



# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and are sharers in her mission: Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213).

Corpus Christi Catholic Church celebrates Baptisms on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 2:30 PM at the Church. All paperwork must be returned to the parish office, and parents must have attended a Baptism preparation class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

## **Additional Information:**

- Parents must attend a Baptism preparation class. Class is **usually** held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Church. Please call the Parish Office to register for a class. Parents who have previously attended a Baptism preparation class when having a sibling Baptized are not required to attend again. Godparents are also encouraged to attend, although their attendance is not mandatory.
- The “Baptism Request Form” must be completed and returned to the Parish Office. Once all the forms, including the original sponsor certificates for the Godparents are received in the Parish Office, and your attendance at a Baptism preparation class has been confirmed, your Baptism can be scheduled.
- Parents must provide sponsor certificates for each Catholic Godparent. At least one Godparent **MUST** be a practicing Catholic. The Godparent should contact the Church where he/she is currently registered to request a sponsor certificate. If a Christian Witness is chosen to participate in and witness the Baptism, they must provide a copy of their Baptism certificate. If two sponsors are chosen, one must be male, the other female. For Baptism, a parent may act as a proxy. Please note, a lapsed Catholic cannot serve as either a Godparent or a Christian witness. See the full set of requirements for Sponsors below.

## **GODPARENTS/SPONSORS:**

Canon law requires 1 Godparent. If two are chosen, one must be a man, one must be a woman. One Godparent **MUST** be a practicing Catholic, up-to-date on all his/her sacraments, at least 16 years of age, attends Mass weekly, if married, must be married in the Catholic Church.

If the other sponsor is not Catholic, he/she must be Baptized Christian. They are recorded as a Christian Witness in the Baptismal records and on the certificate. Non-Christians may **NOT** be sponsors (Mormon, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, etc). Lapsed Catholics or a Catholic married outside the church may **NOT** be a sponsor for Baptism.

## **PROXIES:**

If the Godparents cannot make it to the ceremony, a proxy may be selected. Sponsor forms are required for the proxy. A parent may not act as a proxy for a Godparent.

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