

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church 4020 Curtiss Parkway · Virginia Gardens, Florida 33166 305-871-5780

Congratulations and blessings to you and your child! We offer the following notes and guidelines to assist you in the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism for your child. Please read them carefully.

We celebrate Baptisms twice a month:

ENGLISH: The first Sunday of the month at 2PM **SPANISH**: The second Sunday of the month at 2PM.

<u>Baptismal Preparation Class</u>: Since you are the primary educators of your child, we will present a refresher class on certain basic points for you and the Godparents. This class is offered twice a month:

ENGLISH: The first Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the school library. **SPANISH**: The second Thursday of the month at 7PM in the school library.

<u>Godparents</u>: Godparents are to assist the parents in the faith development of the child. Godparents must be baptized, confirmed, and practicing Catholics.

<u>Documentation required*</u>: Before we can baptize your child, we <u>must have</u> the following information on file the **15**th of the month prior to the date of baptism.

- 1. Completed Baptismal Register (form attached).
- 2. Copy of your child's birth certificate.
- 3. Sponsor forms for the Catholic Godparents (Certificate of Eligibility). The godparent(s) obtains this form from the parish where he/she is registered and active.
- 4. \$75 donation (NOTE: Please note that the Church does not charge for sacraments. The suggested donation serves as a guideline. Your offering may be more, or it may be less depending on your means to help the parish with its expenses.
 Blessed Trinity does not perform private baptisms unless there are extenuating circumstances. In this case, the offering may be anywhere from \$100 to \$150.)
- * The Baptismal date will not be confirmed until all required documents are provided. *

2 PM Baptisms

- * Please, be at the Church by 1:45 PM.
- * The baby must wear a white garment and it should be loosened around the neck during the ceremony in order for the Priest/Deacon to be able to anoint the chest of the child.
- * Photos are at the celebrant's discretion.
- * Memorial cards should not have the name of the Priest/Deacon printed on them, since the celebrant assigned to perform the Baptisms may change at the last minute.

Baptismal Certificate: If the Certificate is not given to you the day of baptism, it will be mailed to you. Please make certain that we have your complete address on the Baptismal Registration Form.

