

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Guidelines for the Sacrament of Baptism

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REQUIREMENTS TO BAPTIZE AT SAINT ANTHONY PARISH

(children younger than seven years old)

1. The parents of the child should be **parishioners** of St. Anthony (they do not need to be registered).
→ If the parents are registered and/or belong to a different parish, parents should present an *authorization letter from their corresponding parish, requesting permission to baptize at St. Anthony of Padua.*
2. Choose one or two godparents who **meet the requirements** of the Catholic Church. They must obtain a recommendation letter from the parish in which they attend Mass (*Sponsorship letter*).
3. **Before attending the pre-baptismal class, the following documents should be delivered at the parochial office:**
 - Baptismal Registration Form (enclosed)
 - Copy of the Birth Certificate of the child to be baptized
 - Godparents Sponsorship Letter (or letter issued by their church)
 - **If the parents of the child are registered here, but do NOT live within the boundaries of St. Anthony, an authorization letter is needed from their neighboring church to Baptize at St. Anthony of Padua**
4. **Both parents and godparents** must register and attend a Pre-Baptismal class.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GODPARENTS

An active Catholic who meets the following requirements:

1. Have the canonical legal age of 16 years.
2. Having received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
3. Be parishioners (you do not need to be registered in the parish), *or obtain a letter from the parish they attend to certify that they are registered.*
4. Attend Mass on Sundays and days of obligation and receive Eucharist.
5. For married Catholics: be married by the Catholic Church.
6. For single Catholics: live a Christian life, as singles, according to the laws of God and the Catholic Church.
7. For religious or clergy: be in good relations with the religious community or the diocese to which they belong.
8. Live the commitment to Christ and the community of the Catholic Church, showing compassion and kindness to others.
9. Help the godchild with prayers and a good Christian example and help him/her grow in the Catholic faith.

* To baptize you need at least one godfather or one Catholic godmother. Only one sponsor and godmother are allowed, not two of one or the other. A non-Catholic Christian can only participate as a Christian witness of baptism.



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ENGLISH SCHEDULE 2023

Baptism Classes on Saturday:

In Room 4 at 11:00 AM*

Baptism Ceremony on Sundays:

Sundays in the Church at 9:30 AM*

(Immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass)

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

	Baptism Class	Baptism Ceremony
January	7	15
February	4	12
March	4	12
April	1	16
May	6	14
June	3	18
July	1	9
August	5	13
September	2	10
October	7	15
November	4	12
December	2	10



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Baptism Registration

ENGLISH FORM

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

If your answer is yes, since when? _____

Child's full name

Child's Date of Birth: Age

Child's Place of Birth (*City or County and State*):

Father's Name

Father's Religion:

Mother's Maiden Name:

Mother's Religion:

Telephone Number _____

Address (street, city, state, zip):

Godfather: (Please see requirements to be a Godfather)

Catholic, Single, Married in the Catholic Church

Godmother: (Please see requirements to be a Godmother)

Catholic, Single, Married in the Catholic Church

Name of Church you are member and attend

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Is the child adopted YES NO

Is one of the Godparents represented by proxy? YES NO

Name of Representative _____

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 received with this form: Birth Certificate. Godparents sponsorship letter. Father and mother attended the pre-baptismal class. Godparents attended the pre-baptismal class. Authorization letter to baptize at St. Anthony of Padua. Parents are not members but live within the boundaries of St. Anthony, or should bring a letter from _____, which does not issue those authorization letters.