

The Role of Godparents

To be chosen as a godparent is a special honor. You, above all others, have been entrusted with the responsibility to participate in this child's Christian life and education.

This privilege offers you the opportunity to develop a mutually enriching spiritual relationship – one that will last throughout this life and beyond.

There are ways you can nurture this spiritual relationship and become a special friend to your godchild. Among them are:

- Celebrate the anniversary of this holy day of baptism each year with a visit, a call, or a card.
- As your godchild grows, listen to and share in the struggles and triumphs of living a Christian life, and keep yourself informed on Christian doctrine and values; to be able to answer questions as they arise.
- Encourage a consistent life of faith through special cards, letters, spiritual gifts that celebrate holy events, e.g. Christmas, Easter, and personal growth events, e.g. graduation, first job, engagement. (gift suggestions: religious jewelry, gift certificate for religious goods/books, etc.)

Purpose of the Preparation Program

To allow the family and godparents time to build a better knowledge of the nature and purpose of the Sacrament of Baptism, and to understand their responsibility of being a part of the Church.

Check List to Complete

- _____ Child's Birth Certificate
- _____ Confirm and record the date of the baptism in the parish
- _____ Parents and/or Godparents need a permission letter from their parish if not register in St. Patrick's.
- _____ The offering for the priest.

The Sacrament of Baptism

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19.



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Baptismal Guidelines

- ✓ You must register at the parish office or call
Deacon Fred Soto (361) 897-1955 or
Ismael Pérez (361) 827-3038
- ✓ Please bring the child's birth certificate.
- ✓ The sessions of Baptismal Preparation are bilingual and are held from 7:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Date:	
Monday, January 25, 2021	Deacon Fred Soto
Monday February 22, 2021	Ismael Perez
Monday, March 29, 2021	Deacon Fred Soto
Monday, April 26, 2021	Ismael Perez
Monday May 31, 2021	Deacon Fred Soto
Monday, June 28, 2021	Ismael Perez
Monday, July 26, 2021	Deacon Fred Soto
Monday, August 30, 2021	Ismael Perez
Monday, September 27, 2021	Deacon Fred Soto
Monday, October 25, 2021	Ismael Perez
Monday, November 29, 2021	Deacon Fred Soto
Monday, December 27, 2021	Ismael Perez

- Registration will not be accepted on the day of the session. No exceptions please!
- No baptisms will take place during the Lenten Season. They will resume after Easter Sunday.
- Dates and times are subject to change.

NOTE: Please call the office to set a date. The liturgy of Baptism will be celebrated in English after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. After attending Mass, remain afterwards for the Baptismal liturgy.

Requirements for the Parents

1. Parents MUST be practicing Catholics attending Mass each Sunday. If married, the couple should be married in the Church. If the marriage is not blessed in the Church, it is recommended that you should contact the office about getting your marriage blessed.
2. Please remind your guests/parents/godparents that chewing gum or eating food is NEVER acceptable in Church. Siblings attending the ceremony should be kept seated and should not be left without adult supervision to avoid distractions.
3. If the baptism is to be within Mass, you are to be at church at least 15 minutes before the Mass, and may sit anywhere in the assembly.

Requirements of the Godparents for Baptism

1. One Catholic Sponsor, male or female is sufficient, but there may be two. If two, one should be male and the other female.
2. Sponsors MUST be practicing Catholics who have received the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and whose lives give evidence of their religious commitment.
3. Sponsors may be single; however, sponsors MUST NOT be living together unmarried. If a sponsor is married he/she must be married in the Church.
4. Sponsors are to be at least 16 years of age and have been confirmed, and not a parent of the person to be baptized.
5. A baptized person who is a non-Catholic may act as a godparent or as a Christian witness at the request of the parents and in accord with the norms for various ecumenical cases.
6. Parents and godparents MUST attend the session together.