



## **St. Catherine of Siena Parish**

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### **St. Catherine of Siena Infant Baptism Procedure and Policies**

We are happy that you are having your child baptized at St. Catherine of Siena parish! Please take time to fill out a baptismal registration form for our parish. You can also find our Godparent Certificate for Baptism and have each Godparent (Sponsor) fill one out and sign it.

If they are not already, parents seeking to have their child baptized who are not registered members of St. Catherine of Siena parish are encouraged to register. For a child to be baptized at least one practicing Catholic parent/legal guardian must agree to raise the child in the practice of the faith.

In accordance with the Code of Canon Law and the policies of the Archdiocese of Seattle, Godparents must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- Be a practicing Catholic who is capable of modeling the Christian life to the child
- Be married in the Catholic Church (if they are married)
- Be willing to assist the parents in the formation of the child's faith

In addition to this, the following norms must be observed for godparents:

- One godparent is sufficient, but if there are two godparents then one must be male and one female.
- One of the two godparents must be Catholic; the other may be a baptized non-Catholic. The Catholic godparent must be a practicing member of their Catholic community.

In order to have their child baptized, parents must:

- Fill out a baptismal registration form
- Provide a copy of the child's birth certificate
- Provide a Confirmation certificate for each godparent
- Provide a Sacramental Marriage certificate for each godparent (if married)
- Each parent and godparent must attend a baptismal preparation class at their local parish and provide verification for the parish of attendance (within the last five years)

Thank you for seeking Baptism for your child. I look forward to meeting you and your child and walking with you through the process of receiving this sacrament. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Bergesen at our parish office.

Peace in Christ,

**Rev. Patrick Sherrard  
Priest Administrator**

**ST. CATHERINE of SIENA PARISH**

Baptismal Registration Form

(Please print clearly)

TODAYS DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

RACE/ETHNICITY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN NAME

FULL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
FATHER'S PHONE EMAIL  
MOTHER'S'S PHONE EMAIL

IS FATHER CATHOLIC? \_\_\_\_\_ IF NOT, DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

IS MOTHER CATHOLIC? \_\_\_\_\_ IF NOT, DENOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

GOD PARENT'S FULL NAME\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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IS ONE OR BOTH OF THE GOD PARENTS CATHOLIC? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE DO THEY ATTEND CATHOLIC CHURCH?' \_\_\_\_\_

*\*WE WILL NEED A LETTER FROM THEIR PASTOR INDICATING THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR CHURCH.*

*\*IF ATTENDING BAPTISM PREP CLASS IN ANOTHER PARISH, WE WILL NEED A LETTER INDICATING THAT YOU HAVE ATTENDED THE CLASS.*

To be completed by staff:

DATE OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PRIEST: \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) Birth Certificate
- ( ) Parent Confirmation Cert's
- ( ) Parent Baptismal Class
- ( ) Godparent Conf. Cert's
- ( ) Godparent Parish letter