

Baptism Registration Form (Please Print)

Name of Child _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Telephone Number (Hm) _____ (Cell) _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth (Child) _____

Place of Birth (City & State) _____

Father's Full Name _____

Religion of Father _____

Mother's Full **Maiden** Name _____

Religion of Mother _____

Were Parents Married by a Catholic Priest? _____

Godfather _____

Is Godfather Catholic? _____

Godmother _____

Is Godmother Catholic? _____

Is either Godparent represented by Proxy? _____

Name of Proxy _____

Was the child privately baptized? _____

Was the child adopted? _____

Please provide your child's birth certificate when you complete this form.

Office Use

Date of Baptism Class 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Baptism Instructor _____

Requested Date of Baptism _____ Mass Time _____

Name of Priest or Deacon _____

Date Recorded in Sacramental Records _____

Registration Requirements

- Register in the Parish: Parents of the child to be baptized must be registered members of Sacred Heart Cathedral for at least three (3) months prior to initiating the process for baptism. There must be a well-founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion so your active participation in the church will help you to fulfill the promises you make at your child's baptism.
- If you are not already registered, please contact the parish office at (907) 474-9032 or pick up a registration form before Mass and after completing it, drop it in the collection basket at Mass.
- An original child's birth certificate must be presented for the accuracy of our records. We will make a copy and return the original to you.

Classes

- Baptism Classes are offered monthly in 3 installments. Classes are usually held on 3 successive Tuesday evenings.
- Register for the Classes 2-3 weeks in advance so we can schedule an instructor.
- Both Parents should attend all 3 classes.
- Godparents may attend all 3 but as a minimum should attend the 3rd class on Baptism for Godparents.

Godparents - Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life. They should serve as role models of the faith. The child should be able to look to their godparent as an example of how the church teaches us to live our Catholic faith. They should support not only the child but the parents as well.

Requirements for God Parents

- Fully Initiated – Baptism, 1st Eucharist, Confirmed
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be a practicing Catholic
 - Consistently attend Mass each Sunday
 - If married, the marriage is recognized by the church through a Sacramental Catholic Wedding. If not married, then living chastely as the church teaches.
- If there are two sponsors, one must be male and the other female.
- A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic church may be a witness to the baptism. One Catholic godparent is required.
- Baptism Sponsor Eligibility Form for A Catholic Godparent
 - Each godparent must complete a sponsor eligibility form and have the information verified by their own parish/church stating they are members in good standing and are eligible to assume the role as a godparent.
 - A blank form is available for download at the Sacred Heart website.
- When a godparent cannot be present for the baptism, a proxy may fill in.

Naming Your Child - The name you select in addition to your family name will provide your child with a unique identity. The long-standing tradition of the Church has been to give at least one name of a saint or person from our Biblical tradition. A Christian name is given to provide your child with a model for Christ-centered living.

Clothing - A white Christening gown is customary, but not required. Whatever clothing is worn should be loose enough at the neck to allow anointing of the child near the collar bone by the priest. If a hat is worn, it should be removed for the baptism.