2019

Guidelines for the Sacrament of
Baptism

Revised: March 2019
Parents Attended Class: __________________

Godparents Attended Class: __________________

Birth Certificate: __________________

Sponsor Letter: __________________

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Baptism of Children in English

Congratulations on the birth of your child! With such joy you welcomed your little one as a gift from God, and how good it is that you now bring your child to the Lord to receive from Him the gift of divine life!

**Parents and Godparents**

Consider the importance that is attached to the physical care of a child even from before birth. Consider too, the necessity of ensuring that parents and others with charge of a newborn have adequate knowledge and training regarding the child’s physical care. How important then must the child’s spiritual care be! And how necessary that parents and Godparents receive adequate help in preparing to undertake the role of spiritual parenting!

Because of the vital necessity of Baptism, Church law obliges parents “to see that their infants are baptized within the first few weeks. A soon as possible after birth, indeed even before it, they are to approach the parish priest to ask for the sacrament for their child, and to be themselves duly prepared for it.” (Canon 867, Code of Canon Law). Beginning to prepare for Baptism before the birth of your child or as soon after birth as possible will make it easier to fit the necessary preparation into your schedule and still have your child baptized in the first few weeks after birth. *(Children who have reached the age of seven must attend religious education classes before being baptized.)*

Careful thought should be given to the choice of Godparents. The Godparent is to be added spiritually to the immediate family of the one to be baptized and also represents the Church. Professing and living their Catholic faith, the Godparents are to help the parents bring up their child to profess and live that same faith.

**Godparents should be at least 16 years old; they should be Catholics who have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist, and who practice their faith (e.g., attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, and are either single or if married they must be married in the Church). A non-Catholic Christian may serve as a Christian witness to the Baptism, as long as there is a Catholic sponsor. If parents wish their child to be baptized, it is assumed that their faith is important to them, and that they themselves are practicing their faith, in other words, that they have been baptized, confirmed, and that they have received the Eucharist, and go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, and are either single or married in the Church.**

**Preparation Sessions**

At St. Anthony parish, *both parents of a child who is to be baptized as well as the Godparents must attend a pre-baptismal class* of approximately 75 minutes in duration. The Godparents are required to attend the pre-baptismal class either here or at their own parish and present to us a letter indicating their attendance. The class is held on the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 am in the Church meeting room No. 8.

Baptisms in English are held on the **second Sunday** of every month at 9:30 am in the church (Please see schedule).

**Please submit your child’s registration form (enclosed) with a sponsor certificate or letter of eligibility, and a copy of the child’s birth certificate.**
Baptism Registration—St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Are you a member parishioner of St. Anthony?  YES □  NO □  If your answer is yes; since when? ______________

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________________

Child’s Date of Birth: ____________________________
Child’s Place of Birth (City or County and State):

Was the child adopted?  YES □  NO □

Child’s Age: ____________________________

Father’s Name: ____________________________________________________

Father’s Religion: ____________________________________________________

Married in the Catholic Church?  YES □  NO □

Address (street, city, state, zip): ____________________________________________________

Is the child’s birth certificate and the Godparents need to present a sponsor certificate or letter of eligibility from their registered parish (Sponsor Letter).

Father’s Maiden Name: ____________________________________________________

Father’s Religion: ____________________________________________________

Married in the Catholic Church?  YES □  NO □

Telephone Number: ____________________________________________________

Godfather: (Please see requirements to be a Godfather)

Name of Church you are member and attend:

Catholic: YES □  NO □  Single: YES □  NO □

Married in the Catholic Church: YES □  NO □

Godmother: (Please see requirements to be a Godmother)

Name of Church you are member and attend:

Catholic: YES □  NO □  Single: YES □  NO □

Married in the Catholic Church: YES □  NO □

Is one of the Godparents represented by proxy?  YES □  NO □

Name of Representative: ____________________________________________________

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Received by: _______________________  Date: _________

Date of Baptism Class

Signature of Priest or Catechist (Upon Completion)

Date of Baptism

Signature of Priest or Deacon (Upon completion)

The following documents were submitted:

☐ Child’s birth certificate  ☐ Sponsor Letter  ☐ Parents attended class

☐ Godparents attended class  ☐ Permission Letter if registered in another Parish or live outside this Parish boundaries

[When complete, please submit your child’s registration form with a sponsor certificate or letter of eligibility, and a copy of the child’s birth certificate.]
ENGLISH BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE 2019

Baptism Classes on Saturday:
In Room 8 at 11:00 AM*

Baptism Ceremony on Sundays:
In the Church at 9:30 AM*
(Immediately after the 8:30 am Mass)

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*Please be on time to the Baptism Class & the Baptism Ceremony.