

# **Reborn!**

## **Infant Baptism Guidelines for Resurrection of the Lord Catholic Church**

*Congratulations! You may be expecting the birth of a child, have a newborn or a child who is already a few months old. A child is always a great gift from God and we are happy for you! We are also excited to celebrate your child's new birth by water and the Holy Spirit into the family of God! The day of our baptism is the most important day in our lives as Christians. Baptism unites us to Christ, makes us members of the Church, opens up for us the life of grace and the hope of eternal life.*

*These guidelines are intended to help you and your family prepare for this most special occasion and to experience the richness of the sacrament. It is our hope that the sacrament will mean more to you and your child with the passing of each day as each of you embrace more fully your dignity as Christians and the demands of discipleship.*

1. Generally, children should be baptized within the first few months after birth.
2. At least one parent must be Catholic and should be a registered member of our parish. You may register online at [www.resurrectionhawaii.org](http://www.resurrectionhawaii.org).
3. **Schedule** Infant Baptisms are celebrated during the 9:30 AM Mass on the Epiphany of the Lord or Baptism of the Lord (January), the Second Sunday of Easter (April), Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (May/June), and All Saints (November 1). Infant Baptisms are also celebrated outside of Mass in February, July, and September on Sundays at 2:00 PM. Check with our Parish Office for the next available date.
4. **Parent Meeting** The parent meeting is prior to the parent class and can be scheduled with our Parish Office. Please bring the child's birth certificate to the meeting.
5. **Parent Class** *Reborn* is the parent class is offered throughout the year. You can schedule the class with the Parish Office. The class is two hours and parents must arrange child care for this class. Godparents are encouraged to attend but it is not required. The class will review our understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism, the Rite of Baptism, and Christian parenting.
6. **Godparent Requirements:** Godparents are limited to two – one male and one female. Godparents are to be chosen by the parents, must be Catholics who have already received Confirmation and Eucharist, be at least 16 years of age,

practicing their faith, and in good standing with the church. If they are married, they need to have been married in the Catholic Church. Non-Catholic Christians may serve as witnesses to the Baptism. If a Godparent is not able to be present, the Godparent may designate a proxy on the Godparent form. Godparents must complete the Godparent Form verifying that they meet the requirements of the Catholic Church.

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