



Infant Baptism Registration Information

In preparing for this important sacramental celebration, we ask that you carefully read the following information completely before submitting the Baptism Registration Form.

Guidelines for PARENTS

1. Parents that do not live in the Artesia or Cerritos area and that are not registered at Holy Family for over a year. Must obtain a letter of permission from the church that corresponds to their current address to have their child Baptized at Holy Family.
2. If a parent of the child is not living in the same household; must have a **“Parent Consent Letter”** (*Father or Mother*) authorizing the other parent to baptize the child in the Catholic Faith.
3. A priest appointment is required for parents who are:
 - a. Not married in the Catholic Church
 - b. Living together without the Sacrament of Marriage in the Roman Catholic Church.
4. **To schedule a Baptism Service Date.** Please submit **ALL** of the following requirements. (*No exceptions*)
 - a. Registration Form.
 - b. Copy of Child’s Birth Certificate (*Hospital Verification of Birth*).
 - c. Godparents Verification of their Confirmation and if married a Marriage Certificate by the Roman Catholic Church
 - d. Letter of Permission to baptize if not registered over a year or does not live within the boundaries of the parish.

Guidelines for GODPARENTS (*One Catholic Godparent is required*)

1. **MUST SUBMIT** verification of their Sacrament of Confirmation.
2. Can be single or married.
 - **If Single**, they may not be living with a partner (*man or woman*), without marriage or married civilly.
 - If only married civilly (*they Do Not qualify*)
 - **If married**, a verification of a **Roman Catholic Church Marriage certificate** must be submitted. (*No other denomination qualifies to be sponsors according to the Roman Catholic Church*)
3. Permission can be given when a parent wants only **ONE** godparent.
 - *Two godparents are not required, one will be sufficient if they meet all the requirements.*
4. Minimum age is 16 years of age.
5. The father or mother of the child cannot be godparents of their own child.
6. Maximum of two Godparents. **By Canon Law, it requires ONLY a man and a woman.**

Qualification Requirements for Infant Baptism

A child **UNDER THE AGE OF SEVEN** may be baptized if there is a well founded hope that this child will be raised in the Catholic faith.

Where Should Your Child Be Baptized

The church is the only place where baptisms can be scheduled.

Pre-Baptism Class

One Pre-Baptism Class is required for the parents and godparents. The date of the class is coordinated with the date of the Baptism Service. However, an exception can be made if the parents or godparents have attended a Pre-Baptism class within the last **THREE YEARS** prior to the Baptism Service date.

Proof of class certificate must be submitted, if previously attended to accept this exception. This certificate must be submitted at the time you submit the baptismal registration form to our office.

We ask that parents and godparents **DO NOT** bring children to the Pre-Baptism class to avoid distractions. If you do not have a babysitter, one of the parents or godparents will be excused from attending the class, but would need to make up the class, in order to receive the child’s baptism certificate. (*Classes are through Zoom, emails are required*).

A white baptismal candle and a white baptismal bib will be provided on the day of baptism.

What is the Cost

Although no family will be denied the Baptism of their child for financial reasons, the registration donation is \$60.00. For your convenience, on the day of the Baptism Service, an envelope will be provided should you wish to give a gratitude gift to the Priest or Deacon. **NOTE:** All checks should be made payable to Holy Family Church.

Confirmation of Requested Baptism Service Date

The office will register your request as quickly as possible and notify you that the date of the Pre-Baptism class and Baptism Service has been confirmed.

WE ASK YOU NOT TO MAKE ANY FORMAL PLANS UNTIL AFTER THESE DATES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED.

Please contact the Baptism Director at the Rectory if you have any questions regarding the Baptism Policy. Thank you!