



Corpus Christi

PARISH

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INFORMATION FOR BAPTISMAL REGISTER

CHILD:

Name of Child: _____

First Child? Yes No If not, order of child _____

Child's Patron Saint's Name (if different from above) _____

Date of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Contact Phone #: _____ Contact Email _____

PARENTS:

Father's Full Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Religion: _____ Do you practice it? _____

Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____

Religion: _____ Do you practice it? _____

Name of Catholic Church where Married: _____

If not married in the Catholic Church: _____

Place: _____ Who Officiated? _____

GODPARENTS:

Male's Full Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Religion: _____ Does he practice it? Yes No

Has he been confirmed?: Yes No

Name and Place of Parish where he is currently registered: _____

Female's Full Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Religion: _____ Does she practice it? Yes No

Has she been confirmed?: Yes No

Name and Place of Parish where she is currently registered: _____

Is either Sponsor Represented by a Proxy? _____ If Yes, Name of Male Proxy: _____

_____ Female Proxy: _____

Was Child Adopted? _____

If so, this child was legally adopted:

As (Name) _____

On (Date) _____

By (Names of Adopting Parents) _____

Was the Child Baptized in an Emergency? _____

If Yes, When, Where and BY Whom? _____

Request for Baptism

As the parent(s) of this child, we (I) ask for the Sacrament of Baptism.

To the Catholic Parent: Please read carefully this statement before you sign.

We (I) intend and are (am) fully prepared to bring up our (my) child in the Catholic Faith, receiving religious instruction, the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Father's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mother's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Some Notes on the Sacrament of Baptism

By Baptism, your child becomes an adopted child of God: the guilt of original sin is removed and Jesus gives the gift of sanctifying grace. "Dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life."

Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Gospel of St. Matthew, 28: 19-20

"Baptism, the gateway to the Sacrament, is necessary for salvation, whether by actual reception or at least by desire. By it, people are freed from sins, are born again as children of God and, made like to Christ by an indelible character, are incorporated into the Church."

Canon Law, c. 849



1. Sunday is the ordinary day for Baptism (Canon 856). The Easter Vigil is the ideal day. At Corpus Christi, Baptisms are held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Sunday of the month (soon after the 12:00 pm Mass). Exceptions are arranged with the priest. Sometimes, more than one child is baptized in the same ceremony. There is, however, a limit of 2 families on a particular Sunday.
2. Members of Corpus Christi Parish should be baptized in their own parish church (Canon 857.2). However, for a good reason, the parish priest is willing to give permission for the Baptism to take place elsewhere. Parents are prepared either here or elsewhere.
3.
 - a. To be baptized at Corpus Christi, the child's parents are to be registered members of the parish for at least 6 months.
 - b. If not registered, but living within the parish boundaries, the parents are reminded that this would be a good time to register in the parish.
 - c. If not parishioners of Corpus Christi, the parents are to obtain a written permission from their own pastor for the Baptism to take place at Corpus Christi.
4. The parents (at least one) must consent to the Baptism of their child (Canon 868), and as soon as possible after birth, or even before the child is born, they are to request Baptism for their child and prepared for it (Canon 867).
5. There must be a well-founded hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic religion (Canon 868) and so the parish priest, on his own or with a team, is to prepare the parents and sponsors, either individually or in groups, by instruction and common prayer (Canon 851). Ask the parish office or consult the bulletin regarding preparation class.
 - a. It is recommended that each child has two Baptism godparents, one male and one female (Canon 873).

- b. If only one godparent can be found, it is recommended that the godparent be the same sex as the child.
 - c. The godparents must be at least sixteen years old, must have received the Most Holy Eucharist and be Confirmed, and live a life in harmony with the Faith and the office to be undertaken (Canon 874). A non-Catholic baptized Christian who is going to church regularly may join one Catholic godparent as **Witness** to the Baptism. In this case, there is only one godparent.
- 6. The name given to the child is recommended to be that of a saint and the name is not to be foreign to Christian sensitivity (Canon 855).
 - 7. The child should have a white baptismal garment, which might be carried by the godmother and put on the child after the anointing with the Sacred Chrism.
 - 8. Photographs and video are permitted if there is no disturbance of the sacred ceremonies. The certificate is given at the time of Baptism or sent in the mail. Whenever a new copy is required (e.g., at the time for First Communion or Marriage), please phone the Parish Office and one will be sent.
 - 9. The suggested offering amount for a baptism is \$50.00 and may be given directly to the priest after the baptismal rite.

The Rite of Baptism

- a) All meet at the entrance of the Church. The father or mother holds the child, with the godparents on either side of the parents.
- b) The Sign of the Cross and the Greetings by the priest. The parents present the child by name, request Baptism, and accept the responsibility to raise the Child as Catholic. Priest, parents and godparents sign the child's forehead with the Cross. All enter the church, singing a hymn, if possible.
- c) The Word of God: Scripture Reading, Homily, Intercessions, Invocation of the Saints.
- d) Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens.
- e) Water is blessed. Parents and godparent renew their own Baptism vows. The pouring of the Water: The Baptism. Anointing with the Sacred Chrism. Clothing with the white garment. Baptism Candle presented.
- f) Procession to the Altar. Lord's Prayer. Blessing.
- g) Presentation or Hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary.