



CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Est. 1844, A Free Church 1857

BAPTISMS AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

“The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.”

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 857

Annunciation is a liturgical church, which means that the sacraments play a central role in our worship. Baptism is a ritual of inclusion and belonging that indicates our desire to enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church. We baptize adults and infants in the Episcopal Church in the belief that God’s love extends to everyone regardless of their age.

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble.

Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast.

Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons.

Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

It is fitting that parents be included among the godparents of their own children. Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help the new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church.

This instruction and the preparation for the baptism of an infant includes sessions conducted by the Rector. Parents and Godparents must attend the instructional sessions in order to present the child for baptism. Plenty of time is set aside for questions and reflection. Please contact the church office for an appointment with the Rector.

For baptisms of children age 6 and over or for adults, please contact the Rector to discuss preparation.

Regardless of the age of the baptismal candidate, baptisms take place within the celebration of the Eucharist during the regular Sunday worship service, usually on designated days throughout the year. Baptisms are always offered on the following feast days:

- The Day of Pentecost (*May or June*)
- All Saints’ Sunday (*November*)
- The Presentation of Our Lord (*February*)
- The Great Vigil of Easter (*March or April*)

Other Sundays are occasionally scheduled for baptisms. Please speak with the Rector for more information.

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BAPTISMAL INFORMATION FORM

Please complete and return to the Rector.

Date of Baptism: _____

Is each parent a member and communicant in good standing of the Church of Annunciation?

Yes No

If no, do you have a familial relationship to Annunciation, please explain:

If you are not a member, please indicate the name of the church where you presently attend or plan to attend in the future: _____

Will you use Vail Hall following the service (for a family reception)? Yes No

Child's full name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Sex of Child: _____

Age at baptism: _____

Place of birth: _____

1st Parent's full name (Include maiden name): _____

2nd Parent's full name (Include maiden name): _____

Address (both if separate residences): _____

Religious affiliation of Parents: Parent #1: _____

Parent #2: _____

Telephone (home): _____ work/cell: _____

Email: _____

Name of Godparent No. 1: _____

Name of Godparent No. 2: _____

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DECLARATION OF INTENTION

We, as Christian parents, understand and accept our responsibility to provide for the nurturing of our child

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in the knowledge and love of the Lord. We will be responsible for seeing that the child is brought up in the Christian faith and life and will help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ. We will see that our child is presented to a Bishop for Confirmation when the child has reached an appropriate age. We look to Annunciation, or whatever community where we may reside in the future, for the spiritual support and resources we will need in this important work.

Signature of both parents: _____

Date: _____