

Check List of Requirements

(In chronological order)

- Fill Out Application**
For this you need the Child's Birth Certificate. We will also need a copy of the ID of the child's parent/guardian.
- Turn In Godparents Certificates**
If single:
Baptismal, first Communion, and Confirmation Certificates.
If married:
Confirmation Certificate and Marriage Certificate from Church
- Turn in Single parent Affidavit**
(if applicable)
- Meeting with a Priest or Deacon**
As soon as you turn in all your paper work please make an appointment with the priest or deacon. (this meeting is just for the parents)
- Sign up for Baptismal Class**
This is for God Parents and Parents. This step should be the last one you complete before choosing a date for the baptism.
- Pay \$50 fee**
The fee is due at least one week prior to the baptism, and may be paid at any moment from the day the application is filled out.

Remember...

Only after all of the above has been completed, you may call to set your date for Baptism.

To set a date you may call the parish office during the following office hours:

Mon- Fri 9am to 7:30pm

Office is closed from 12pm-1pm

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
My Guardian Dear,
to whom His love
commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and to guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.



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St John of God Church

Baptisms



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Baptisms at St. John of God

St. John of God Parish rejoices the birth of your child. Upon receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, your child is introduced to God's family and the Catholic faith. Baptism is offered to your child with all the spiritual gifts that God has to offer us thru the Catholic church. Baptism opens the door of heaven to us and fills us with life, faith and grace. This is the first step of our journey towards eternal life.

When do Baptisms Take Place?

Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 12:00 pm. The first and third Saturday of the month, baptisms are in English. Every second and fourth Saturday the baptisms will be in Spanish. We **DO NOT** have baptisms during **HOLY WEEK** (the week of Easter). **Schedule of Baptisms is subject to change.** If you have a date in mind already, please ask to make sure there are scheduled baptisms that day.

If you decide on having your child's baptism here we encourage everyone to arrive 15 minutes early for the celebration, and plan on approximately 45-60 minutes for the ceremony itself.

Church Offering

It is appropriate to make an offering of \$50.00 or more to the church. This is non-refundable. This offering goes directly to the church and is not a gift for any priest or other minister. Your donation is used directly to support the baptismal ministry program at St. John of God Parish.

Requirements for Baptism

It is the responsibility of every Catholic to be actively involved in their parish community. Our infant baptisms are for children 7 years of age and younger. When baptizing infants, there are certain guidelines that we follow:

Parents

~ Parents must have a meeting with the Priest / Deacon.

~ In mixed marriages, the non-Catholic parent is

encouraged to participate in the program of preparation for baptism and to be supportive of the Catholic parent in raising the child as a Catholic.

~ Single parents must fill out a single parent consent form/affidavit.

Godparents

*A God parent is one who lives a life of faith proper to a member of the church and befitting the role of godparent. Their role is to assist the parents (the primary teachers) in leading and helping the child in their walk with God and new spiritual life. **The requirements to be a Catholic Godparent are as follows:***

~ A godparent must be at least sixteen years of age, and have received **all** sacraments of initiation.

(Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation).

~ A godparent must be a Catholic

~A baptized member of a Christian church other than the Catholic church may serve as a Christian Witness *when accompanied by a Catholic godparent.*

~If they are married they **must** be married by the Roman Catholic Church. **GOD PARENTS THAT ARE "LIVING IN" WITH A PARTNER ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE GOD PARENTS.**

~ A parent of the child to be baptized **may not** be a godparent to that child.

~ Both parents and both godparent(s) must attend a pre-baptismal class before the date of the baptism.

St. John of God Pre-Baptismal Class

At St. John of God, we provide a class usually on the second Thursdays of the month in Spanish and the third Thursdays of the month in English. The class is from 7pm to 9pm. You may sign up for this class as soon as you submit all required paper work and meet with the priest or deacon. If a parent or godparent cannot attend the class at St. John of God, they may attend a class at another parish.

Those who attend class elsewhere must provide a letter or certificate confirming their completion of that class to St. John of God Parish Office. **Note: Please make arrangements ahead of time for a babysitter, as adults only should attend the class.**

Items Needed to Register for a Baptism:

◇ Birth Certificate of Child(ren)

◇ Picture ID of the parent (when they come in to fill out the application)

◇ Parents Marriage Certificate by the Roman Catholic Church (if applicable)

◇ Appointment with a Priest/Deacon. (parents only)

◇ Godparent(s) Certificate(s) of Sacraments; Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation. (Only if Single and not living with a partner)

◇ If God parent is married or living with a partner, we need their marriage certificate from the church and their confirmation certificate.

◇ Certificate of Completion of Pre-Baptism Class from the Parents and the Godparents.

- **You may not choose a baptism date until ALL requirements are met.**

- **Please make sure the date you wish to baptize is available.**



TO REGISTER FOR A BAPTISM, PLEASE BRING ALL THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:

9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

**Note: Parish Office is Closed for Lunch
From: 12:00 pm-1:00 pm**

Any questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the Parish Office:
562-863-5721