

Una Presentación



The Blessing of a Three-Year-Old

Parents, we rejoice with you on this special day in which you publicly acknowledge God's blessing for your child. As we join together thanking God for the gift of love and life, we want this occasion to be a beautiful and memorable one.

A brief history: In many countries in Latin America, and especially Mexico, children are presented in the church when they turn three years old. This custom dates back hundreds of years. Since the infant mortality had very high rates, it was believed that at three years the infant had passed the period of danger. The source of this religious custom is, without a doubt, the presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple.

This "Presentación," the Blessing of the Three Year Old is the tradition of giving thanks to God and the Virgin Mary for the gift of this child's life, as well as a renewed dedication of his/her life to God.

If the child is not already baptized, this Tres Años blessing is a very special and sacred way for a family to begin to walk with God towards that great Sacrament of Baptism. A presentation is no substitute for Baptism. In a Presentación, a child is presented to God and the Church, and the child and parents receive a blessing.

Parents make the request for the blessing either by calling the office or coming to the parish office **no later than one month before** the planned event. At this time, parents will complete the registration and schedule a date and time for the blessing. The blessing requires no formal renewal classes or preparation other than the arrangements ahead of time with the parish office.

- † Private Presentations are not available.
- † Blessings are during the 11am and 1pm Masses on Sundays and must be scheduled **no later than one month before the blessing.**
- † Space is limited to two families at each Sunday Mass.
- † Two rows of seating will be reserved for each family presenting a child.
- † The blessing of the child will occur after announcements at the end of Mass.
- † There is a \$50 administrative fee payable to the parish at the time of registration.
- † In thanksgiving, it is customary that a goodwill offering be given to the presider on the day of the Presentation. Thank you.

If the child has not been baptized, for information contact

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Flowers may be given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after Mass concludes.

Please no video or flash photography during the Mass.

The Tres Años blessing is a sacred event, which requires both respect and modesty. Family and friends are required to dress appropriately for the sacred occasion. Examples of inappropriate attire are extremely short skirts, revealing and backless dresses. Thank you for your cooperation in making this a sacred event.

**Request a Presentation
of a Three Year Old
in the parish office at
4910 Bonnie View Road,
or call the office
to obtain more information
214.375.7457.**

Office hours are Monday-Thursday,
9am-12noon and 1-5pm;
Friday, 9am-12noon.



Holy Cross
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Giving thanks
to God for the gift
of a child's life

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**Tres
Años**

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