

Baptizing Your Child at
St. Clare's Church



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. Clare's Church extends a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to become part of our parish family. If you are not registered in the parish, you are welcome to do so by filling out the registration form attached.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

At St. Clare's we ask parents and godparent(s) to attend a Baptismal preparation class.

TIMES OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on selected Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. The specific date is determined and assigned together with parents and the Parish.

Please ensure that a baptismal date is confirmed with the office before booking a venue.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Please check with the priest celebrant on the day of the Baptism regarding photography etiquette. Photographers are asked to behave in a respectful manner and be mindful of others' need to witness the Baptism.

BAPTISMAL RECORD

Your child's permanent record will be kept at this parish. A Baptismal certificate will be provided on the day of the Baptism. **We ask that you please provide us with a copy of your child's birth certificate along with this form.**

CHURCH OFFERING

It is customary for families to make an offering to the church on the occasion of a child's Baptism. We are grateful for whatever you are able to offer.

DOCUMENT CHECK LIST - PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

Child's Birth Certificate
Baptism Certificate: Father OR Mother

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Please read carefully

Choosing Your Child's Godparents

In choosing godparents, you may choose one **male** and one **female**, or either one godparent alone.

A godparent:

- must be at least 16 yrs. old
- is a **practicing** Catholic - Confirmed and in Full Communion with the Church
- is a Catholic (Roman or Byzantine Rite)** who is leading a life in harmony with the faith – attending Sunday Mass at a **Catholic Church** regularly, receiving communion and the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) regularly.
- if married, must be **married in the Church**
- cannot be the father or mother of the child.

A Christian Witness

*A person who is baptized in a non-Roman Catholic community (ie. Anglican, United, Presbyterian ...) may be a Christian witness **as long as a Catholic godparent is also present.***

*When two people are asked to be godparents or Christian witness, they are to be **male and female**. If you are not sure whether a person is a suitable candidate, please consult the Parish Office **before** asking that person.*

Catholics who were baptized Catholic, but are now practicing another faith may not act as Christian witness or godparent.



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BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Baptism Prep _____

Date of Baptism _____

Celebrated By _____

FAMILY Information:

Child's LEGAL First Name _____

Child's Middle Name _____

Child's LEGAL Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____

City/Country of Birth _____

Male Female

Birth Certificate

Current Address, City, Postal Code _____

Home Phone No. _____

Father's Legal First Name _____

Mother's Legal First Name _____

Father's Legal Last Name _____

Mother's Legal MAIDEN Name _____

Father's Religion _____

Mother's Religion _____

Father's Email address _____

Mother's Email Address _____

Father's Cell phone _____

Mother's Cell Phone No. _____

Did you receive? Baptism Confirmation

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Baptismal Certificate attached? Yes No

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Where were you married? CATHOLIC CHURCH CIVILLY COMMON-LAW/NOT MARRIED

What is the name of the Church, if any? _____

What is the address/location of the Church? _____

(Catholic) SPONSOR Information:

PLEASE NOTE (according to Canon Law 874.11): a **GODPARENT** must be a practicing Roman Catholic who has received **BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST** and is in good standing with the Church (i.e., not married outside of the Catholic Church; not co-habiting; attending Mass regularly; etc.). He or she must be at least sixteen years of age, can be either a man or a woman (vs. two men or women) and may **NOT** be the father or mother of the one to be baptized. A **NON-CATHOLIC WITNESS** (Canon Law 874.2) must be a **BAPTIZED** person belonging to a non-Catholic Christian faith. This person will NOT be formally called a Godparent, but a Christian Witness. You may have only one Christian witness with only one Catholic Godparent (vs. two Godparents and a Christian Witness or two Christian Witnesses without a Catholic Godparent).

Godfather’s Legal First Name

Godmother’s Legal First Name

Godfather’s Legal Last Name

Godmother’s Legal Last Name

Did you receive? Baptism Confirmation

Did you receive? Baptism Confirmation

Baptismal Certificate attached? Yes No

Baptismal Certificate attached? Yes No

Where were you married? **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

CIVILLY **COMMON-LAW/NOT MARRIED**

What is the name of the Church, if any? _____

What is the address/location of the Church? _____

PLEASE NOTE: A Christian Witness must be practicing their Christian faith tradition.

Christian Witness Legal Last Name

Christian Witness Legal First Name

Christian Denomination

Church of Baptism

Did you receive? Baptism

What is the name of the Church, if any? _____

What is the address/location of the Church? _____

It is not about money! The famous question: “How much is it?” **NOTHING.** The sacrament will not cost you anything. We do not charge for the service we provide for you. Our team here does it with joy and love. However, St. Clare’s is a beautiful, old parish, and the maintenance costs are incredibly high. For this reason, we ask you to consider giving a generous donation; whatever your heart desires. An income tax receipt for the full amount of the donation will be given to you, and God will reward you a hundredfold! If you choose to do so, please, bring your donation to the office or on the day of the baptism. Please mark clearly on the envelope your name, address, and telephone number so the tax receipt will be given to the correct donor at the end of the year.