

Baptism Preparation Program

Once you have contacted the parish office requesting Baptism for your child, the following information will be useful. We recommend couples take the **Baptism Preparation Program** prior to the birth of their child. **The Program** consists of the following:

- a) A **Home Visit** is held with the parents seeking Baptism. A **Baptism Prep Team volunteer** will meet the parents at their home. The idea is to have personal contact, get to know each other, and discuss the preparation process.
- b) A **Church Walk** is a chance for the parents to literally walk around the Church and to ask questions about the Catholic faith. In this way parents can renew and find more joy in their faith.
- c) A **Preparation Class** for parents is held on a Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9 pm with other parents who are asking for their children to be baptized. The presenters will discuss:
 - 1) the actual ceremony of Baptism,
 - 2) the responsibilities of making the request for Baptism, and
 - 3) helpful hints about raising children in the Catholic faith.



There are **special Sunday afternoons designated** regularly throughout the year for approximately 5-7 families to celebrate Baptism together. As well, there are some Baptisms celebrated **during Mass** at special times of the Church year.

For questions about the **Baptism Preparation Program**, contact Ken Hagel by phone at the Parish Office 403-932-2944 or by email khagel@stmaryscochrane.ca .