



Having Your Child Baptized at St. Anthony of Padua Parish

A note from Friar John, Pastor.

I am happy you have chosen to have your child baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and here at St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Please fill-out a Baptismal Registration Form and bring it to me after Mass the next time you come to church. At that time, we can:

- 1) Review the registration form to ensure that the requirements listed below are met, and
- 2) Schedule the date and time of the baptism, if you know when that might be. See item B below.

After this registration form is completed but prior to the baptism, if this is your first child to be Baptized, you conclude your preparation by participating in a Baptism Preparation Class held at 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the **social hall parlor** on one of these Tuesdays:

in 2026: (a) Tues Jan 6, (b) Tues April 7 (c) Tues July 7 (d) Tues Oct 6.
Classes are still 6:00PM - 7:00PM in the Parlor.

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### Baptism Requirements of the Roman Catholic Church

- A. There is to be a well-founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is lacking, the baptism is to be put off. At least one parent, or the person who lawfully takes their place, must give consent. (cc. 868)
- B. Baptisms are usually celebrated on a Sunday (cc. 856), in the church (cc. 857), and at St. Anthony typically take place after the 11 am Mass, at about 12:00 noon.
- C. A Godparent, also known as a sponsor, must:
1. Be at least 16 years of age and have the qualifications and intention of fulfilling this role.
  2. Be a Catholic who has received the sacrament of Confirmation and has already received the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the roll to be undertaken. Please read the sponsor certificate carefully to understand this.
  3. Provide a letter of good standing from his or her home parish (if not St. Anthony) or use the provided sponsor certificate and have it signed by his or her pastor.
  4. Not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized. (cc. 874)
- D. There is to be only one male sponsor and one female sponsor (cc. 873)
- E. A baptized Christian who belongs to a non-Catholic church community may not serve as a Catholic Godparent but may be a "Christian witness" to the baptism along with a Catholic Sponsor meeting the above requirements. (cc. 874 s2) One never baptized, cannot be a godparent of a Catholic Child. These guidelines come from the Code of Canon Law (cc.) of the Roman Catholic Church.

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