



CHILDREN BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

Newborn - 6 Years Old

Revised September 1, 2017

We ask you to submit ALL the paperworks to the parish office two (2) month prior to the Baptism Ceremony. Thank you!

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Date of Baptismal Preparation Class: _____ **Date of Baptism Ceremony:** _____

Full Name of Child _____
(Optional Baptismal/Saint Name) First Middle Last

Address _____
Number Street Apartment

City State Zip Code E-mail

Phone number(s) you want to be reached _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ **Place of Birth (City and State)** _____

Who is requesting Baptism? Mother Father Both

Father's Name	_____ First Middle Last
Is Father baptized ? Yes No Baptized as Catholic or Non-Catholic 1 st Communion ? Yes No Confirmation ? Yes No	Marriage Status: single widower separated divorced If divorced, was this <i>previously divorced</i> marriage annulled by the Church? Yes No If no, will you like to apply for annulment? Yes No Are you currently married ? Yes No If yes, are you married by a Catholic priest/deacon? Yes No If no, will you like to <i>have your current marriage</i> blessed in the Catholic Church? Yes No If yes, when will you like _____

Mother's Name	_____ First Middle Maiden Last
Is Mother baptized ? Yes No Baptized as Catholic or Non-Catholic 1 st Communion ? Yes No Confirmation ? Yes No	Marriage Status: single widower separated divorced If divorced, was this <i>previously divorced</i> marriage annulled by the Church? Yes No If no, will you like to apply for annulment? Yes No Are you currently married ? Yes No If yes, are you married by a Catholic priest/deacon? Yes No If no, will you like to <i>have your current marriage</i> blessed in the Catholic Church? Yes No If yes, when will you like _____

Please fill out the next page → Please fill out the next page → Please fill out the next page →

CATHOLIC GODPARENTS / CHRISTIAN WITNESS

*** A: If there are two (2) Catholic Godparents (at least 16 years old), one must be male and the other female.**

Catholic GodFather's Name	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 33%;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 33%;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 33%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: small;">First</td> <td style="font-size: small;">Middle</td> <td style="font-size: small;">Last</td> </tr> </table>				First	Middle	Last
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Is GodFather baptized ? Yes No Baptized as Catholic or Non-Catholic 1 st Communion ? Yes No Confirmation ? Yes No	Marriage Status: single widower separated divorced If divorced, was this <i>previously divorced</i> marriage annulled by the Church? Yes No If no, will you like to apply for annulment? Yes No Are you currently married ? Yes No If yes, are you married by a Catholic priest/deacon? Yes No If no, will you like to <i>have your current marriage</i> blessed in the Catholic Church? Yes No If yes, when will you like _____						

Catholic GodMother's Name	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 33%;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 33%;"></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 33%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: small;">First</td> <td style="font-size: small;">Middle</td> <td style="font-size: small;">Last</td> </tr> </table>				First	Middle	Last
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Is GodMother baptized ? Yes No Baptized as Catholic or Non-Catholic 1 st Communion ? Yes No Confirmation ? Yes No	Marriage Status: single widower separated divorced If divorced, was this <i>previously divorced</i> marriage annulled by the Church? Yes No If no, will you like to apply for annulment? Yes No Are you currently married ? Yes No If yes, are you married by a Catholic priest/deacon? Yes No If no, will you like to <i>have your current marriage</i> blessed in the Catholic Church? Yes No If yes, when will you like _____						

*** B: If there is one (1) Catholic Godparent, the other can be a Non-Catholic but a baptized person as a “Christian Witness.”**

Christian Witness's Name _____
First
Middle
Last

Christian Witness's Faith-Denomination _____

CHECK LIST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism Registration Form <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism Class Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor's Approval Letter OR <input type="checkbox"/> St. Cecilia Envelope/ID number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Donation (Cash, Check, Online Payment) <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Baptism Class at St. Cecilia _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Baptism Ceremony at St. Cecilia _____
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Thank you very much for considering having your child baptized at St. Cecilia Church.

OFFICE	Interviewed by: _____ Parish Envelope/ID Number: _____
USE	Donation received on: _____ Certificate issued by: _____
ONLY	Baptism Presider: _____ Certificate recorded by: _____



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Dear Parents of the Children to be baptized,

Welcome to St. Cecilia! Thank you very much for considering having your child baptized here at St. Cecilia Church.

- a) For the **Baptism Registration Form**: EITHER download it from the parish website (www.stcecilia.org) under "Sacraments" OR pick it up at the parish office during the office hours: **Mon. – Sat., 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.**
- b) A **donation of fifty dollars (\$50.00)** is suggested to cover the cost of materials and maintenance. Checks can be made out to "St. Cecilia Church". For Donation Online by Credit/Debit Card: please visit our parish website (www.stcecilia.org) and click on "Donate/Pay" online. **For a private baptism, it is \$300.00.**
- c) You are encouraged to have your child baptized at the church you attend regularly and where your child will receive their faith formation education such as First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes.
 - IF you are a member of St. Cecilia: please write on this form your **St. Cecilia Envelope/ID Number.**
 - IF you are not a member of St. Cecilia, but a member elsewhere: please obtain **your Pastor's Approval Letter** of your child's baptism at St. Cecilia, and submit this Pastor's Approval Letter to us.
- d) **Baptismal Preparation Class: mandatory for Parents and Catholic Godparents.** This class is for **adults only.** Please kindly leave your children at home. If Parents or Godparents need to babysit or have a work schedule conflict, please attend separate classes to fulfill the requirement. If Parents and Godparents have **already** attended a similar class in the past two (2) years, you will be waived to attend the class at this time when you submit your **Baptismal Preparation Class Certificate** or call us to verify your attendance by our records. **Baptism Ceremony** may be postponed if both Parents and Godparents do not complete **Baptismal Preparation Class.** Please read the next page for answers to the questions regarding Godparents and the requirements.
- e) We ask you to submit to us **your Child's Birth Certificate**
- f) In order to help us to prepare everything smoothly for your child's baptism, we ask you to submit ALL the paperworks to the parish office two (2) months prior to the Baptism Ceremony. Thank you.**
- g) For more information,
 - English Baptism:** Please contact **Front Desk** (714-544-3250, Ext. 10)
 - Spanish Baptism:** Please contact **Carmen y Fernando Macias** (714-818-7527)
 - Vietnamese Baptism:** Please contact **Deacon Dong** (714-504-9186)

