

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 found on the Sunday bulletin.

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 2:00 p.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
My Offering \$ _____

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, but 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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REGISTRATION FORM FOR BAPTISM

Please complete this form and submit to parish office.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name of Parish: _____ **City:** _____

- I currently live within the territorial boundaries of the parish.
 I currently do not live within the territorial boundaries of the parish, but I am formally registered.

Telephone Number – Home _____

Email Address: _____

Father's Cell #: _____

Mother's Cell #: _____

For Office Use:

Date of Baptism Preparation: _____

Attended Class: YES NO

Date of Baptism: _____

Celebrated by: _____

CHILD's INFORMATION: MALE FEMALE

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Day/Month/Year)

BIRTH PLACE _____ (City / Province / Country)

FATHER's INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

FATHER'S RELIGION _____ ADDRESS: _____

Married in the Catholic Church Name & address of church, if applicable _____

Married Civilly Living Common Law Never married

If Baptized Catholic: Copy of Baptismal Certificate attached: YES NO

Received Sacrament of Confirmation: YES NO

I am a parent of or have legal custody of the child.

MOTHER's INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____ MAIDEN NAME _____

(Before Marriage)

MOTHER'S RELIGION _____

ADDRESS: (If different from above): _____

Married in the Catholic Church Name & address of church, if applicable _____

Married Civilly Living Common Law Never married

If Baptized Catholic: Copy of Baptismal Certificate attached: YES NO

Received Sacrament of Confirmation: YES NO

I am a parent of or have legal custody of the child.

Eligibility of Godparents

Canon 873: - There is to be only one male or one female godparent or one of each.

The following are the requirements in order for a Catholic to be a godparent (canon 874 §1)

- At least 16 years of age
- Fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation)
- In good standing with the Church (e.g. has not married outside the Catholic Church; not cohabitating)
- Not the father or mother of the one being baptized

You can choose from the following:

- One godparent OR one godfather and one godmother - MUST be Baptized and Confirmed Roman Catholics.
- A Roman Catholic who has been Baptized and Confirmed and a Christian (who is non-Catholic) who may act as Witness, who takes the place of either the godfather OR godmother, but not both.

FULL NAME OF GODFATHER _____

Telephone Number: _____

Single

Married (Church & address) _____

Godfather's regular Sunday church _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City/Country _____

Church of Confirmation: _____ City/Country _____

Fulfills the requirements of canon 874§1

FULL NAME OF GODMOTHER _____

Telephone Number: _____

Single

Married (Church & address) _____

Godmother's regular Sunday church _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City/Country _____

Church of Confirmation: _____ City/Country _____

Fulfills the requirements of canon 874§1

CHRISTIAN WITNESS (Practicing their Christian faith tradition)

Replace (please check one) godmother (female) godfather (male)

FULL NAME OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS _____

Telephone Number: _____ CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City/Country _____

Church attended by Christian Witness on Sundays? _____

For Office Use: Offering \$ _____ Date: _____

Other Remarks: _____
