



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Archdiocese of Galveston Houston

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Baptismal Information Sheet

Since Baptism is an incorporation into the Church, it is an ecclesial event, not a private family celebration (Can. 860). Therefore, Baptisms ordinarily take place in one's own parish.

Are you a Registered Parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church? Yes No

Note: If you are registering now, there will be a 2 month waiting period to baptize your child.

Name of Child _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____

City of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Name of Father _____
First Middle Last

Maiden Name of Mother _____
First Middle Last

Religion of Father _____ Religion of Mother _____

Were parents married in a Catholic Church? Yes _____ No _____

Were parents married by civil ceremony? Yes _____ No _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Name of Godfather _____ Religion _____

Name of Godmother _____ Religion _____

Was child adopted? _____ Was child baptized in the hospital? _____ Date _____

Proxy for Godparents _____

If we have not received all of the required documents prior to the Baptism, we will not be able to complete your child's Baptism until they are received.

Office Use Only	
Recorded in Baptismal Record _____	Date of Baptismal Class _____
Mailed Certificate _____	Comments _____
Priest/Deacon _____	_____



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Baptism Form/Permission for Baptism

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1907 Carolina St., Baytown, Texas

Dear Father (Name of Pastor) _____

Pastor of (Parish name) _____

I am requesting permission to have my infant/child (name) _____ baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Baytown, Texas. I understand for this sacrament to be conferred by the ordained ministers of St. Joseph you must provide permission for this to take place. Please fill out the following and either mail it to me or send by email to st_josephbaytown@yahoo.com.

Thank You,

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR THE PASTOR:

Parish Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I grant permission for the parents/guardian of the infant/child listed above to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Reason for the Baptism not being celebrated at this parish:

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Because of the great responsibilities of a Godparent, the Catholic Church has done some minimum requirements it asks of all godparents to fulfill in order to serve in this role. These are set forth in the Code of Canon Law:

SPONSORS/GODPARENTS

Can. 872 *Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult Christian initiation or together with the parents presents and infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.*

Can. 873 *There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor of one of each.*

Can. 874 1. *To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:*

- *Be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents of the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function:*
 - *Have completed the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause.*
 - *Be a Catholic who has been Confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on;*
 - *Not be bound by any Canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;*
- 2. A Baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.*

Regarding the questions:

1. **RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION:** A Godparent must be a Roman Catholic because the godparent is an official representative of the Catholic Church. Christians of other denominations whose baptism is recognized as valid in the Catholic Church may serve as a Christian Witness for the baptism of a Catholic. Christians whose baptism is not recognized as valid in the Catholic Church and Non-Christians may not serve as a godparent or Christian Witness.
2. **MINIMUM AGE:** A godparent must generally be 16 by the date of the baptism. (exceptions by pastor may be made with reason.)
3. **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:** a godparent is a baptized Catholic who has received Confirmation and Holy Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
4. **FREEDOM TO RECEIVE THE SACREMENTS:** The godparent is a practicing Catholic who is free to receive Holy Communion when he or she comes to Mass.
5. **MARITAL STATUS:** A Catholic godparent who is married must be in a marriage that is recognized by the Catholic Church. Those in their first marriage must have been married either A) in a Catholic Church Ceremony or B) in a Church/Synagogue Ceremony with the permission of the Catholic Church. Catholics in second marriages must have had their first marriage annulled and their second marriage recognized or convalidated by the Catholic Church. Catholics presently in civil or common law marriages are not eligible to serve as godparent.
6. **UNMARRIED STATUS:** If unmarried, a godparent must be living a life consistent with a single person as defined by the Catholic Church. Anyone cohabitating with another person, e.g. living in a romantic relationship or as a couple, is ineligible to serve.

GODPARENT FORM

As a Godparent, your responsibility is to foster the faith of your godchild and to reflect to your godchild the meaning of life of Catholic discipleship.

The Code of Canon Law (Church Law) specifies the requirements for serving as a Godparent (Canon 874):

- You may not be the parent of the person being baptized
- You must be at least 16 years old
- You must be fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
- If Married, be in valid Catholic Marriage
- Live a life of active faith in the Catholic Church

I understand the requirements of being a Baptism Godparent and I state that I was:

Baptized:

At _____ Church in
_____ (City, State)

Confirmed:

At _____ Church in
_____ (City, State)

Married in the Catholic Church:

At _____ Church in
_____ (City, State)

My godchild's name is: _____

Name of Parish and City where Baptism is to take place:

_____ City _____

**I am active in the Catholic Church, regularly attend Mass on Sunday
and strive to live my faith.**

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____