

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
WHARTON, TX**

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

- 1) Baptism preparation classes are offered at Holy Family Catholic Church on the first (1st) Tuesday of January, April, July*, and September at 7:00 p.m. in the Alpha Room in the church.
- 2) Parents and sponsors (godparents) are required to have completed a baptism preparation class at least once every five (5) years.
- 3) Baptisms of non-registered parishioners require a letter of permission from the family's proper pastor.
- 4) Sponsor(s) from a parish(es) other than Holy Family must have a letter from his/her proper pastor attesting to his/her suitability per Canon Law to serve as baptism sponsor(s).
- 5) Call the parish office at 979.532.3593 during normal business hours to book a baptism after all classes are completed. Baptisms are normally scheduled at Holy Family after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday or after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Requests for other days/times must be arranged personally with the celebrant.
- 6) Parents are to ensure that the parish office has all required paperwork in the parish office at least two weeks prior to the scheduled baptism. This includes:
 - a) Copy of the child's birth certificate;
 - b) Documentation of baptism preparation classes (if completed somewhere other than Holy Family);
 - c) Letter of permission from candidate's proper pastor if not registered at Holy Family;
 - d) Letter from pastor attesting to sponsor(s) suitability according to Canon Law to serve as baptism sponsor (if not registered at Holy Family).