

Requirements for the Sacrament of Baptism

I. Requirements for the Parents:

1. You must be the legal guardians of your child.
2. You must be registered members of St. Ann for at least three months.
3. If your child is seven years old or older, you must contact the *St. Ann Religious Education Office* at **817-426-1101** to enroll your child in the required classes.
4. If you are registered members of another parish, but want to have your child baptized here at St. Ann—assuming that you are the legal guardians of your child and that he/she has not yet celebrated his/her seventh birthday—please contact your pastor and ask for a letter giving us permission to baptize your child.
5. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the church office.

II. Requirements for the Sponsor (a.k.a., the Godparent):

1. The sponsor must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. This means:
 - a) The individual is attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis.
 - b) If married, the individual's marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
2. The individual must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
3. If the sponsors are registered members of St. Ann, they must be members for at least three months.
4. If the sponsors are registered members of another parish, they must ask their parish for a letter stating that they "have permission to be sponsors".

Please Note: Although the Catholic Church requires only one sponsor for baptism, it is custom-ary to have two. This is entirely your decision. Please be aware, however, that if you do choose to have two sponsors, the Church mandates that one must be a man and the other a woman.

III. Attendance at the Baptismal Class for Parents and Sponsors

1. The parents, as well as the sponsors, must attend the class. ***This is not optional!*** You may attend this class together or separately; it's entirely up to you and according to your busy schedule.
2. The class in English is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:30am in the Sacred Heart Chapel.
3. It's not necessary to register for the class, and you don't need to bring any paperwork—just show up.
4. After taking the class, please call the office to request the class certificate.
5. This letter is valid for **two** years.

IV. Other Important Information

1. All *Letters of Permission* from other parishes must be current, have the official seal or stamp of the church, and be signed by the designated parish authority.
2. The requirements of baptism here at St. Ann cannot be combined with, or replaced with, the requirements from other parishes.
3. Once all the paperwork is completed, you may pick the best available date for your child's baptism.

IMPORTANT:

Do not set the date of your child's baptism until it has been confirmed by our office!