



INFANT BAPTISM

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Woodinville, WA

Congratulations on the birth of your child! We're excited to help you prepare for his or her baptism. Our baptism coordinator is Analaura Rodriguez. To contact her, you can email her at analaura@saintteresa.org or call our parish office at 425-806-8096.

Why do we Baptize?

First and foremost, we baptize because Jesus told us to. After his resurrection, he sent his disciples out to baptize the nations (Matt 28:16-20). He gives this great gift to his Church because we need it. Through baptism we enter into the covenant Christ inaugurated through his passion, death, and resurrection, becoming the adopted sons and daughters of God the Father. The waters of Baptism cleanse us from Original Sin and open the way for all the other Sacraments of the Church.

By baptizing your child, you are giving him or her the amazing gift of being born anew into God's family. In Baptism, God's Spirit fills us, giving us the gifts to grow in holiness and virtue.

Parents:

The Church recognizes parents as the first and best catechists of their children. Through your example and your dedication to the faith, you help your child grow in knowledge and holiness.

By baptizing your child, you are making a solemn oath before God to raise him or her in the Catholic faith to the best of your ability. This presents a significant challenge in today's society and culture, but you are giving your child a wonderful gift that will bear fruit for the rest of his or her life. The Church extends the grace of the Sacraments and the support of the community to you in this task.

Godparents:

Godparents stand as representatives of the family of God that you are bringing your child into through baptism. They play an important role in your life and the life of your child, offering support to both of you as you raise your child in the Catholic faith. They support you through their prayers, their example, and their guidance. This is a lifelong commitment on the part of godparents to both you and your child.

Original Sin

God created humanity to have his Spirit dwell inside us. Adam and Eve rejected that when they rejected God in the Fall, and it left all of humanity with an emptiness where God's Spirit should be. That emptiness distorted and damaged our nature; it made us less than what we were created to be. We call this Original Sin or having a Fallen Nature.

We inherit this damaged nature from our first parents, like a genetic defect on the spiritual level. Baptism restores the indwelling of God's Spirit that was lost and begins the process of healing our nature.



BAPTISM REQUIREMENTS

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Parents

Baptism prep class:

- We ask that parents take the class every four years.
- Classes at St. Teresa are offered by appointment. Contact Analaura Rodriguez to schedule your class (analaura@saintteresa.org)

Paperwork

- Baptismal Information form.
- A copy of your child's birth certificate.
- A letter from your godparents' home parishes verifying that they are active and registered members of their parish and that they have taken a Baptism prep class.

To schedule your child's baptism you must be a registered St. Teresa of Calcutta parishioner. If you are not a parishioner you have two options:

1. We would love to have you join our parish. You can find the parish registration form on the narthex and on our website.
2. You can get a letter of permission to have your child baptized at St. Teresa of Calcutta from your home parish.

Baptisms take place at the 11am Sunday Mass once a month. Please contact Analaura Rodriguez at analaura@saintteresa.org to schedule your child's baptism.

Godparents

- They must be a practicing Catholic over the age of 16.
- They must have already received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & the Eucharist).
- They must be free of canonical penalties.
- If you have two godparents, one must be a man and one must be a woman. If they are a couple living together they must be married in the Catholic Church.
- You are only required to have one godparent, but you may have as many as you would like.

As long as one godparent meets all these requirements, you may have a baptized, non-Catholic Christian as a witness as well. They must still be willing to support you in raising your child in the Catholic faith (this name will not appear on the certificate)



BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Woodinville, WA

Name of the Child to be Baptized: _____
First Middle Last

Place of Birth: _____
City State

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Baptism Prep Class: _____

Date of Baptism: _____
Must be confirmed by parish office

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Catholic: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mother's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Catholic: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you Registered at this Parish? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone Number: _____

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Woodinville, WA 98072

Baptism Coordinator: Analaura Rodriguez
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Baptism performed by: _____

Mailed certificate: _____

Registered by: _____

Date registered: _____

Entered in parishStaq: _____

GODPARENT INFORMATION

Godparents fill an important role in your life and that of your child. By becoming a godparent they are agreeing to support you in our vocation to raise our child in the Catholic faith for the rest of our child's life.

Godparents must be **practicing, fully initiated members** of the **Catholic Church** (having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), at least **16 years of age**, and have **no canonical penalties**. Parents may not be godparents.

You are required to have **one godparent**, but you may have as many as you like. If you have two, one must be a man and another a woman. If they are living together they must be married in the Catholic Church.

We need a **letter from your godparent's home parishes** verifying that they are active and registered members of their parish, and that they have taken a prep class.

As long as one godparent meets these requirements, you may have a baptized, non-Catholic as a witness as well. They must be willing to support you in raising your child in the Catholic Faith. This name will not appear on the certificate.

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Age: _____ Catholic: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Fully initiated: ☐ Baptized ☐ First Communion ☐ Confirmation

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I understand that in having my child baptized in the Catholic Church I am committing to raising him/her in the Catholic faith to the best of my ability. I certify that everything on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge, including all godparent information.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

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DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO SCHEDULE BAPTISM.

I'm attaching: ☐ Birth Certificate ☐ Godparent letter ☐ Godparent letter