

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the Hearts of  
the faithful and enkindle in them  
the fire of Thy love.



## WELCOME

First, on behalf of the Priest and Deacons of IHM Parish I wish to congratulate you on your decision to Baptize your child and thereby begin the sacramental life of God's grace in your child. Know that the Parish Staff is here to help and support you as you share your Faith with your child.

What follows is basic information about the Sacrament of Baptism at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in Los Alamos, New Mexico. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Pastor or one of the Deacons of our Parish. The prayers and support of our Parish Community are with you.

## PRAYER FOR PARENTS

Heavenly Father, you are the author of all human life. In your wisdom, you have seen fit to entrust this child to my care. Please give me the wisdom and grace to be a loving and caring parent. Knowing when to be firm and when to be gentle, but always able to be loving and supportive. May my actions and deeds always show the love that I have for this child and the love I have for you, my Lord. I ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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## SCHEDULING THE BAPTISM

Your first step in scheduling a Baptism is to call the Parish Office at 505-662-6193 and schedule an appointment with Fr. John C. Daniel.

- At this meeting, you will be provided with information on how to choose Godparents, and you will be able to schedule the Baptism at this time.
- Please bring your child's Birth Certificate or Proof of Birth to the meeting. If you have already chosen Godparents please bring this information to the meeting.
- Baptisms normally happen on the second or third weekend of each month after the 9:00 AM Mass. Know that the Priest and Deacons of our Parish are open to accommodating your needs. If you would prefer, we can also have the Baptism as a part of the Saturday or Sunday Mass.
- The Baptismal Certificate will be issued on the day of the Baptism, after the Ceremony. A Baptismal Candle is also provided for you on the day of Baptism.
- The Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Class which is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, & November. Classes are held at 7:30 PM at St. Joseph's Church in White Rock (the Mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish). If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 505-662-6193. Also, if you need to attend a Baptismal Class at a different time please contact the Parish Office and Fr. John Daniel will be able to provide a class that will work with your schedule.

The role of the Godparents in the life of your child is a very important one, they are called to help you share your Faith with your child. But they are also called upon to be a model of how to live the life of faith in our society. May they be a mentor to your child and a helping hand to you.



### The Baptismal Class Schedule for 2023

The Baptismal Class is held every other month at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in White Rock and 7:30 PM, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. No need to sign up for the class just show up to attend. What follows is the Class schedule for 2023:

November 8, 2022,	7:30 PM
St. Joseph	White Rock
January 10	7:30 PM
St. Joseph	White Rock
March 14	7:30 PM
St. Joseph	White Rock
May 9	7:30 PM
St. Joseph	White Rock
July 11	7:30 PM
St. Joseph	White Rock
September 12	7:30 PM
St. Joseph	White Rock
November 14	7:30 PM
St. Joseph	White Rock

### GODPARENT (SPONSOR) REQUIREMENTS

Please note that at least one Godparent is needed. If there are two Godparents one must be male and the other female. Also, along with a Godparent there can be a Christian Witness. What follows are the eligibility requirements for Godparents in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Each Godparent should:

- Be a Baptized member of the Catholic Church.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Not married outside the Catholic Church, nor living outside of marriage with someone.
- Be embracing the Sacraments of our Faith.
- Live a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Faith and the role that is to be undertaken.