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

English on 2ND Wednesdays: 7:00 – 8:30 PM, in the Sacristy room.

Spanish on 1ST Tuesdays & 4TH Tuesdays: 6:30 – 9:30 PM, in the Bride/Flower room.

Vietnamese on 1ST Sundays: 2:00 – 2:45 PM, in the Bride/Flower room.

BAPTISM CEREMONY

English on 4TH Sundays, 3 – 4 PM, in the Church. Arrive no later than 2:45 PM.

Spanish on 2ND Sundays, **2 – 3 PM**, in the Church. Arrive no later than 1:45 PM.

Vietnamese on 1ST Sundays, 3 – 4 PM, in the Church. Arrive no later than 2:45 PM.

CHECK LIST

- Birth Certificate
- Baptism Registration Form
- Baptism Class Certificate
- Pastor's Approval Letter OR St. Cecilia Envelope/ID number: _____
- Donation (Cash, Check, Online Payment)
- Date of Baptism Class at St. Cecilia _____
- Date of Baptism Ceremony at St. Cecilia _____

Questions & Answers - Children Baptism - St. Cecilia

Code of Canon Law, #774 and # 872-874 & Catechism of the Catholic Church #1255 and #1311

1. What is the role of a Catholic Godparent?

To be a Catholic Godparent is an honor and an awesome responsibility. It calls one to draw even deeper into the heart of Christ to gain wisdom in guiding the spiritual life of the child in the ways of Christ and His Church. The Catholic Godparent(s), together with the child's parents, must be willing to help the child being baptized to grow in love for Christ and for neighbors. By word and example, the Catholic Godparent(s) will encourage the child to live the Christian life and the Catholic faith and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with faith and life.

2. Does a Catholic Godparent need to be a Catholic?

YES, A CATHOLIC GODPARENT MUST BE A FAITH-PRACTICING CATHOLIC, and he/she

- has received **the three (3) Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation**.
- is at least 16 years of age.
- attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- is a registered member of a Catholic Parish.
- is **not** the parent of the child being baptized.
- has the manner of life in harmony with the Faith and the Role of a Catholic Godparent to be undertaken.
- *If married: he/she is married by the Catholic priest/deacon.* The current marriage is canonically valid and
- recognized as such by the Catholic Church.
- understands the responsibilities of and assumes the obligations of a Catholic Godparent for Baptism.
- declares, by prayer and example, to encourage and instruct a child in living out the Catholic faith.
- testifies before God and God's minister to the truth of what is stated here above.

In summary: The Catholic Godparent takes on the responsibility to be a role model and teacher to the child in the practice of the Catholic faith. **Non-practicing Catholics** are not in a position to fulfill this role, and they disqualify themselves from serving as Catholic Godparents. **Again, Catholic Godparents must be faith-practicing Catholics.**

3. If not a Catholic Godparent, then who is a Christian Witness?

If the person is a non-Catholic person, he/she **cannot** be admitted as a Catholic Godparent. However, if the non-Catholic person has a valid baptism in his/her Christian Faith, then he/she can be admitted and serve as a **Christian Witness** to the event of the Baptism.

4. How many Catholic Godparents should your child have at Baptism?

There are 3 choices:

- a) **ONE CATHOLIC GODPARENT** (of either gender).
Either a **Catholic GodMother** or a **Catholic GodFather**.
- b) **TWO CATHOLIC GODPARENTS** (One of each gender).
One is a **Catholic GodMother**, & the other is a **Catholic GodFather**.
- c) **ONE CATHOLIC GODPARENT** (of either gender), & **A CHRISTIAN WITNESS** (of the opposite gender).
One is a **Catholic Godparent**, & the other is a **Christian Witness** as a witness to the Baptism Ceremony.

5. Do both parents need to be Catholic in order to have a child baptized?

No, there is no need to have both parents being Catholic in order to have a child baptized. It is sufficient that one Catholic parent is making a request for Baptism. However, the other parent, who is non-Catholic, should be informed, be happy and be pleased to have his/her child being baptized in the Catholic Church.

6. Why do we ask for the "maiden last name" of the mother of the child?

We follow Birth Certificate. Thus, her "maiden last name" is recorded in the Baptism certificate of her child.

7. If parents or catholic godparents simply attend the class because the baptism occurs somewhere else,

A donation of twenty dollars (\$20.00) is suggested to cover the cost of materials and maintenance.