

# St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

## Sacrament of Baptism

### Instructions for Parents and Godparents

Biblical evidence is quite clear that Christ established the Sacrament of Baptism. It is no surprise that Baptism is the first sacrament the early Church practiced. Baptism is also one of the three sacraments of initiation.

We currently celebrate baptisms in English and Spanish on the second Saturday of every month and in Vietnamese on the fourth Saturday except during Lent.

Anyone may pick up a baptism packet however in order to avoid any misunderstandings or confusion, we will deal **ONLY** with the parents of the child to be baptized.

#### Steps to Have Your Child Baptized

- Parents complete the enclosed Baptism Information and godparent complete the Godparent Information forms. **Use pencil only. Please print clearly so that all the information can be read easily by another person.** The forms must be completely filled out. **Incomplete forms will not be accepted.** The baptism cannot be scheduled until all forms are accepted and approved.
- After you have completed the Baptism Information form and the godparents have completed their forms, bring them along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and the \$60.00 administration fee them to the Parish Center office.
- Deliver the following documents to the Parish Center office.
  - The completed Baptism Information form
  - The completed Godparent Information form(s)
  - A copy of your child's birth certificate
  - The \$60.00 baptism administrative fee (cash or check payable to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church)

**We cannot accept the package until it is complete.**

**Note:** If you are not a registered member of St. Joseph the Worker parish or you do not live within the parish boundaries, you will need a letter of permission from your local parish in order to have your child baptized here. Parish boundaries are: Parthenia to the North, Victory to the South, Wilbur to the East and De Soto to the West.

- When your documents are accepted you will be given a date for a pre-baptism interview.
- You will then need to attend a pre-baptism class. This class is for the parents and godparents.

The importance of baptism is made clear in the example of Jesus being baptized and in his parting words to his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:18).

By the waters of baptism the door to Christianity is opened, and we are made members of the body of Christ. Through this baptism, your child becomes a part of our faith community in the Catholic Church.

# BAPTISM INFORMATION

PLEASE READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY BEFORE ENTERING INFORMATION

*Please PRINT CLEARLY and USE PENCIL*

POR FAVOR LEA ESTE FORMULARIO COMPLETAMENTE ANTES DE INGRESAR INFORMACIÓN

*Por favor SOLO LAPIZ y LETRA de IMPRENTA*

## Child's Information:

First Name and Middle Name of Child / Nombre del niño(a)

Last Name / Apellido

City of Birth / Ciudad de nacimiento

Date of Birth / Fecha de nacimiento

Age/Edad

Was the child privately baptized because of illness? / ¿Fue el niño(a) bautizado(a) antes por motivos de enfermedad?  Yes/Sí  No

Was the child adopted? / ¿Fue el niño(a) adoptado(a)?  Yes/Sí  No, If Yes please supply documentation, En caso afirmativo, proporcione la documentación

## Parents' Information:

Father's Name / Nombre del padre

Religion / Religión

Completed Class / / /  
Date

Mother's First Name and Maiden Name / Nombre de soltera de la madre

Religion / Religión

Completed Class / / /  
Date

Address / Dirección

City/Ciudad

ZIP Code

Home Phone / Teléfono de la casa

Work Phone / Teléfono del trabajo

Cell Phone / Teléfono Celular

Email / Correo electrónico

Were the parents married in the Catholic Church? / ¿Se casaron los padres por la Iglesia Católica?  Yes/Si  No

Name of Church / Nombre de la iglesia: \_\_\_\_\_

In what parish is the family registered? / ¿En qué parroquia están registrados? \_\_\_\_\_

If not a registered member at St. Joseph the Worker, and you reside outside of the parish boundaries, you will need permission from your resident parish to baptize your child here.

Si no es un miembro registrado en esta parroquia, y vive fuera de los límites de esta parroquia, necesitará permiso de la parroquia donde vive para bautizar su niño/a aquí.

Do you have permission to baptize outside of your parish? / ¿Tiene permiso para bautizar fuera de su parroquia?  Yes/Sí  No

Why are you requesting baptism here? / ¿Por qué pide usted bautismo aquí? \_\_\_\_\_

### • Godparents must fill out the enclosed Godparent Information Form

Godfather's Name / Nombre del padrino

Telephone / Teléfono

Religion / Religión

Completed Class / / /  
Date

Godmother's Name / Nombre de la madrina

Telephone / Teléfono

Religion / Religión

Completed Class / / /  
Date

Notes:

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## Form Date:

English  Spanish  Vietnamese

\$60.00 Fee Paid

Forms Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Forms Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Presider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Recorded  Date Certificate Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Call Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer's Comments: (Please enter all comments concerning this baptism here.)

Name of Godparent's proxy, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

# Godparent Information

## *To be completed by the Godparent!*

In preparation to take part in a sacrament of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church believes that being a godparent is an extremely important role. Because of the importance attached to this role, the Church asks that you as a godparent meet the following requirements:

1. Be at least 16 years old.
2. Not be a parent of the child.
3. Be already strengthened yourself with the sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.**
4. Be committed to a life in harmony with the faith and your role.
5. Be willing to accept, freely, the responsibility of supporting this family and the child in the faith.

By my signature I attest and affirm that I meet with the requirements to be a Godparent in the Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Congratulations! This is a great moment in your life. To be selected as a godparent is a great privilege. At the same time, it carries profound responsibility because it is in a real sense a spiritual parenthood. Through prayer, word, example, and companionship with your godchild, you are asked to show in a very personal way what it means to be a follower of Christ on His Way of Love. You must be for your godchild, or the one that you sponsor, a teacher and a role model in the ways of this belief. This is a serious commitment and a lifelong relationship! May this deep sharing of faith be for you and your godchild a means of spiritual growth.

Name of the Person You Will Sponsor:		Relationship to the Person You Will Sponsor:	
Your Name (Please Print):			Age:
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email Address:			
Church Where You Are a Registered Member or Are Attending Mass:			
✝ Baptized <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Church of Your Baptism:			
City:		State:	
✝ Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Church of Your Confirmation:			
City:		State:	
Are You Married? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, If yes, were you married in the Catholic Church: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide a copy of your marriage certificate.			
Church where you were married:			
City:		State:	

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Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email Address:			
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City:		State:	
✝ Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, Church of Your Confirmation:			
City:		State:	
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City:		State:	