

# St. John Vianney Parish

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Dear Parents:

With great joy we celebrate with you the birth of your child, and are looking forward to journeying with you towards having your child baptized here at St. John Vianney. We would like you to take a minute to reflect upon this decision.

As The Rite of Baptism of The Church reminds us, in requesting to have your child baptized:

***“[...] you are accepting the responsibility of training your child in the practice of the Faith. It will be your duty to bring your child up to keep God’s Commandments as Christ has taught us... Do you clearly understand what it is you are undertaking?”***

The Rite of Baptism reminds parents of the responsibilities and duties that they assume for their child. There are also, however, rights of the child which The Catechism of The Church speaks about – rights that should not be violated even by parents:

***“Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within The Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God, and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church.”***

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Considering these responsibilities and the sanctity of the Sacrament of Baptism we ask all parents (along with their godparents) to work with our Baptism Team and the process we have in place, in order to best serve the needs of your child and provide them the necessary guidance and support, to properly form and prepare parents and godparents in their responsibilities, and to ensure that the sacrament is celebrated validly and licitly. We thank you for your cooperation.

In Christ,

Fr. Giovanni Gamas

Pastor