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## The Sacrament of Baptism

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word.

In order to understand the formation and information that is needed to fully understand the Sacrament of Baptism and the role you play as a Catholic parent or godparent, there are several steps that need to be taken in order for your child can be baptized.

### Here are the Steps to Take...

#### Parents

- Parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Registration for this class can be done by calling the Parish Office at (806) 244-4128
- When scheduling the baptism, the parents need to contact the Parish Office at (806) 244-4128, or the Pastor prior to the approval of the baptismal date.
- A copy of the child's birth certificate is required prior to the reception of the sacrament to ensure the baptismal certificate information matches that on the birth certificate.

#### Sponsors/Godparents

- If you are a sponsor/godparent, you must attend a pre-baptism class.
- If you attend a class at another Catholic Church and are sponsoring a child to be baptized at St. Anthony of Padua, you must have a letter from the Catholic Church where the class was held stating you attended the class.
- If you are a sponsor for a child being baptized at St. Anthony of Padua and you attend a different parish, you must provide a letter from that parish stating you are in good standing and meet the requirements to be a sponsor/godparent.

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## Sponsors vs. Witnesses

- In order to be a sponsor for a child being baptized at St. Anthony of Padua, you must be at least 16 years of age, have been baptized, received First Eucharist, been Confirmed and attend Mass on a regular basis.
- Parents may have one sponsor or two.
- If only one sponsor, they must be Catholic have been baptized, received First Eucharist, been Confirmed and attend Mass on a regular basis.
- If there are two sponsors, there must be one male and one female (not necessarily a couple) and both Catholic and meet the above requirements.
- If someone is asked to sponsor a child and is not Catholic, they will be deemed a "Christian Witness" and their name will appear as such on the baptismal certificate but there must be a Catholic sponsor in addition to the witness.

## Scheduling a Baptism

- Baptisms may be performed at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday or at the 9:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday.
- A private baptism may be arranged with prior approval of the Pastor

## Related information on the Sacrament of Baptism

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213 on Baptism. Read more by following this [link](#).