



Catholic Church of the Resurrection, Table View

Baptism Guidelines





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INFORMATION FOR BAPTISM

**PLEASE READ NOTES CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS SECTION PLEASE
PRINT CLEARLY**

SURNAME: _____

CHILD'S CHRISTIAN NAMES(S) _____ MALE / FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENTS DETAILS:

FATHER'S NAME: _____ MOTHER'S NAME: _____

RELIGION: _____ RELIGION: _____

MAIDEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

TEL NO FATHER: _____ TEL NO MOTHER: _____

DETAILS OF MARRIAGE AT: _____ CHURCH

NAME OF CITY: _____ DATE: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THIS PARISH? YES / NO

IF NO "WHY NOT": _____

GODPARENT(S) DETAILS: **ONE GODPARENT MUST BE CONFIRMED PRACTICING CATHOLIC**

FULL NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

RELIGION: _____ ARE THEY FROM THIS PARISH: YES / NO

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ADDRESS: _____

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STOLE FEES PAID TO PRIEST: YES / NO

Dear Parent(s)

This little pamphlet is addressed to you, since you have asked to have your child / children baptised.

WHY BAPTISM?

The Sacrament was instituted by Jesus, and He tells us of how important it is in His conversation with Nicodemus, when He says: “I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born again through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.” (John 3:3). In Matthew 28:19, we read the great command given by Jesus to His Apostles: “Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations: baptise them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you”. Mark’s “Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. The one who believes and is baptised will be saved.” (Mark 16:16).

WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO FOR US?

We can summarise the effects of Baptism in a person’s life as follows”-

1. It takes away Original Sin, and any Actual Sin which the one being baptised may have committed. If the one being baptised (an adult, obviously) has real sorrow, then the Sacrament also removes all punishment due to sin;
2. It makes us children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, and makes us members of His Body, the Church. So, we become members of the People of God.
3. It fills us with the presence of the Holy Spirit, a Presence that will alter be strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation.
4. It opens for us the gateway to other Sacraments and so also the gateway of Heaven;
5. It fills us with grace, this wonderful, supernatural gift of God which gives us a share in His Divine life: so, it is the beginning of our relationship with the Lord.

This all shows us how vital this Sacrament is, and the changes it produces in the lives of those who receive it.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

During the ceremony of Baptism, you as a Parent will Be asked to promise that you will Bring your child / Children up according to the Law of Christ and His Church, since you are the first teach of your children In the ways of faith.



Your duty will consist in mainly sure that your words and your example as Catholic parents will be a source of strength and spiritual nourishment to your children. It is by your own love for and devotion to the church which is Christ' Body, that you will send your children firmly on the path which leads to Eternal Life with God. Your love and devotion too the Church is expressed in four particular ways:

1. Your reverence for, and regular attendance at the Sacraments, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and Confession;
2. Your daily prayer, especially as a family;
3. Your daily reading of Holy Scripture, especially as a family;
4. You're striving to keep the Commandments of Jesus Christ and His Church.

It will also be your duty to ensure that your child / children Will receive proper instruction in the faith, through regular Attendance at Catechism class.



ROLE OF GODPARENTS

If anything were to happen to the parents which would make them unable to fulfil the duties described above, then it would become the role of the Godparents. It is For this reason that the Church insists that **both**, or **at least one** of the Godparents **must** be an **Adult, Confirmed and a practising Catholic**. Also that they get this letter completed by the parish priest where they attend Mass regularly **if not** at the Table View Catholic Church.



THE CEREMONY OF BAPTISM

Before the Sacrament of Baptism is administered, the parents and Godparents of the child / children to be baptised are obliged by the law of the Church to attend a session of instruction, during which the importance of Baptism as well as their duties will be explained. Before or during that instruction, the parents are asked to fill in the Baptism Application form which they will fill in when seeing the priest before the Baptism Instruction. The information on this form must be given in full, since this is necessary for the Church register.

The **Rite of Baptism** is simple and straightforward, and a copy will be Provided for parents. Godparents and guests during the ceremony. The parents will provide a Baptismal Candle (although it would, however be fine symbol if you brought a candle, suitably decorated for us during the service) and an official certificate of Baptism will be presented.

