

Sacramental Preparation and Guidelines

Baptism of Infants:

Canon 867:

1. Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth; as soon as possible after the birth, or even before it; parents are to go to the pastor to request the sacrament for their child and to be prepared for it properly.
2. An infant in danger of death is to be baptized without any delay.

Canon 868:

1. For the licit baptism of an infant it is necessary that:
 - the parents or at least one of them or the person who lawfully takes their place gives consent;
 - there be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such a hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be put off according to the prescriptions of particular law and the parents are to be informed of the reason.
2. The infant of Catholic parents, in fact of non-Catholic parents also, who is in danger of death is licitly baptized even against the will of the parents.

Canon 872: Insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

Canon 873: Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed.

Canon 874:

1. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:
 - be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
 - have completed the sixteenth year...
 - be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
 - not to be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
 - not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized.
2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.



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Baptism Information

Parent(s) or legal guardians wishing to have their child(ren) baptized must attend an initial meeting with the Pastor. At this initial meeting, both parents or legal guardians will be given a Baptismal Packet and information needed in order to complete all the necessary paperwork required to have their child(ren) baptized.

A person seeking the Sacrament of Baptism should be a resident of the Natomas area or be a registered Divine Mercy parishioner, who participates in the life of the parish and financially supports the parish. If the person seeking the Sacrament of Baptism lives in the area but is not a registered parishioner of Divine Mercy, he/she is invited to register as a member of Divine Mercy. Those individuals not currently registered in any parish are encouraged to register themselves as parishioners in a Catholic Church in their area of residence.

Registration Procedures

Necessary documents:

- Baptism Register Form
- Birth Certificate - For the child/person to be baptized
- Parents Identification

For married godparents/sponsors:

- Identification
- Confirmation Certificate
- Marriage Certificate by the Catholic Church

For single godparents/sponsors: (not living with someone)

- Identification
- Confirmation Certificate

Both parents and godparents/sponsors need to attend the pre-baptismal classes:

- Classes are held 1st and 2nd WEDNESDAYS of each month from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Baptism Ceremony is scheduled every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am

Donation Amount (Non-refundable):

\$50.00 per child (Parishioner)

\$75.00 per child (Non-Parishioner)

All documentation must be turned in before you see the priest for interview so that you are scheduled for the class and given the date of baptism.

(This part of the form can be kept by the applicant.)



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Application for Baptism of a Child

As members of Divine Mercy Parish, we make a public profession of our faith and desire to share it with our child. We understand the Sacrament of Baptism is:

- A celebration of NEW LIFE, the life of Jesus which is the share life in the Catholic community and the incorporation of our child to the Body of Christ, "The Church";
- A celebration in the presence of the Catholic community;
- A permanent faith commitment made by us on behalf of our child into which our child will eventually grow;
- A commitment which requires that we ourselves practice faithfully the Catholic faith in order to be a living example.

Child's Full Name:		Christian Name:		
Date of Birth:		City & State of Birth:		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
FATHER	Full Name:		Full Maiden Name:	
	Address:		Address:	
	Email:		Email:	
	Phone:		Phone:	
	Religion:		Religion:	
MOTHER				
In what Church were the parents married?				
To help us in our commitments, we have selected as Godparents:				
Godfather's Name:		Godmother's Name:		
They have agreed to fulfill their responsibilities. As far as we know, they are practicing Catholics, baptized, confirmed and received the Eucharist, and they will bring a letter from their pastor certifying this.				
We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child.				
Signature of Legal Father:		Date:	Signature of Legal Mother:	Date:
For Office Use Only				
Donation Amount:		<input type="checkbox"/> Parishioner \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Parishioner \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Check #	
Attended Classes in the month of:	Year:	1 st	2 nd	
Baptism Date:	Celebrant:		Record Date:	
Initial Meeting Attended with:			Date:	



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Godparent Sponsor Form for Baptism

There must be at least one and preferably two godparents/sponsors for each child being baptized. The father or mother of child to be baptized cannot be a godparent/sponsor.

To qualify as a godparent/sponsor, the godparent/sponsor must:

- be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place, and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role
- have completed the sixteenth year of age
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed, received the Eucharist, if applies, in a valid Catholic sacramental marriage and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken
- be registered in a Roman Catholic Church
- have completed baptismal preparation class series (please attach verification of attendance)

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.

Name of Person to be Baptized:	
Signature of Individual Godparent/Sponsor: (Attests that he/she is qualified and accepts the responsibility)	
Name of Godparent/Sponsor:	Address:
Phone:	City, State & Zip Code:
TO BE COMPLETED BY PRIEST OF GODPARENT/SPONSOR'S PARISH	
Parish Name:	
Parish Address:	
Priest's Signature:	

Parish Seal

This certificate is valid when it bears the signatures of the godparent/sponsor and his/her parish priest.