

Baptism

For Infants

And small children



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
MATTHEW 28:19



St. Bruno Catholic Church – Arranging a Baptism

MISSION

To assist parents in having their children less than 7 years of age receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Baptism begins a life long journey to know and love Jesus! As parents, you are the first and most important teachers of our Catholic faith. Your child's faith will grow and mature as he/she sees your Catholic faith in your life. All of us at St. Bruno wish you well, and pray for God's continued blessings on you and your family.

REGISTRATION

Parents begin by registering their child for the ceremony. Forms are available online for printing or pick up at the Parish Office. Please *complete all forms prior* to meeting with our Baptism Coordinator.

Meetings are in the Parish Center on Sundays between 12pm to 12:45pm (*Not the 5th Sunday of a month and if noted otherwise on the Schedule*). No appointment necessary.

You will also learn about the all-important classes for parents and godparents.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

These meetings help you fully understand the ceremony for your child and especially your and the godparent's role in your child's faith journey.

They are in the Parish Center from *1:30pm to 3pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays* of a month (*unless noted otherwise on Schedule*).

If you are baptizing at another church and would like to attend Baptism Preparation Class here, please email your request to Selene Garcia at seleneg@ucla.edu and await confirmation of your class date. Each class is limited, so please let her know early.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Baptism Coordinator
Selene Garcia at 562-947-5637 x336 or seleneg@ucla.edu

HELPFUL INFORMATION

GENERAL:

1. For children who have reached the age of 7, please contact Youth and Family Ministry at 562-947-5637 x115.
2. Ordinarily Baptisms are for St. Bruno parishioners; if you are not a parishioner, we will need written permission from the pastor of your parish. Just contact that office and request one.
3. Marital Status of Parents – Parents are encouraged, as the first and most important teachers of their children, to practice their Catholic Faith. If your current marital situation prevents you from participating fully in the life of the Church, please ask about avenues of returning to full communion. Your situation, however, will not prevent your child from being baptized, as long as you promise that you will do all in your power to form your child in the Catholic Faith.
4. Follow the *Four Steps* presented below to arrange for a Baptism at St. Bruno's.

Step 1: Complete Baptismal Registration Form (End of Packet)

1. *Complete the Baptismal Registration Form* found online or in the Baptismal Packet available in the Parish Center.
2. *Choose a Godparent or Godparents* according to the requirements listed below and complete the Godparent Information on Page 2 of the Baptismal Registration Form.
3. *Requirements for Godparents*
 - a. Only one Godparent is actually required but two are permitted. If you only have one Godparent, then a second non-Catholic person can be named as a *Christian Witness* provided they practice another Christian faith.
 - b. If there are two Godparents, they must be male and female and cannot be the parents of the child being baptized.
 - c. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age.
 - d. Godparents must have received Baptism and Confirmation
 - e. Godparents must be practicing Catholics. This means they attend Mass regularly and will be good Catholic role models for your child.
 - f. If married, Godparents must be married in the Catholic Church.
 - g. Proxies – If a Godparent is unable to attend the Baptism, you may choose a person to “stand-in” as a proxy during the ceremony itself. The baptismal record and certificate will have the actual Godparent's name.

Step 2: Register

1. Meet with the Baptism Coordinator between 12pm and 12:45pm on any Sunday (*except the 5th Sunday of a month and if noted otherwise in the Schedule.*)
2. Bring completed forms and a copy of the child's original Birth Certificate to your meeting with the Baptism Coordinator.
3. Register for a Baptism date and Baptism Preparation Class during this meeting.

Step 3: Attend Baptismal Preparation Class

1. Parents and Godparents take this Class; either here or at another parish. Please give your Completion Certificate to our Baptism Coordinator.
2. These classes are offered at our Parish Center from 1:30pm to 3pm twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays (*except as noted otherwise in the Schedule*).
3. Baptism Class registration is normally done during Baptismal Registration and should be completed at least two weeks prior to the scheduled class date.
4. Class size is limited so please register early. You are exempt if you have taken a Baptism Prep class within two years and have a completion certificate).

