



Preparation Steps For Baptism

1. Call Your Parish

A member of the parish staff will guide you through the following steps.

2. Complete Baptism Info Form

This information will be used to record the celebration of the sacrament in the parish's official sacramental records. When your child is later confirmed and celebrates either holy matrimony or holy orders, anywhere in the world, the record of that celebration will be recorded at the parish where he/she was baptized.

3. Complete Godparent Eligibility Form(s)

Godparents stand as representatives of the Catholic Church during the celebration of baptism but also provide the parents with support in raising their children in the Catholic faith. This form ensures that a godparent is eligible according to the Church's law to assume this duty. Godparents must be over 16, confirmed, in a valid sacramental marriage (if married), and be actively practicing the faith.

4. Baptism Preparation Program

When a baby is baptized, he/she is baptized based on the desire and faith of the parent(s). Because of this, we offer the opportunity to learn why we baptize, what baptism is, and what the effects and obligations are that go along with it. This preparation will inform the parents and godparents in those areas and empower them to make the promises that are proclaimed during a baptism celebration. ***Both the parents and godparents are required to attend a baptism preparation program.***

5. Schedule the Baptism With Your Parish

While the main priority is getting the child baptized, you are encouraged to pay attention to special dates, feast days, and the patron saints of those days on the liturgical calendar. God does everything for a reason and the date that your child is baptized will likely have grace-filled implications for the rest of their life!

6. Celebration of Baptism!

Congratulations to you and your little one! Today begins the life-long journey of receiving and being transformed by the radical love of God through Jesus Christ. Welcome to the family!