

BAPTISM IS

More Than You Realize

Have you ever wondered what happens when a person is baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

Children of the Father

You become of child of God through baptism. Adam and Eve are our first parents. When Adam and Eve sinned, it corrupted their hearts, their minds, and even their flesh. In baptism, we go from being children of Adam and Eve to becoming children of God. St. John the Evangelist wrote, "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God"

(John 1:12-13).

Filled with the Holy Spirit You become a temple

of the Holy Spirit through baptism. When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit des-cended upon him like a dove and that event was the catalyst for him to fulfill his calling as Messiah. When a person is baptized, the Holy Spirit fills them with the same spirit and gifts that dwell within Jesus. This includes the grace to grow in virtue and in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In addition to these gifts the sacrament also provides distinctive missions, anointings and graces that will assist the baptized in living a life of fullness and greatness, bringing glory to God.

Into the Likeness of Jesus Christ

You are saved from sin through baptism by the power of Jesus' cross and resurrection. Jesus does this not by giving us the gift for our own use but by drawing us into himself, to become a part of his body. It is the grace of baptism that continues to transform us throughout our lives to change our hearts and become more like the one who saved us.

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Preparation Steps for Baptism

1. Call Christina Deeb, Parish Secretary, Baptism and Communications Coordinator at 303.414.2250.

We will have a brief conversation to determine your family's unique needs and how best to proceed. This step is essential to ensure we are both on the same page from the start.

2. Complete the Baptism Information Form

This is what we will use to add your child's name to your chosen date. *Nothing is scheduled until we receive this form.* We schedule our baptisms after the 11am Mass on Sundays. If that time does not work for you, we might be able to accommodate you. Please call Christina to determine what is possible!

This information will be used to record the celebration of the sacrament in the parish's official sacramental records. When your child is later confirmed and celebrates either holy matrimony or holy orders, anywhere in the world, the record of that celebration will be recorded at the parish where he/she was baptized.

3. Submit a Copy of Your Child's Birth Certificate

This just helps us ensure we are recording everything accurately. Only a copy is needed, not an official birth certificate.

4. Complete and Submit the Godparent Eligibility Form(s)

Godparents stand as representatives of the Catholic Church during the celebration of baptism but also provide the parents with support in raising their children in the Catholic faith. This form ensures that a godparent is eligible according to the Church's law to assume this duty. You may have a minimum of one Godparent and a maximum of two (one male, one female).

Godparents must be over 16, confirmed, in a valid sacramental marriage (if married) or living a chaste single life (if not married), and be actively practicing the faith.

5. Attend a Baptism Preparation Class

When a baby is baptized, he/she is baptized based on the desire and faith of the parent(s). Because of this, we offer the opportunity to learn why we baptize, what baptism is, and what the effects and obligations are that go along with it. This preparation will inform the parents and godparents in those areas and empower them to make the promises that are proclaimed during a baptism celebration. *Both the parents and godparents are required to attend a baptism preparation program.*

6. Celebration of Baptism!

Congratulations to you and your little one! Today begins the life-long journey of receiving and being transformed by the radical love of God through Jesus Christ. Welcome to the family!

Baptism Form Submission Guidelines

All forms can be scanned and emailed to Christina Deeb at <u>SECRETARY@OURLADYOFLORETO.ORC</u>. All paperwork is due a minimum of 2 weeks prior to your child's scheduled baptism.

***We will accept pictures of forms, but they need to be readable. Please make sure the image is completely flat (so place your phone right over the document) and easy to read. Please send the picture in the largest file size possible (i.e. don't minimize it as it will get blurry when I try to print it full-size). Apps such as CamScanner can also be helpful if you are unable to scan and email a form. ***

Directions for Godparent Forms

- 1. Get your form signed and sealed by the parish you attend.
- Scan and email a copy of your form to Christina Deeb. You are also welcome to mail or drop off the hard copy, but <u>please scan and email a copy before mailing</u> in case it gets lost in the mail.

Baptism Preparation Checklist

- Call Christina Deeb at 303.414.2250
- Submit Baptism Information Form
- Submit Birth Certificate
- Submit Godparent Forms
 - Attend Baptism Preparation Class



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Infant Baptism

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Godparent/Sponsor Eligibility Form

Congratulations on being asked to be a Godparent/Sponsor! By accepting this role, you are committing to play a significant role in this person's life, sharing the faith and encouraging him/her in his/her journey as a Catholic. If you are serving as a godparent for baptism, please attend a preparation class at your parish prior to the scheduled baptism. Please take the completed form to your parish and have it signed and sealed by the pastor or their representative. **Once complete, please return the form to the parents.**

Name of child receiving sacrament:

	First Name		Middle		Last Name	
Godparent						
or Sponsor: First Name			Middle		Last Name	
	Home Phone		Cell Phone			
Name of You	ur Catholic Parish:					
	Parish Name		City		State	
Qualificati	ons of a Godpar	ent/Sponsor				
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3. A Godpar	ent/Sponsor cannot k	pe a parent of the child to l	be baptized. Are y	ou a parent	: of the child? □ Yes [⊐ No
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• Catholics who were married by a Justice of the Peace, at another Christian church without special permission, and those cohabiting do not meet the requirements of this role.

Based on these guidelines, are you in good standing with the Church?
Yes No

6. Godparent only - I have attended a baptism preparation class within the past 5 years.

□ Yes □ No

I have truthfully answered the above questions and declare that I fulfill the Catholic Church's requirements of a Godparent/Sponsor. I commit to the responsibility of acting as a Godparent/Sponsor.

Godparent/Sponsor Signature

Date

The person who has signed this form above has testified that they fulfill all canonical requirements to serve as a godparent in the Catholic Church. To be signed and sealed by the Godparent's/Sponsor's Parish of Record:

Signature of Pastor or Pastor's Designee

Date

(Seal)

Parish Name

Parish City/State



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