

Baptism Checklist

Office use only

The following is a list of requirements for a baptism of a child under the age of 7, beginning June 27th, 2024.

Parents		Initials (office)
1.	Child's Birth Certificate Copy	<input type="text"/>
2.	Mother's Baptismal Preparation Class Certificate (1 year recent) Father's Baptismal Preparation Class Certificate (1 year recent)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
3.	Baptism Certificate Copy- Father Baptism Certificate Copy- Mother	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Sponsors need to be able to take communion		
4.	Baptism, 1 st Holy Communion, & Confirmation Certificate Copy–Godfather Baptism, 1 st Holy Communion, & Confirmation Certificate Copy–Godmother	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
5.	Copy of Catholic Marriage Certificate **If married, if single must live single and be able to take the Eucharist	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
6.	Letter of Good Standing–Godfather Letter of Good Standing– Godmother **If not member(s) of St. Rita	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
7.	Godparent Covenant–Godfather Godparent Covenant–Godmother **given at time of registration	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
8.	Baptismal Preparation Class Certificate–Godfather (1 year recent) Baptismal Preparation Class Certificate–Godmother (1 year recent)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
FEES		
9.	Baptismal Registration \$50.00 ** must be paid in full 2 weeks before baptism date	<input type="text"/>
10.	Pre-Baptismal class –parents Pre-Baptismal class –Godparents \$25.00 each	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>



Baptism FAQs

When does the baptism take place?

First Saturday of the month at 2pm.

Do we celebrate the baptism with a mass?

No.

Who can register a baptism for a child?

Only the parents or guardians. All other family members may not bring child for baptism.

How do I pay my fees?

At St. Rita's parish office and with a check or exact cash (we do not keep change).

When are the pre-baptismal classes?

Spanish- Last Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the annex. English- Third Saturday of the month at 2pm in the St Rita Room.

NO RESCHEDULING

What do I need to do to attend the pre-baptismal class?

You need to have registered and paid for class in advance of at least 48 hours of the scheduled class and please check your name on your baptismal certificate and make sure the name given for your Pre-baptismal class certificate matches.

How long do I have to be registered at St. Rita before being an active member?

You MUST be active at least 6 consecutive and most recent months to your date of application for baptism.

What is a letter of good standing?

A letter from your home parish stating you are an active member of their community.

Do sponsors have to be registered at a catholic church?

Yes AND they MUST BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR PARISH, this may be proved by a letter of good standing.

Must parents have the sacraments of Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, and Confirmation to baptize their child?

No, but if they do have their sacraments, please advise the church for records accuracy.

If the parents of child to be baptized are not married, can they still baptize child?

YES

Can the prospective sponsors be living together as a couple but not married in a catholic church be sponsors?

NO, sponsors must be in good standing with the Catholic Church (Receiving Holy Eucharist)

May a non-Catholic person be a godparent?

No, but they may be a witness.

Can the prospective sponsors be sponsors if they do NOT already have the catholic sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation?

NO.

Must the children wear white for the baptism?

Yes, preferably but may wear off white.

What do I need to bring for the baptism?

A baptismal gift set is common but not needed. Just a towel to dry the child and a white candle.