Note: If you are baptizing at another church you may attend the class here. Please contact Selene Garcia at seleneg@ucla.edu to register for the class.

Step 4: Remember the Two-Week Deadline

1. Please submit all letters and forms to the Baptism Coordinator at least two weeks prior to the Baptism date. Late delivery may delay your Baptism date.

CLOSING WORDS

The celebration of Baptism begins a life long journey to know and love Jesus! As parents, you are the first and most important teachers of our Catholic faith. Your child's faith will grow and mature as he/she sees your Catholic faith in your life. All of us at St. Bruno wish you well, and pray for God's continued blessings on you and your family.



St. Bruno Catholic Church – Infant Baptism Schedule

Registration for Infant Baptism is accomplished by meeting with the Baptism Coordinator on any Sunday from 12:00-12:45pm in the Parish Center, except the 5th Sunday and as noted below:

2019

02/17	Presidents Weekend	06/16	Father's Day
04/21	Easter	06/30	5 th Sunday
04/28	Divine Mercy Sunday	09/01	Labor Day Weekend
05/12	Mother's Day	09/29	5 th Sunday
05/19	Carnival	12/29	5 th Sunday
05/26	Memorial Day Weekend		

Baptisms are by prior reservation only from 1:30pm to 3:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, except as noted below:

2019

04/28	Divine Mercy Sunday	05/26	Memorial Day Weekend
05/12	Mother's Day		

Baptism Preparation Classes are by prior registration at 1:30pm to 3:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, except as noted below:

2019

02/17	Presidents Weekend	06/16	Father's Day
04/21	Easter	09/01	Labor Day Weekend
05/19	Carnival	12/01	Thanksgiving Weekend



St. Bruno Catholic Church – Baptismal Registration Form

Date of Baptism Registration: _____
Preferred date of Baptism 1 st _____ 2 nd _____
Date of Baptism Preparation Class: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

CHILD INFORMATION

Name of Child: _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: _____ City and State of Birth: _____

Was child adopted? Yes No Was child previously baptized? Yes No

PARENT'S INFORMATION

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

If baptized Catholic - *First Communion?* Yes No *Confirmation?* Yes No

I attend Mass Weekly Occasionally Seldom Never

I receive Holy Communion Weekly Occasionally Seldom Never

Do you consider yourself a practicing Catholic? Yes No

Have you previously attended a pre-baptismal program? Yes No

If yes, when? _____ Where? _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Religion: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

If baptized Catholic - *First Communion?* Yes No *Confirmation?* Yes No

I attend Mass Weekly Occasionally Seldom Never
I receive Holy Communion Weekly Occasionally Seldom Never
Do you consider yourself a practicing Catholic? Yes No
Have you previously attended a pre-baptismal program? Yes No
If yes, when? _____ Where? _____

MARITAL STATUS OF PARENTS

Married Single Divorced
If married, Married in Catholic Church Married in other Church or chapel Married by Court

GODPARENT INFORMATION

Godfather's Name: _____ Over 16yrs of age? Yes No
Baptized Catholic? Yes No Attends Mass weekly? Yes No Confirmation? Yes No
Is he married? Yes No If married, was marriage witnessed by Catholic priest? Yes No
Does he receive communion regularly? Yes No Is he a member of this parish? Yes No
If not, to what parish does he belong? _____
If not Catholic, what religion is Christian witness? _____
Will any proxy be used Yes No

Godmother's Name: _____ Over 16yrs of age? Yes No
Baptized Catholic? Yes No Attends Mass weekly? Yes No Confirmation? Yes No
Is she married? Yes No If married, was marriage witnessed by Catholic priest? Yes No
Does she receive communion regularly? Yes No Is she a member of this parish? Yes No
If not, to what parish does she belong? _____
If not Catholic, what religion is Christian witness? _____
Will any proxy be used Yes No

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Signature of Child's Parent or Guardian

DONATION INFORMATION

\$50 payable at time of registration. (If this donation is a hardship, please discuss with the Baptism Coordinator. No one will be turned away for financial reasons.)