

## REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM

You are blessed with the birth of your child; now you will be blessed even more with his/her definitive birth into life of God through Baptism. And because of this the Church rejoices with you.

The following is a checklist of task you need to undertake in order to ensure a dignified and conscientious celebration of your child's baptism:

1. Contact the Parish **at least three (3) months** in advance to set the date of baptism and pre-baptismal catechism. English baptism is celebrated every third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. During Lent baptisms are postponed until after Easter season.
2. Copy of **child's certificate** to establish his/her identity.
3. Requirement for **sponsor** as per Canon Law 872-874;

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The role of the sponsors (godparents) is to help the baptized person lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligation inherent in it.</li><li>b. There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each;</li><li>c. Is 16 years old and has been confirmed and received the First Communion—thus, Certificate is needed as proof;</li><li>d. Not bound by canonical penalty; (ex.: if married, should be married in the Church. Certificate of marriage is needed if any one of the sponsors is married.)</li><li>e. Not to be mother or father of the one to be baptized;</li><li>f. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Christian ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the baptism.</li></ol> |
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4. **Certificate** that parents and sponsors have attended pre-baptismal catechism (catechism classes may be taken at other parishes).
5. A **donation of \$60.00** is collected for the needs of the Church.
6. All requirements must be completed and submitted to the Office two (2) weeks prior to the celebration.
7. On the day of the celebration please arrive to the Church 30 minutes prior to appointed time. Please adhere to the dress attire appropriate for Church.