

# *Light of the World Catholic Church*

## **Policies and Procedures**

### **The Celebration of Baptisms, Weddings and/or Funerals**

The faithful of Light of the World Catholic Church who are registered, participating and contributing members of the parish and their immediate family will, at times, seek out the assistance of our parish resources in order that they might benefit from the sacramental life of the Church during times of both celebration and sorrow. It is our intention to assist them by providing direction, resources, facilities and education in order that they might have the very best possible experience during these moments of grace.

The following will assist in clarifying basic questions and concerns. Additional information may be obtained through the Parish Office.

**All Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals at Light of the World Catholic Church or for its registered families will be celebrated by the Pastor (priests) and/or deacons presently assigned to Light of the World Catholic Church.** *(In the event that a priest or deacon is a relative of those requesting our facilities or assistance, exception to this policy may be made by the pastor.)*

**BAPTISMS:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at Mass on the Second and Third Sundays of the month. Baptisms are celebrated in a Communal Celebration at 12:45pm on the First and Fourth Sunday of each month.

Those seeking baptism for their infant are required to attend one Baptismal Class offered on the Second Sunday of the month at 1:00pm in the church prior to the celebration of Baptism. Arrangement for the date and time of the Baptism celebration and to register for the Baptism class is done by calling the Religious Education office of the parish.

*(In the case of emergencies when a child is in danger of serious illness or death, the parish office should be contacted immediately.)*

**WEDDINGS:** The Sacrament of Marriage requires ten months of preparation for the couple. All couples must contact the Parish Office for information regarding preparation requirements, dates and times of weddings at least ten months prior to the wedding. No wedding date may be scheduled until after the first initial meeting with a priest or deacon at Light of the World in order that we may determine your freedom to marry.

**FUNERALS:** When a loved one dies often times this is unexpected and the numerous details can be overwhelming. Families should contact the parish immediately so that the staff may assist with arrangements and the necessary steps for planning the funeral celebration. At this time, the parish can begin to help the family decide the day and time of the funeral. Funerals are not scheduled on Holy Days, Sundays, Saturdays or Mondays. (building is closed on Mondays) At this time we will also arrange for members of the family to come into the parish office to plan the actual celebration in order that they might select the readings and music, as well as the participants in the various roles of the funeral celebration.

If it is known before hand that someone is in danger of death, the parish office, 303-973-3969, should be contacted in order that arrangements can be made for the person to be anointed prior to their death. The after hours sacramental emergency number is 303-435-1169.

We are also available to help with the funeral planning prior to the death of a loved one to assist the family in preparation for the loved ones death.