



Registration Guidelines to Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

- ❖ Congratulations on the arrival of your new baby! Our Catholic Community joins you in thanksgiving to God for the gift of new life. The whole community rejoices that a new member is added to the Body of Christ being reborn from the water and the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ As you are seeking the baptism of your child in the Roman Catholic Church, the following guidelines are presented to help you embark upon this journey of faith with Christ and His Church:

PARENTS:

- Parents should personally come in to the parish office or email Liz Mendoza at lmendoza@stmakshouston.org to register their child for baptism. Please DO NOT ask family members or friends to complete the process for you.
- In order to baptize at St. Mark the Evangelist, parents must be registered members of the parish or live within the boundaries of the parish at least 3 months prior baptism.
- If you are registered at another parish, please bring proper permission/documentation to baptize outside your parish.
- Provide the original Birth Certificate of your child.
- Choose either one or two eligible godparents
- Baptismal Classes are required for both parents and godparents of the child to be baptized.
- Baptismal preparation classes are valid for two years. Parents or godparents who have previously attended baptismal classes within the last two years should bring proof of attendance.
- Please do not be late to the baptismal classes nor bring children. Baptismal classes are especially intended for the adults and require their full attention and participation.

GODPARENTS:

- * A parent may choose either one or two godparents (also called sponsors); if two are chosen, they must be male and female.
- * In order for someone to be eligible as a godparent, the following requirements are expected...
 - Be chosen by the parents
 - Be at least 16 years of age
 - Have the ability and true intention to fulfill the role
 - Be a baptized and confirmed Roman Catholic who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist and is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith
 - Someone who will be a good role model for the child being baptized.
 - Must be completely single or have a Marriage in the Catholic Church; a person living with a partner (free union) or civilly married only is NOT eligible.
 - Cannot be the father or the mother of the child.

REMEMBER:

- ❖ Parents and godparents must attend pre-baptismal preparation class.
- ❖ Pre-Baptismal Class and Baptisms are scheduled by appointment only.
- ❖ To register your child for baptism, please call the parish office at 281-437-9114 x 105 or send an email to lmendoza@stmarkshouston.org