

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Baptisms

It is in the Sacrament of Initiation, Baptism, that one is welcomed into the Catholic community of faith. We welcome everyone who is seeking to be members of the Catholic Church.

PARENT INFORMATION

- Bring in the official state copy of the child's Birth Certificate.
- Fill out the Baptism Registration form.
- Parents **do not** need to be registered parishioners.
- Parent(s) and Godparents will need to attend Baptism Preparation Classes prior to the Baptism celebration. Classes are held in English and Spanish on the first Monday of the month in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm.
- Baptisms are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10am (Spanish) and 11am (English). Please plan accordingly.

GODPARENT INFORMATION

(From the Sacramental Guidelines for Infant Baptism Archdiocese of San Antonio)

It is the duty of godparents to assist the parents with the all-important task of bringing up a child in the faith. Godparents are to be "firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized . . . on the road of the Christian life."

1. Each child may have a godfather and a godmother. Godparents, together with the parents, present the child to be baptized, help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptismal faith, and help the baptized fulfill the obligations connected with it.
2. Only one godparent is necessary. The godparent must be a fully initiated Catholic (baptized, confirmed and received Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, and must be leading a sacramental life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken. They also must not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized or bound by any canonical penalty. Additionally, a stepparent may not serve as godparent for their stepchild. If married, the godparent should be married in the Catholic Church.
3. There may be only one male or one female godparent or one of each sex. Brothers or sisters of a child to be baptized may serve as godparents providing that they meet all requirements.
4. The godparent(s), if unknown to the pastor, may be asked to provide documentation from their own parish community; often in the form of a signed statement as to their status as practicing Catholics and/or that they have attended Baptismal classes. The pastor should use discernment in this matter.

In all, godparents serve a special role in the life of the baptized child. Therefore, parents should choose a godparent not simply because of a blood relationship or friendship; a godparent should be a trustworthy witness of faith who will help the godchild to live a faithful Christian life and attain salvation.

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BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Information

Name: _____
First Middle Last Biological Gender

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Current Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Parent's Information

Mother's Name: _____
First Middle Maiden Religion

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last Religion

Best Mailing Address: _____

Best Phone Number to be reached at: (_____) _____

Best Email to be reached at: _____

God Parent's Information (only one is necessary)

Godmother's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Church: _____

Godfather's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Church: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Baptism: _____ Presiding Priest: _____

Made Copy of Birth Certificate: _____

Registered Parishioners: _____ If not, name of Church: _____

Attended Baptismal Classes: _____ God Parents Attended Baptismal Classes: _____

Entered in Register: _____ Recorded in Church Registry: _____

Certificate Mailed or Hand Delivered on: _____