



Corpus Christi Parish
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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 second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Saturdays of the month at 11:00 am. 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 Saturday.
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.
1. 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).
2. 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.

3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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.

The Rite of Baptism

1. All meet at the entrance of the Church. The father or mother holds the child, with the godparents on either side of the parents.
2. 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.
3. The Word of God: Scripture Reading, Homily, Intercessions, Invocation of the Saints.
4. Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens.
5. 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.
6. Procession to the Altar. Lord's Prayer. Blessing.
7. Presentation or Hymn to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Next steps:

1. Please complete the following and return them to the Parish Office:
 - Baptism Registration Form for Children (2 pages)
 - Godparent Form (2 pages) per Godparent
 - \$50.00 administration fee. Cash or cheque payable to Corpus Christi Parish.
2. Your forms will be reviewed by the parish priest / office.
3. You will be registered to attend the preparatory classes only after your forms have been reviewed. In some cases, the priest may wish to speak with you prior to the classes.
4. The parish office will book a date for the baptism **after** you have completed your classes and have been approved / interviewed by the priest.

Please keep this sheet for your record.



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Baptism Registration Form for Children

Child's Information

Legal Name of Child as it appears on the official birth certificate: (Please provide a copy of the birth certificate)		
Child's Patron Saint's Name (if different from above):	Birth Order:	Gender:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth: (City, Country)	

Parent's Information

Father's Full Legal Name:		Mother's Full Legal Maiden Name:	
Father's Religion: <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> None	Attends Holy Mass on Sunday: <input type="checkbox"/> Every Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Twice per month <input type="checkbox"/> Once per month <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a year	Mother's Religion: <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> None	Attends Holy Mass on Sunday: <input type="checkbox"/> Every Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Twice per month <input type="checkbox"/> Once per month <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a year
Father's Date of Birth:	Father's Telephone:	Mother's Date of Birth:	Mother's Telephone:
Father's Email:		Mother's Email:	
Father's Home Address:		Mother's Home Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Father's. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married - Catholic Church. Name & City of Church: Marriage Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Married – Civilly Only <input type="checkbox"/> Living with partner <input type="checkbox"/> Single / Unmarried <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced		Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married - Catholic Church. Name & City of Church: Marriage Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Married – Civilly Only <input type="checkbox"/> Living with partner <input type="checkbox"/> Single / Unmarried <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	

Godparent's Information

- I understand that there is to be only **one male** sponsor or **one female** sponsor or there may be **one of each** (Canon 873).

The following are the requirements for a Catholic to be a Godparent:

- Must be at least 16 years old (Canon 874).
- Must be fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation and leads a life of faith. (Canon 874).
- Is in good standing with the Catholic Church (e.g., has not married outside of the Catholic Church). A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic community (e.g., Protestant) cannot be a Godparent for a Roman Catholic. They can however, be a witness together with a qualified Roman Catholic who acts as a Godparent.
- Not the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

Godfather's Full Legal Name		Godmother's Full Legal Name	
Godfather's Home Address		Godmother's Home Address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Godfather's. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Godfather's Religion		Godmother's Religion	
Parish where he is currently registered:		Parish where she is currently registered:	
Has he been confirmed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attends Holy Mass on Sunday: <input type="checkbox"/> Every Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Twice per month <input type="checkbox"/> Once per month <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a year	Has she been confirmed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attends Holy Mass on Sunday: <input type="checkbox"/> Every Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Twice per month <input type="checkbox"/> Once per month <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a year
Married in a Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name & City:		Married in a Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name & City:	
Is Godfather represented by a Proxy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name of Male Proxy:		Is Godmother represented by a Proxy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name of Female Proxy:	

Request for Baptism

As the parent(s) of this child, we (I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for the Sacrament of Baptism. • 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. • Declare that the information on this form is true and accurate. 	
Father's Signature & Date	Mother's Signature & Date



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Godparent Form

(To be completed by the Godparent)

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Name of child to be baptized:		
Godparent's Legal Name:		
Date of Birth:	Godparent's Tel:	
Godparent's Address:	Godparent's Email:	
Name of Godparent's Catholic Parish:		
Baptized in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Name & City of Church: <input type="checkbox"/> No	First Communion in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Name & City of Church: <input type="checkbox"/> No	Confirmed in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Name & City of Church: <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Godparent's Statement of Faith

Name of child to be baptized:

Godparent's Legal Name:

I, hereby state that I am

- A baptized and confirmed Catholic
- A registered member of _____ Parish and I am in good standing with the Catholic Church.

I testify that the above statements are true and I accept my obligations to _____ and to the Catholic Church. (Name of Child to be baptized)

Godparent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Godparent's Parish Certificate

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge, _____ (Godparent's Name)

- Is a registered member of this parish
- Is an active member of this parish
- Attends Sunday Mass regularly
- Is a Catholic canonically in good standing

Priest's Name:

Parish Name & Address:

Parish Tel:

Priest's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parish Seal



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