



Having Your Child Baptized at St. Anthony of Padua Parish

A note from Fr. Joe, Pastor

I am happy you have chosen to have your child baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. Here you should find a Baptismal Registration Form and a Sponsor Certificate.

Please fill-out the Baptismal Registration Form and bring it to me after Mass the next time you come to church. At that time, we can:

- 1) review the registration form to ensure that the requirements listed below are met, and
- 2) schedule the date of the baptism, if you know when that might be.

Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays at 12 noon, except the 1st Sunday of the month. In case of necessity, baptisms may take place on other days.

After this registration form is completed but prior to the baptism, you conclude your preparation by participating in a Baptism Preparation Class held at **6:30 pm in the social hall parlor** on one of these Tuesdays:

- in 2020** a) January 21st c) May 19th e) September 15th
 b) March 17th d) July 21st f) November 17th



Baptism Requirements of the Roman Catholic Church

- A. There is to be a well-founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is lacking, the baptism is to be put off.** At least one parent, or the person who lawfully takes their place, must give consent. (cc. 868)
- B. Baptisms are usually celebrated on a Sunday (cc. 856), in the church (cc. 857), and at St. Anthony typically take place after the 11 am Mass, at about 12:00 noon.
- C. A Godparent must:**
1. Be at least 16 years of age and have the qualifications and intention of fulfilling this role.
 2. Be a Catholic who has received the sacrament of Confirmation and has already received the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the roll to be undertaken.
 3. Provide a letter of good standing from his or her home parish (if not St. Anthony) or use the sponsor certificate included here and have it signed by his or her pastor.
 4. Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized. (cc. 874)
- D. There is to be only one male sponsor and one female sponsor (cc. 873)
- E. A baptized Christian who belongs to a non-Catholic church community may not serve as a Catholic Godparent but may be a “Christian witness” to the baptism along with a Catholic Godparent meeting the above requirements. (cc. 874 s2) One never baptized, cannot be a godparent of a Catholic Child. These guidelines come from the Code of Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church (cc.)

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Baptismal Registration for a Child

Child's full legal name: _____

Circle one: Boy / Girl Date of birth: ____/____/____ City of birth: _____

Father's full name: _____

Church or Religion: _____ Baptized: Y / N Confirmed: Y / N

Mother's (maiden) name: _____

Church or Religion: _____ Baptized: Y / N Confirmed: Y / N

Parents address: _____ Phone: (_____) ____ - _____

_____ E-Mail: _____

City State Zip

Parents Marital status: _____

In what city, church, and by whom were the parents married? _____

Church in which parents are registered: _____

Are the parents practicing Catholics? _____

Additional notes: _____

Requested Sunday Baptismal date: _____

Month Date Year

Sponsor Information

Godfather's full name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

Godmother's full name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

For office use

Date and time of baptism: _____ Minister of baptism: _____

Date attending baptism prep class: _____ Census updated: _____

Recorded in Baptism record: _____ Certificate Mailed: _____

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Sacramental Sponsor Certificate

I, _____ a registered member of
(Full Legal Name)
_____ have been asked to stand as a Sponsor for
(Parish Church)
_____ as he/she receives the:
(Childs Name)

Please check one: **a)** ___ Sacrament of Baptism **b)** ___ Sacrament of Confirmation

In accepting this responsibility, I truthfully state the following before Almighty God:

(Please check each item below that applies to you, the sponsor)

- _____ I am at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
- _____ I attend Mass regularly on Sunday's and Holy Days of Obligation and receive the Sacraments regularly.
- _____ (If married) I was married according to the laws and precepts of the Catholic Church.
- _____ I live a life in keeping with the Churches' moral teachings.
- _____ I understand and accept the responsibilities which I undertake as a sponsor, and I promise to set a good example for the one I sponsor and all those around me.
- _____ I am prepared to assist his/her parents in their Christian duty with my support, encouragement, personal witness and prayers.

Signature of Sponsor

Statement of Pastor or authorized representative

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the person named above is eligible to assume the duties and responsibilities of the role of Sacramental Sponsor.

Signature of Pastor or authorized representative

Date and Parish Seal

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