

Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:3

# Preparation for The Sacrament of Baptism

## Choosing a Godparent (Sponsor)

To be chosen as a Godparent (sponsor) is a special gift and responsibility. The Godparent(s) should be a faithful, practicing Catholic who will provide an example of a life of faith lived through word and action.

- **Godparents** must be at least 16 years of age.
- **Godparents** have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Communion and Confirmation and be practicing their faith (attend Sunday Mass, regular reception of the Sacraments, and active within their parish)
- **Godparents** set a good Christian example in accordance with church teachings and support the parent(s) in raising the child in the Catholic faith.
- **By church law**, one Godparent, male or female is sufficient. If two are chosen, one must be female and the other male.
- **A maximum of 2 Godparents** (only 1 is necessary) OR 1 Godparent and 1 Christian Witness (remaining 1 male and 1 female).
- **A baptized** Christian may act as a Christian Witness but not as a Godparent. His or her role would be to witness to Christ for the sake of this newly baptized child. If you would like to choose someone as a Christian witness, the parents must still chose a Godparent. A Christian Witness cannot substitute as a Godparent. The Christian Witness' name is not entered on the baptism certificate. *Parents must speak to the Sacrament Assistant before asking someone to be a Christian Witness.*

## TO REGISTER

Call Diane to arrange a date & time for an office visit.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION OFFERED

**Saturday**  
1 - 3pm

Sept 7  
Nov 2  
Feb 1  
May 2

OR

**Sunday**  
2:30 - 4:30 pm

Dec 15  
Mar 15

OR

**Monday**  
7 - 9 pm

Oct 7  
Jan 6  
Apr 6  
June 8

## BAPTISM CELEBRATION DATES

**Saturday 5pm**  
MASS

Sept 21  
Oct 19  
Nov 16  
Jan 18  
Feb 8  
Apr 18  
May 9  
June 20  
July 18  
Aug 15

**Sunday 12pm**  
MASS

Sept. 22  
Oct. 20  
Nov. 17  
Jan. 19  
Feb 23  
Apr 19  
May 24  
June 21

## Sunday 2pm BAPTISM LITURGY (no Mass)

Sept 29	Apr 26
Oct 27	May 31
Dec 1	June 28
Jan 26	July 19
Feb 9	Aug 16

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## Congratulations!

Whether you are expecting the birth of your child. or your child has already been born, it is time to consider the gift of baptism for your child.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** for infants to age 7 is one of the Sacraments of Initiation by which your child becomes a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. In the waters of Baptism, your child participates in the dying and rising to new life with Jesus. It is through Baptism that your child begins a journey of faith with God, supported by the Catholic Christian Community.

St. Thomas More considers the Celebration of Baptism a special time for family, friends and the entire parish community. For this reason, we would like to help you prepare for your child's baptism.



## 4 Steps Necessary for Baptism

### 1. Gather the following:

- Child's long form birth certificate (photocopy)
- Godparent(s) Confirmation certificate\* (photocopy)
- 4 X 6 photograph of the child (on photo paper)
- \$20 to cover cost of materials

\* if the original documents are not available, please contact church where the Baptism took place to retrieve a copy of an updated document. The updated document needs to state that person has received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

### 2. Book Office Visit to Register

Once all of the documents have been gathered, please call the Sacrament Assistant to book an Office Visit. Both parents are required to sign the registration form. If both parents are not able to attend this visit to register the child for Baptism then second signature can be obtained at another time.

**Contact:** Diane Middleton  
Sacrament Assistant  
780-434-6313 ext. 233

### 3. Attend Baptism Preparation Sessions

Both parents and the godparent(s) are required to attend .



In Baptism, the role of parents and godparents is important. Parents and godparents are representatives of God and the Catholic Church, serving as the primary teachers of the faith, and caring for the spiritual needs of the child throughout his/her life. Godparents also are asked to attend Baptism Preparation sessions and ideally it is best if they can attend the same class at St. Thomas More parish with the parents if possible.

### 4. The Baptism Celebration

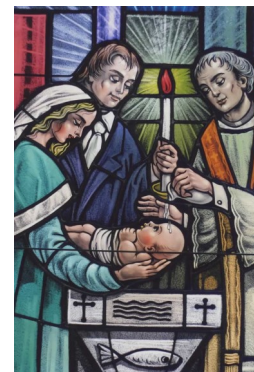
Baptisms are usually celebrated 3 times a month; during a Saturday Mass at 5pm, a Sunday Mass at 12pm; and a 2pm Sunday Baptism Liturgy. There are no baptisms during Advent or Lent.

In July and August, baptisms take place one week-end a month at a Saturday Mass at 5pm and at a 2pm Sunday Baptism Liturgy.

#### PLEASE NOTE

*If you are hoping to baptize your child on a particular date, please book the Office Visit at least three months in advance.*

*To baptize your child in July or August 2020, the Office Visit and Baptism Preparation Sessions must be completed by June 2020.*



*All of the dates for the various steps are listed on the reverse and are subject to availability and change.*