

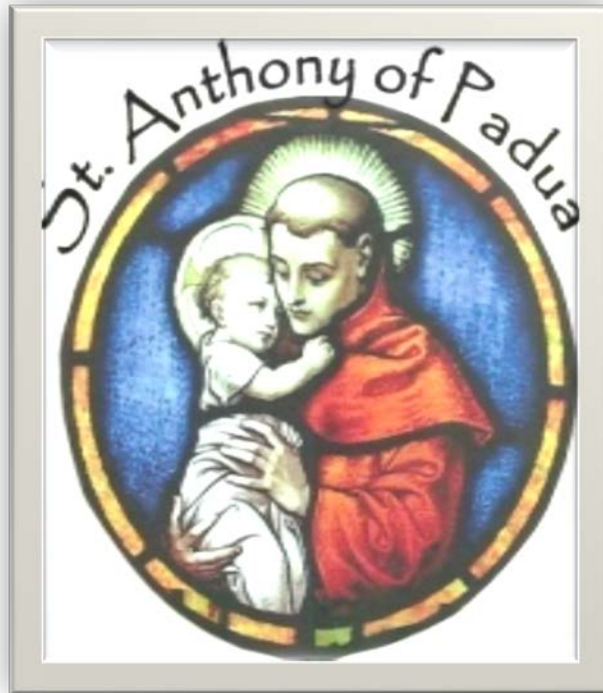
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Guidelines for the Sacrament of Baptism

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Parents Attended Class _____

Godparents Attended Class _____

Birth Certificate _____

Sponsor Letter _____

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Notes:

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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. As 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., they go to Mass on Sundays, and are either single or if married they must be married in the Church). A non-Catholic Christian may only be a 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 are either single or married in the Church.

Preparation Sessions

At St. Anthony parish, one of the parents of a child who is to be baptized must attend a pre-baptismal class of approximately 90 minutes in duration if this is their first child being Baptized. The talk is held on the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 am in Room 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 with a sponsor certificate or letter of eligibility, and a copy of the child's birth certificate. *****



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Baptism Registration

Are you a member parishioner of St. Anthony? YES NO

If your answer is yes, since when? _____

Child's Name: _____	Child's Place of Birth (City or County and State): _____
Child's Date of Birth: _____	Child's Age: _____
Was the child baptized in private? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Was the child adopted? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Father's Name: _____	Mother's Maiden Name: _____
Father's Religion: _____	Mother's Religion: _____
Married in the Catholic Church? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone Number: _____
Address (street, city, state, zip): _____	

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: _____

Please submit this form with a copy of the child's birth certificate and the Godparents needs to present a sponsor certificate or letter of eligibility from their registered parish (Sponsor Letter).

PARISH USE ONLY

Received by: _____ Date: _____

_____	_____
Date of Baptism Class	Date of Baptism
_____	_____
Signature of Priest or Catechist (Upon Completion)	Signature of Priest or Deacon (Upon completion)

The following documents were submitted: Child's birth certificate Sponsor Letter Parent attended class Permission Letter if registered in another Parish

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ENGLISH BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE 2018

	Baptism Class (Saturday)	Baptism Ceremony (Sunday)
Month	Room 8 at 11:00 am	Sundays in the Church at 9:30am Immediately after the 8:30am Mass
July	7	8
August	4	12
September	1	9
October	6	14
November	3	11
December	1	9

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