

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH
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BAPTISM APPLICATION
Child must be registered 3 months in advance.
Please print clearly

DATE: _____

NAME OF CHILD: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH OF CHILD: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF FATHER: _____

NAME OF MOTHER (MAIDEN) _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT. # _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

ARE PARENTS MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? YES _____ NO _____

ARE THE PARENTS CIVILLY MARRIED? YES _____ NO _____

IT IS REQUIRED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THAT GODPARENTS BE ACTIVE, CONFIRMED CATHOLICS WHO ARE MARRIED BY THE CHURCH, IF MARRIED.

NAME OF GODFATHER: _____

NAME OF GODMOTHER: _____

ARE GODPARENTS MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? YES _____ NO _____

ARE THE GODPARENTS CIVILLY MARRIED? YES _____ NO _____

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Interview with: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

FEE _____ DATE _____ Receipt #: _____

BAPTIZED BY: _____ Date: _____

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church

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English group baptism are held on the last Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

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Dear Parents,

Welcome, and congratulations on the blessings of your child! We share your joy and look forward to the day when your child will be officially welcomed into the Catholic Christian community of faith. We are excited to walk with you as you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in this parish community.

The preparation for Baptism is an important process, and can be a great learning experience. Below is a sketch of the process. Parents must:

Read all material in this packet, specially the requirements for godparents.

Submit an application for Baptism, along with:

- Certificate of birth from state or attending physician (**not hospital cert w/feet**) of the child.
- The parish asks for a minimum donation of \$50.00 per child, to help with costs of the Baptism ceremony and the ministries of the parish. This payment is **not** refundable in case of cancellation.
- The donation is payable in the front office when turning in the application.
- Be registered parishioners of Our Lady of Peace. If you live outside our parish boundaries you will need to provide a letter of permission to baptize from the parish to which you belong.
- Attend an interview with one of the Baptism team;

The date for your baptism will be confirmed at the interview.

- Attend one session of Baptism preparation along with both godparents, on the first Wednesday of the month in English or the first Friday in Spanish at 6:45.

Godparents

- Must be practicing Catholics.
- If married, copy of certificate from the Catholic Church is required.
- If single, proof of confirmation will be required & must not be living with anyone out of wedlock.
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Please do not make plans prior to us confirming your date for baptism.

On the Day of Baptism

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the Baptism ceremony.

Ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m.

Baptism will be postponed if you arrive after 10:00 a.m.

It is our hope that this program will provide you an opportunity to pray. To learn, to listen, and to discern your responsibilities as the parents of a child preparing for Baptism.



Responsibilities of Catholic Parents...

At Baptism, parents are asked to make a commitment to God and the Church on behalf of their child. The exact wording of the commitment that the *Rite of Baptism* asks for is: “to accept the responsibility of training your children in the practice of the faith...to bring them up to keep God’s commandments...by loving God and neighbor.” (*Rite*, 77)

The responsibilities of parents that come with Baptism are:

- to teach their child prayers and ways to communicate with God
- to provide Religious Education (Catechism) for the children
- to promise that their child will receive the other two Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and Confirmation)
- to be living examples of God’s love to the child
- to choose godparents that will also be living examples of God’s love

Questions for parents to reflect on...

Do I participate fully in the Sacraments of the Church? If not, why not?

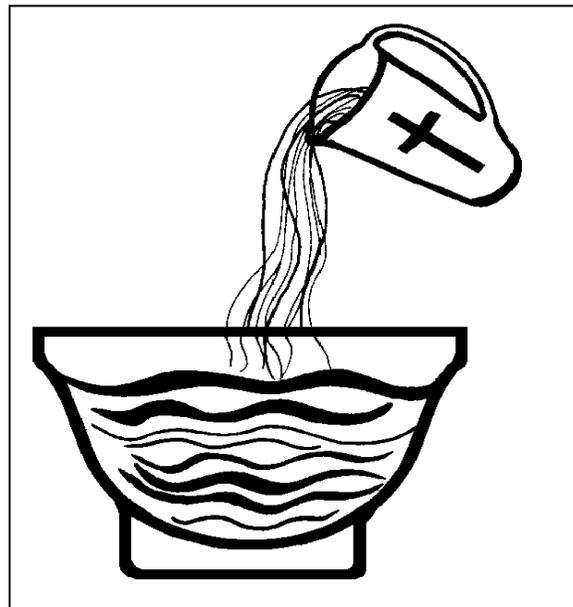
Will I make Sunday Mass a priority in my life?

Do I pray constantly, and will I be able to teach my child to be a person of prayer?

What are three ways I can fulfill the commitment to “train your child in the practice of faith” within and outside of your home?

What areas of your own practice of faith will you have to strengthen in order to teach your child well?

Who can support you and help you keep this commitment?



Godparents in the Catholic Tradition

When you invite a person to serve as your child's godparent, you are asking this individual to make a lifelong commitment to your child. The day of your child's Baptism marks just the beginning of the godparent-godchild relationship. It is the hope of the Church and the Catholic community that your child's godparents will be lifelong companions who will help nurture your child's faith and help him or her become a true disciple of Christ.

The Catholic Community calls godparents to:

- help their godchild grow in faith
- teach their godchild about Catholic traditions
- model for their godchild how to live a Catholic life

The law of the Roman Catholic Church requires that each child being baptized have one godparent to serve as his or her spiritual model and friend. This godparent may be male or female. Two godparents are the custom but not required.

To be a Catholic godparent, one must:

- be a Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and regularly participates in the Eucharist
- be an active member of a Catholic faith community
- if married, must be married in the Catholic Church
- be at least sixteen years old

When choosing a godparent for your child, it may be helpful to consider the following:

- Is this person actively practicing his or her faith? Does he or she worship at Sunday Eucharist regularly?
- Does this person live close enough, or will this person have sufficiently frequent contact, to get to know your child and play an active role in your child's faith life?
- If something happened to you, would this person make sure your child was raised as an active member of the Catholic community?