

PREPARATION FOR

SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS | RACELAND, LA

Baptism

Welcome to Saint Hilary! Whether you are new to our parish or already a member of our family, we are so glad that you are here seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for your child! This page contains a summary of the process of preparing both your family for the Baptism and your chosen Godparent(s). Please read this cover sheet in its entirety and make sure to ask us any questions as they come up.

Baptism is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church, and is deeply fundamental for our journey to heaven. Baptism is more than something to be check off of a “spiritual to-do” list; Baptism is the key that opens the floodgates of grace. It is the first step on a life-long journey toward our heavenly reward, rather than a cultural rite of passage. To better understand the significance, beauty, and deep theological roots of this Sacrament, we require that families and Godparent(s) prepare their hearts appropriately for the big day.

During normal circumstances, we would host a face-to-face Baptismal Seminar every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the multipurpose building which is approximately 1 hour. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the regular Baptismal Seminars cannot be held. Therefore, we are currently implementing the following setup:

PARENTS

Zoom Conference Seminar
with Jennifer Ely on the
Scriptural & Traditional Roots of Baptism
Q&A time to follow

GODPARENTS

(if not attending Zoom Conference)
FORMED Series “Reborn”
Episode 1 | A New Creation
Parish Code: C2BTPT

There will be one Zoom Conference per month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Once you have completed the attached Information Form, you will receive an email with the Zoom Conference URL and Passcode. In order for us to finalize the date of Baptism, the following paperwork is required:

- **Completed Baptism Information Sheet**
- **Copies of Godparent Certificate(s) of Confirmation**
 - *NB: Copies can be emailed directly from the church of Confirmation to Saint Hilary at jely@htdiocese.org. Godparents will need to inform the church of Confirmation of their date of Confirmation so that the records can be located.*
 - *Godparents must be 16 years or older, have completed all Sacraments of Initiation, and be in good standing with the Catholic Church.*
- **Copy of child’s Birth Certificate**
- **Baptism Fee: \$20.00**

ADDITIONAL *Resources*

If you are in need of further resources in order to best prepare yourself and the Godparent(s) you have chosen for your child's Baptism, here is a list of references that might be of use. *NB: These videos/books are not required, but highly recommended.*

"Reborn" on FORMED.org

Reborn is a program created by Augustine Institute that is created to prepare families for the Sacrament of Baptism, but also to help those who wish to dive further into the faith understand this important Sacrament. Every session is well written and helps the viewer dive deeply into the mystery of the Sacrament. You can access this series through the FORMED.org website and use our parish code (C2BTPT) to sign up for free.

Power and Grace from Ascension Press

Power and Grace is written as a guide to all of the Catholic Sacraments. This book and DVD set helpfully breaks down the overall understanding of "What is a Sacrament?" before diving more deeply into each one individually. You can call the office to borrow a copy of the DVD and have a copy of the book, or you can purchase your own set through Ascension Press' website.

Starting Point from Dynamic Catholic

Starting Point is a book and journal in one, meant for parents or godparents who want to document their journey and the journey of their child/godchild through the process of Baptism. The book is accompanied by a DVD which helps the reader to move apace through the book and guides them in the journaling aspect. You can call the office to borrow a copy of the DVD and have a copy of the book/journal, or you can purchase your own set through Dynamic Catholic's website.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, §1210-1284

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a compendium filled with useful information for the faithful. Baptism is covered in several small sections, each covering a different aspect of the Sacrament. The Catechism can be found in every Catholic bookstore, physical or online, and can be reach through the Vatican website in its entirety online.

WE WANT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO BE DEEPLY CARED FOR BY OUR PARISH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL OUR FRONT OFFICE AT (985) 537-6002. OUR PRIESTS AND DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH & WORSHIP ARE TRAINED IN THE FIELD OF THEOLOGY AND ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP YOU IN YOUR JOURNEY OF DEEPER DISCOVERY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

ST. HILARY - ST. ANTHONY BAPTISM INFORMATION SHEET

OFFICE USE ONLY Date of Baptism: _____

Time of Baptism: _____

Child's Full Name: _____ **Boy** **Girl**

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Father's Name: _____
(as it appears on Birth Certificate)

Father's Religion: _____ Father's Date of Birth: _____

Mother's First & Maiden Name: _____

Mother's Religion: _____ Mother's Date of Birth: _____

Are You Married in the Catholic Church? YES NO

Are You Married? YES NO Who Married You? (JP) Other _____

Church Parish: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Child's Place of Birth (city & state): _____

Godfather's Name: _____ Godfather's DOB: _____

Godfather's Religion: _____ Church of Confirmation: _____

Godmother's First & Maiden Name: _____

Godmother's DOB: _____ Godmother's Religion: _____

Godmother's First & Married Name: _____

Church of Confirmation: _____

Have you attended seminar before? YES NO

Date you will attended seminar? _____

Seminar Given By: _____

Baptism performed by: _____