



*“There fore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*

*Matthew 28:19*

## 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.

## 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.



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.

**Baptism Preparation** is required for both parents and godparents.

For information about *Baptism Preparation* and choosing a date & time for *Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism*,

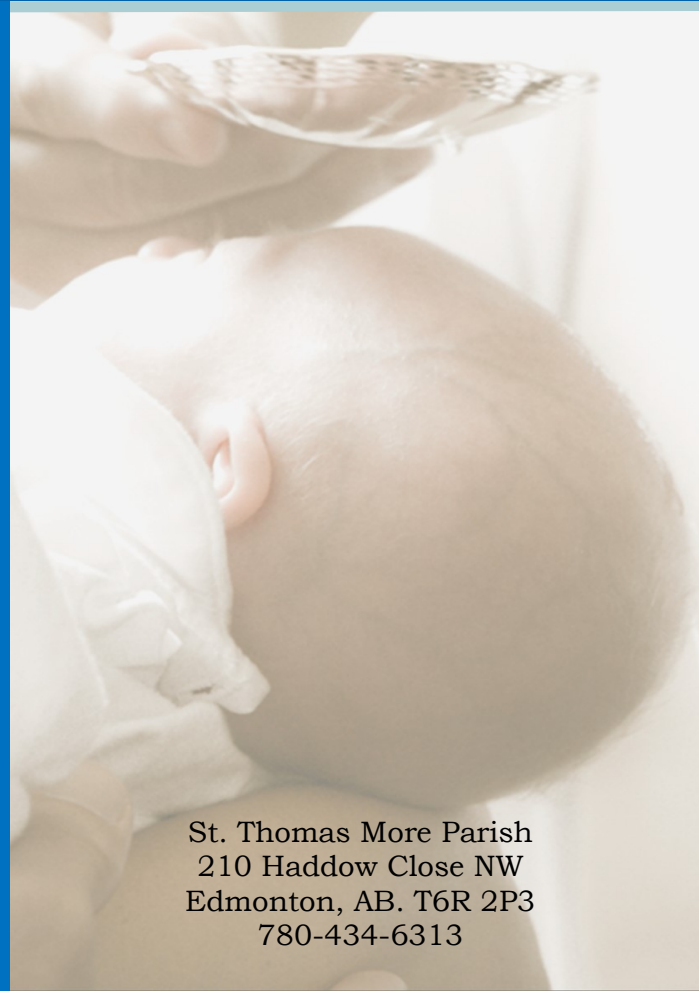
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### Gather the following:

- Child’s long form birth certificate (copy)
- 4 X 6 photograph of the child
- \$20 to cover cost of materials



- **Godparents** must be at least 16 years of age, and have received the 3 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation, and be practicing their faith.
- **Godparents** set a good Christian example 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**  
OR  
1 Godparent and 1 Christian Witness  
(one male and one female)



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- **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.