

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION POLICIES

- **INFANT BAPTISM:**

- a. Children who have not yet reached the age of discretion (6 years old and younger).
- b. Parents must contact the parish office for information and classes.

- **BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN:**

- a. Children the age of six (6) years to adult are required to enroll in classes for the preparation of baptism, confirmation and communion.
- b. Children must attend religious education classes and Mass on a regular basis.
- c. Classes are generally in session from September through May.
- d. Parents can enroll children in classes the end of August.

- **FIRST RECONCILIATION - FIRST COMMUNION:**

- a. Children must be baptized Roman Catholic and seven (7) years old at the time of reception.
- b. Children must attend religious education classes and Mass on a regular basis.
- c. Classes are generally in session from September through May.
- d. Parents can enroll children in classes the end of August.

- **CONFIRMATION:**

- a. Children in grades 8-12 who are baptized Catholic are generally confirmed by the Bishop of Orlando on a date of his choosing (those who have not received reconciliation/communion are also in this process).
- b. Sponsors are required for all those preparing for confirmation.
- c. Children must attend religious education classes and Mass on a regular basis.
- d. Classes are generally in session from September through May.
- e. Parents can enroll children in classes the end of August.

- **CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (C.I.C.)**

- a. Children beyond the age of reason (7 years old) in grades 3-12 who have not been baptized, will be assigned to the Christian Initiation for Children (C.I.C.) classes for preparation of Baptism/Confirmation/Communion which they will receive at the Easter Vigil.
- b. Sponsors are required for those seeking baptism/confirmation/communion.
- c. Children validly baptized in another Christian tradition recognized by the Catholic Church will be assigned to a CIC class, and prepared to make a Profession of Faith, and receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion.

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- d. Children beyond the age of reason (7 years old) in grades 3-7 who have been baptized Catholic but not yet received Reconciliation/Communion will be prepared for First Reconciliation/First Communion which they will receive during the Easter season (April/May).
- e. Children must attend religious education classes and Mass on a regular basis.
- f. Classes are generally in session from September through May.
- g. Parents can enroll children in classes the end of August.