



BAPTISM GUIDELINES

Welcome to St. Genevieve and thank you for taking this first step with your child on a life long journey of faith.

Baptism is the gateway to all the other Sacraments in the Church and the means by which the candidate becomes a member of the Church. It welcomes your child into a faith community. It also welcomes you, your family and the godparents to share that same experience.

You and the godparents you choose are about to make an impact on the faith of a young life. Your role during your child's Baptism is one which calls you to make a promise, on behalf of that child that you will teach him or her by word and action about God and the faith.

Below is information that will help you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism:

1. Baptismal seminars are held once a month, usually the first Tuesday of the month. Parents and godparents must attend. Call the church office to register.
2. Baptisms are held once a month towards the end of the month on Sunday after the 10:30a.m. Mass. Please check with the church office for scheduled dates.
3. To be a baptismal godparent one should be:
 - A. Catholic, at least 16 years of age, and must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 - B. Because the godparent plays an important role in assisting the parents in raising the child in the Catholic faith, the godparent must also be "living a life of faith" reflecting the function he or she will undertake. See Godparent Eligibility Form.
 - C. One godparent fulfills the requirement and, if there are two, it has to be one *male* and one *female* godparent.
4. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community cannot take part as a godparent but may participate as a Christian witness, provided that there is one Catholic sponsor present.
5. An informational sheet must be filled out on each child along with a copy of the Birth Certificate of both the child and parents brought/mailed to the church. The parents are also required to provide documents (e.g. certificates) that will prove that the intended godparent(s) has (or have) received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have completed and returned the Godparent Eligibility forms.
6. A Baptismal stipend of \$15.00 or a donation is necessary to help defray the cost of materials and supplies and should be paid no later than at the time of baptism.

The guidelines provided for this parish are in consonance with the guidelines set by the Diocese. We hope this will help you with any questions you may have about the Sacrament. The seminar will help you in understanding the role you and your child's sponsors will have in your child's faith journey beginning with the Sacrament of Baptism.

St. Genevieve offers many opportunities for you to share the gifts God has given you with others. If you would like more information concerning our ministries, please don't hesitate to call 446-5571.

St. Genevieve Parish
985-446-5571
Baptismal Form

Date of Seminar: _____
Attending: Father Mother
Godfather Godmother

Date: _____

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ Father's Religion: _____
Date and Place of Baptism: _____ Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____
First Middle (Maiden)

Date of Birth: _____ Mother's Religion: _____
Date and Place of Baptism: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Contact Numbers: (Father) _____, (Mother) _____

Registered in Parish? Yes _____ No _____ (If no, would you be interested in registering for the parish? _____)

Date and Place of Marriage: _____

Godfather's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
First Middle Last

Date and Place of Confirmation: _____ Eligibility Form

Godmother's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
First Middle Last

Date and Place of Confirmation: _____ Eligibility Form

Christian Witness' Name: _____
First Middle Last

Religion/Denomination: _____

Child's Full Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Baby's Due Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Planning to Baptize on? _____ Date of actual Baptism: _____

Baptized by: _____

----FOR OFFICE USE ONLY----

Cert _____ Census Card _____ Parish List _____ Bulletin Date _____ Baptismal Register # _____
Birth Cert/Proof of Live Birth _____ Conf. Cert. (GM) _____ (GF) _____

Please fill out and Mail to: St. Genevieve Church, 815 Barbier Avenue, Thibodaux, LA 70301