages parents to explore their own faith and their participation in the life of the believing community.

Godparents or sponsors are an important element in the Baptismal experience. The primary role of a sponsor is to assist the parents in the job of bringing the child up in a Christian home. Sponsors are witnesses to the faith-life of the parents at the time of Baptism and help the parents in whatever way necessary to fulfill their covenant to God.

Baptism Guidelines

For Parents...

Resurrection Parish takes seriously its responsibility to prepare parents for the Baptism of their child. Therefore, we expect new parents to participate in two preparation classes and returning parents must attend one class. The first class covers the Church's teaching about Baptism and is given by one of the clergy of the parish. The second class is about being a faithful Christian parent and is facilitated by parents of the parish who have learned by the experience of raising their own children.

For Godparents...

Godparents are invited and encouraged to participate in both preparation classes. Godparents must be fully initiated Catholic and lead a life in harmony with the faith and role to be undertaken. The Godparent should have completed the 16th year. A Christian of another ecclesial community may be invited as a Christian witness. Please contact the Christian Formation Office at 368-0146, ext. 104 approximately four months before the birth of your child to begin the preparation process.



Theology of Baptism

This class is for all first time parents. It is offered on Sat. mornings from 10am to 11:30am in the parish library.

The dates for 2009-2010 are:

May 2, June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 10, May 1, June 5

Christian Parenting & Belonging to Community

This class is for all first time parents and for parents who have already completed "Theology of Baptism" for their first child. It is offered on Sunday mornings from in the parish library from 9:20am to 10:20am

The dates for 2009-2010 are:

May 17, June 14, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 21, Mar. 14, Apr. 18, May 16, June 13

For your Reflection:

Before we meet we ask that you take some time to reflect on the following questions:

- Why are you taking this step for your child?
- What do you ask of the Church for your child?