

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**  
*Building God's Kingdom*

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## **YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM**

Baptism is the beginning of the life of faith. Through the water of baptism your child will be “born again.” He/she will be set free from original sin and enter into eternal relationship with God the Father, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. He/she will also become part of the Roman Catholic Church.

Baptism, of course, is only the beginning of this new life. For infant baptism to make sense, parents must be committed to raise their child in the faith. A child needs to be nourished into Christian faith through weekly attendance at Mass, through religious instruction, through prayer and through the example of a Christian family life. This is the commitment the Church expects of every parent who brings in a child for baptism.

### **PARENTS' COMMITMENT**

It is assumed that the parents of children to be baptized in the parish are: attending Sunday Mass regularly; married in the Catholic Church; and registered members of St. Joseph's Parish. If this is not your situation, special arrangements must be made with the priest.

### **MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS**

After filling out the baptism form and returning it to the parish office, the pastor will contact you for an interview. Baptism dates will be arranged with the pastor.

### **SPONSOR**

At least one of the baptismal sponsors must be a practicing Roman Catholic. A non-Catholic baptized Christian may stand a Christian witness. The responsibilities for the sponsor(s) for the baptized children are the same as for the parents.

### **BAPTISM DAY**

Make it a big celebration! Invite family and friends. If you wish, take photos. Afterwards put on a party. Celebrate your child's baptismal anniversary every year. Use the baptismal candle at the celebration.

### **CHURCH DONATION**

Please arrange with parish office.

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Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last name)  
**Child's given names** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone & Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone & Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's** First & middle names \_\_\_\_\_ (Surname at birth)  
 Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Life Describe \_\_\_\_\_  
**Father's** First & middle names \_\_\_\_\_ (Last name)  
 Surname \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Life Describe \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church and date of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a Baptism Preparation course? Yes  No

For an infant to be lawfully baptized it is required that there be a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion and tradition. **If such a hope is lacking, the Baptism is to be deferred.**  
 Will your child be brought up as a practicing Catholic? Yes  No   
 By weekly attendance at Sunday Mass: Yes  No   
 By preparation for reception of the other sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Faith: i.e. Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Yes  No

**GODPARENTS - SPONSORS**

One sponsor, not less than sixteen years of age, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two, one of each sex. The sponsors role is together with the parents, to present the child for Baptism and to help the child live a Christian life befitting the baptized and to fulfill the duties inherent in Baptism.

The sponsor(s) must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and received the Blessed Eucharist, and who live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.

Godfather's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Practicing Catholic: Yes  No   
 Godmother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Practicing Catholic: Yes  No

Catholic Sponsors are required to fill out Godparent's form and return to St. Joseph's Parish office.

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**GODPARENT'S FORM**

(Please print clearly & legibly)

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**Name of Godparent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parish Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

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This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a practicing member of the above named Parish Community and to the best of my knowledge and belief is qualified to act as a Godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Pastor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this form to St. Joseph's Parish no later than two weeks before the Baptism Date.)

**GODPARENT FOR BAPTISM**

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