St John Brebeuf – Baptismal information

We are blessed as a parish to be able to journey with you as you prepare to have your child Baptized in the Catholic Church.

Following is the basic information we hope will help answer most of your questions regarding this process. We know that each family has unique and particular circumstances so please do not hesitate to call (office) or email (cjohnson@johnbrebeuf.ca) with any further questions.

We ask that the parents fill out a Baptismal registration form and email it to us.

We appreciate the important and sometimes difficult decision that choosing godparents can be so here are the basic guidelines that the Church offers us to assist us. Again, we are here to help, so please call or email us with any questions regarding this.

• You may have one Godparent or two; if you have two, one is a godfather and the other a godmother

• You may have one Catholic Godparent and one Christian Witness; a Christian Witness is someone baptized in another Christian faith denomination, who practices their faith.

• A Catholic Godparent is at least 16 years of age, has received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, and if married, is married in the Church and they practice their Catholic faith.

• For parents who are not married. Both parents must be in agreement for the baptism of the child.

• Parents need to attend a baptism session. Our sessions are offered online and once we have received all forms we will send you a link for the class.

• All documents need to be received by the office and the file complete before a date may be chosen for the Baptism. We cannot schedule the date of Baptism until all documents are received, processed and the class is completed. Please allow 3 weeks for this process.

• Please note: Baptisms usually take place on the last weekend of the month; Saturday at 2pm or Sunday at 1:30 pm.

• The parish does not ask for a fee for Baptism. We leave it to your discretion whether you would like to give a donation to the priest or to the parish.

• If you are parishioner at another parish, a letter of permission from your pastor would be needed to have your child's Baptism at St John Brebeuf.