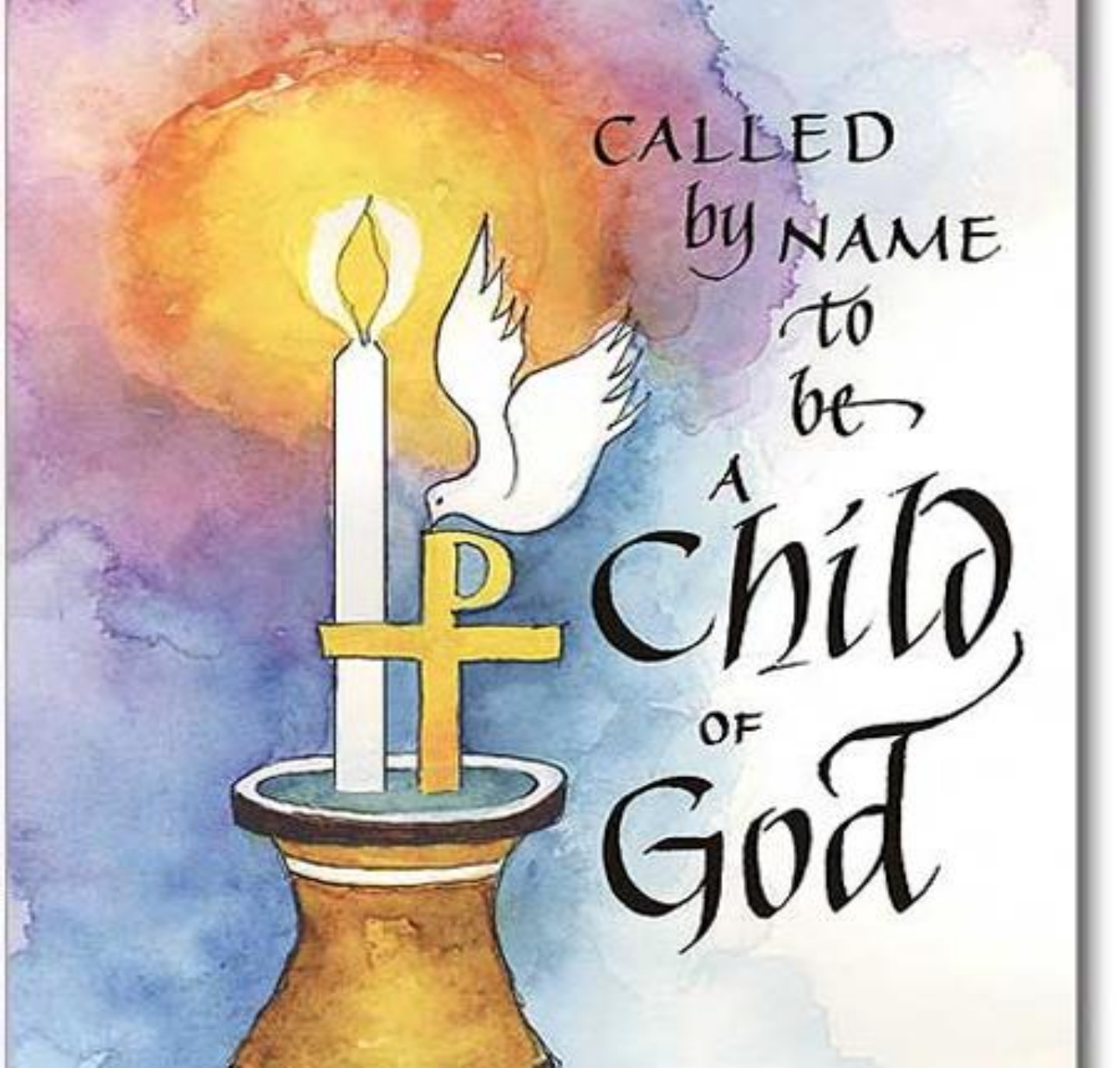


This certificate must be kept in a safe place, since it will have to **be produced** for Your **child's First Holy Communion** and again for **Confirmation**.

STIPEND

It is customary to give an offering to the church or the priest for Instructing the Baptism





CALLED
by NAME
to be

A
Child
OF
God

SO WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE TO HAVE MY CHILD BAPTISED.

- You contact the Parish Office for an appointment to see the priest.
- Complete the information page that is sent to you or use the one in the guideline.
- Take a copy of your child's birth certificate with to your appointment.
- Once you have seen the priest you and your godparent/s will attend the Pre-Baptism Instruction that takes place the last Saturday of the month at 11:00am.
- If your godparent is **not a practicing** Catholic from this parish you will require him/her to take the commitment of godparent for Baptism form to the parish him/her attend to have it completed by the priest and signed and returned to the Parish where your child will be baptised.
- Make sure that you and your godparents and family attend the 10:30am Mass before the Baptism will take place at 11:30am (which is after the Mass).
- Only one child gets baptised at a Sunday morning Mass, unless the family has more than one sibling to baptise.



I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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