

Baptism: Becoming Children Of The Light

NAMING YOUR CHILD

**"God calls each one by name.
Everyone's name is sacred.
The name is the icon of the person."
(CCC 2158)**

Catholics traditionally pick a saint's name for Baptism. You choose this "Patron saint" as a model you hope your youngster will imitate and as a heavenly advocate for the child. Canonized saints are the Church's greats, but the heavenly population includes many smaller lights—less famous folks who have touched your own life with their goodness.

*"Your Child's Baptism"
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“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

(Mt 28: 19-20)

“Since the earliest times, Baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit; children are baptized in the faith of the Church. Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom.”

(CCC # 1282)

“The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which one becomes an adoptive child of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ.”

(CCC # 1279)

GUIDELINES

1. Parents and godparents are required to participate in a baptismal session prior to the Baptism of the child. Baptismal sessions are held in the Ministry Center on the last Tuesday of the month 6:30-8:00 PM. Contact the Coordinator at 361-5126 ext 255 a month or so in advance.
2. The parents have to be registered and practicing members of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.
3. Baptism is celebrated after the 11:00 AM Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy the first Sunday of the month.
4. Baptism may be celebrated during the Saturday or Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy upon request and in particular circumstances.
5. According to *The Code Of Canon Law*, one Sponsor, male or female, is sufficient; but there may be two.
6. To undertake the role of Sponsor a person must be:
 - ❖ not less than sixteen years of age
 - ❖ a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Eucharist, and who lives a life which befits the role to be undertaken.Note: A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic Christian community may be admitted in company with a Catholic sponsor as a witness to the baptism.
7. In case of an emergency call the Rectory at 361-5126 ext. 201.