



St. Mary's Catholic Church Baptism Registration Forms

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Dear Parents,

Attached are the forms and guidelines for obtaining the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants (newborns—age 6) at St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We ask you to read it carefully and provide the parish office with all the required information necessary as you prepare for the baptism of your child. All information needed is in conformity with the Guidelines for Infant Baptism for the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Baptism is no mere social convention, but the Sacrament in which Christ Himself purifies, justifies and sanctifies (cf. 1 Peter 1:23) your child for eternal life. We rejoice with you in the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming him into the family of God and the communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

Please contact our Parish Office (830) 997-9523 if you have any questions, and may God bless you and your child.

CHECKLIST FOR BAPTISM OF INFANTS

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For Parents:

_____ Attend a Baptism Preparation Class, either at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, or another parish (if you have taken a baptism class within the past three years, you do not need to take another class).

_____ Complete Infant Baptism Request Form and return it to the Parish Office, along with the following:

- Copy of your child's State-registered Birth Certificate
- Certificates of attendance at a Baptism Preparation class within the past three years, for parents and Godparents
- If you are not a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a letter from your parish pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Letters of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from the parish of each Godparent
- Completed and signed Godparent Certificates

For Godparents:

_____ Inform Godparents of their requirements to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (again, if they have taken one of these classes within the past three years, this will not be necessary). But we must have proof.

_____ Have each Godparent fill out and sign a Godparent Certificate.

_____ Ask each Godparent to request a Letter of Verification of Full Communion with the Church from their parish. The letter must be signed by the pastor and stamped with the parish seal.

For a person to stand as a Godparent or Sponsor, the following requirements must be met: (canon 874.1)

- The godparents are to be chosen by the parents or guardians.
- They are to be at least sixteen years of age.
- They must be Catholics fully initiated in the Catholic Church having received Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- They should be leading their life in harmony with the faith; i.e., practicing Catholics (attending Mass), if married, in a valid Catholic Marriage, etc.
- They may not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
- You may choose one or two godparents. If you choose two, one must be male and the other female.
- The godparents must have the qualifications for and intention of carrying out this duty.
- Each Godparent must provide proof of Confirmation and Catholic marriage (if married).
- If not registered in this parish, they must provide a letter from their parish which they attend stating they are eligible and have permission to serve as Godparents.
- Godparents are required to attend baptismal preparation classes at this church or another Catholic Church. If they have attended a class in the past three years they do not need to retake the class, but must provide proof of attendance.
- **Non-Catholic Witness** (Can. 874.2) A **baptized** person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial (church) community may be admitted as a witness to baptism but only along with a Catholic Godparent. This person is not formally called a Godparent, but will be referred to as a Christian Witness.

INFANT BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

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Please print all information clearly.

Today's Date: _____

Name of Child: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____ City & State of Birth _____

Name of Mother: First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____

Religion of Mother _____

Name of Father: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Religion of Father _____

Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Has your child been previously baptized? _____ If so, where? _____

Are you (parents) registered members of St. Mary's Catholic Church or Our Lady of Guadalupe? _____

If not registered parishioners, permission is required from your parish.

How often do you attend Mass (weekly, monthly, never or other)? Mother _____ Father _____

How often do you receive the Sacraments? Mother _____ Father _____

How are you involved in parish life? _____

Requested Date of Baptism (choose two dates): _____

No dates will be scheduled until all required certificates are received by St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Questions Regarding Marriage and Family

Are you married? _____ Name of Church _____

Date of Marriage _____ City & State _____

If not married in a church, where were you married? _____

Did you, as an individual/couple, decide to marry outside of the Catholic Church because of a divorce situation?

Were you given permission by the Catholic Diocese in which you were married to have your wedding at a place other than a Catholic Church? _____

Number of children _____ Ages _____

Are the children enrolled in a religious education program or in a Catholic school? _____

We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child:

Father _____ **Date** _____

Mother _____ **Date** _____

GODPARENTS CERTIFICATE

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I, _____,
 a registered member of _____ Catholic Church,
 located in (City & State) _____,
 have been asked to be a godparent for (Child's Name) _____,
 Son/Daughter of (Parents' names) _____
 who resides at (Parents' Address) _____
 as he/she celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism.

I affirm that:

- I have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church and, if married, am validly married according to the norms of the Catholic Church.
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and am able to receive Holy Eucharist.
- I actively witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by the way I live in service and love to the people with whom I come in contact daily.
- I shall give Christian witness and pray for my Godchild as his/her Godparent.
- I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a Godparent.

Signature of Godparent

Date

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 located in (City & State) _____,
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OFFICE USE ONLY:
BAPTISM REGISTRATION PACKET

Parents:

- Date of Baptismal Preparation Course: _____
- Copy of child's State-registered Birth Certificate
- If not a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe-
A letter from parish pastor granting permission for child to be baptized at St. Mary's.

Godmother:

- Letter of Eligibility Received? Or Name of Christian Witness Received?
- Date of Baptismal Preparation Course: _____

Godfather:

- Letter of Eligibility Received? Or Name of Christian Witness Received?
- Date of Baptismal Preparation Course: _____

Presiding Priest/Deacon: _____

Baptism Date: _____

Scheduled By: _____

Entered in Parishsoft Database: _____

Recorded in Church Registry: _____

Certificate Mailed or Hand Delivered on: _____