

2026 CHILDREN BAPTISM REGISTRATION FORM

Newborn - 6 Years Old

Dear Parents of the Children to be Baptized,

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

1. Please complete the **Registration Form**. You may pick it up at the Office or download it from <http://stcecilia.org/download/pdfs/Children-Baptism-Registration-Form.pdf>.
2. Please also attach a copy of your **Child's Birth Certificate** with the Registration Form.
3. **An in- person Pre-Baptismal Class is required for Parents and Godparents.** (Schedule attached below)
4. **A permission letter must be completed for all Godparents and submitted with registration form.** See page #5
5. You are encouraged to have your child baptized at the Church you attend regularly and where your child will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Communion). If you are a member of St. Cecilia, please write on this form your **St. Cecilia Envelope/ID Number**.
6. **The suggested donation for community baptisms is \$50.00 per child.** This is 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. (Please make sure to add child's name and date of baptism). Donations can also be made in person at our parish office from Monday- Friday, 9 A.M to 12 P.M., 1P.M.to 5 P.M and Saturday, 9 A.M to 12 PM, 12:30 P.M. -3 P.M.
7. Submit to the office pages 3 & 4, Birth Certificate, God-parent forms and Donation six weeks prior to the baptism date. If not received within the time frame the Baptism will be postponed to the next available month.
8. For more information, **please call the Parish Office 714-544-3250, to register.**

LANGUAGE CONTACT PERSONS	DATE of BAPTISM	Date of Pre-Baptismal Class
SPANISH Please contact the Parish Office 714-544-3250	2nd Sunday, 2:30 PM 1/11, 2/08, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/09, 9/13, 10/11, 11/08, 12/13	1st Thursday, 7:00 PM *1/08, 2/05, 3/05, 04/02, 5/07, 6/04, 7/02, 8/06, 9/03, 10/01, 11/05, 12/03 *This date is on the 2 nd Thursday
VIETNAMESE Please contact the Parish Office 714-544-3250	3rd Sunday, 2:30 PM 1/18, 2/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/20 *No Baptisms during Lent nor Easter Sunday	3rd Friday, 7:00 PM 1/16, *2/13, *3/13 04/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17, *8/14, 9/18, 10/16, *11/13, 12/18 *This date is on the 2 nd Friday
ENGLISH Please contact the Parish Office 714-544-3250	4th Sunday, 2:30 PM 1/25, 4/26, 5/24, 6/28, 7/26, 8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 12/27	2nd Wednesday, 7:00 PM 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/08, 5/13, 6/10, 7/08, 8/12, 9/09, 10/14, *11/18, 12/09 *This date is on the 3 rd Wednesday

PARENTS CHECK LIST	<input type="checkbox"/> Children Baptism Registration Form	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Cecilia Envelope/ID number
	<input type="checkbox"/> Child's Birth Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Donation (Cash, Check, Credit Card)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Date & Time of Baptism	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Date & Time of Required In-Person Pre-Baptismal Class	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Permission Letter from Godparents and Sacramental Certificates	



Questions & Answers - Children Baptism

*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 Initiation 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. Again, Catholic Godparents must be faith-practicing Catholics.

3. Who is a Christian Witness?

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

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

There are 3 choices:

- a) **ONE (1) CATHOLIC GODPARENT** (of either gender). Either a Catholic Godmother or a Catholic Godfather.
- b) **TWO (2) CATHOLIC GODPARENTS** (One of each gender). One is a Catholic Godmother, & the other is a Catholic Godfather.
- c) **ONE (1) 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 event of the Baptism Ceremony.

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

No, However, parents must agree to baptizing child.

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 the baptism occurs somewhere else, the parents and/or catholic godparents can attend the pre-baptismal class here. You must complete a registration form online or in person before class takes place. The suggested donation for the class is \$25.00. This is to cover the cost of materials and maintenance. Payment types: Checks, Cash and online.

8. What if the Godparents are a couple that is living together?

They must be married by the Roman Catholic Church. If they are in free union or only married through court they cannot be sponsors.



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Office Check List

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Donation (*Cash, Check, Online Payment*) given on Date:
- St. Cecilia Envelope/ID number:
- Permission Letter from Godparents and Sacramental Certificates:
- Parents interviewed by Father / Deacon:
- Certificate created on DATE: _____ BY: _____
- Baptism Information recorded in BOOK: _____ PAGE: _____ #: _____ BY: _____
- E-mail Baptism Coordinator:
- Add to Pre-Baptismal Class List:

Notes:

Language of Baptism: *English* *Spanish* *Vietnamese*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AS THIS INFORMATION IS USED TO PRINT BAPTISM CERTIFICATE

DATE of BAPTISM: _____ **TIME:** _____ **DATE of CLASS:** _____ **TIME:** _____

By FATHER: _____ **By DEACON:** _____

Full Name of CHILD _____

First **Middle** **Last** (*Optional Baptismal / Saint Name*)

Child's DATE of BIRTH _____ **PLACE of BIRTH (City and State)** _____

Child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE attached? Yes No

Parents' ADDRESS _____

Parents' PHONE NUMBER _____

Parents' E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Father's Name	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> First Middle Last </div>
Agree for Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <hr/> Have you been: Baptized Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Holy Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of pre-baptism Class:	MARRIAGE STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Married If Married, has your marriage been blessed in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not in Church, will you want to have your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Would you like Father / Deacon to call you to start the process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Mother's Name	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> First Middle Maiden Last </div>
Agree for Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <hr/> Have you been: Baptized Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Holy Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of pre-baptism Class:	MARRIAGE STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Married If Married, has your marriage been blessed in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not in Church, will you want to have your marriage blessed in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Would you like Father / Deacon to call you to start the process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

Catholic God-Father's Name	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> First Middle Last </div>
Agree for Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <hr/> Have you been: Baptized Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Holy Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of pre-baptism Class:	MARRIAGE STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Free Union If yes Married, has your marriage been blessed in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not in Church, will you want to <i>have your marriage blessed</i> in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Would you like Father / Deacon to call you to start the process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Note: If in free union or only married through court they cannot be sponsors.</i>

Catholic God-Mother's Name	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> First Middle Last </div>
Agree for Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <hr/> Have you been: Baptized Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Holy Communion <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of pre-baptism Class:	MARRIAGE STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Free Union If yes Married, has your marriage been blessed in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If not in Church, will you want to <i>have your marriage blessed</i> in the Catholic Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Would you like Father / Deacon to call you to start the process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Note: If in free union or only married through court they cannot be sponsors.</i>

*** Option B: If there is one (1) Catholic Godparent, a Non-Catholic baptized can serve as a Christian Witness.**

Christian Witness's Name _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 80%; margin-left: 20px;"> First Middle Last </div>	Faith-Denomination _____
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Requirements to be Godparents for Catholic Baptism

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I attend Mass at: _____ parish

I have received the following Sacraments of Initiation: (Check all that apply)

Baptism First Holy Communion Confirmation Married in the Catholic Church

I am single living according to the teachings of the Catholic Church: Yes No

I am married in the Catholic Church: Yes No

I am at least 16 years old: Yes No

I frequently receive the Eucharist and practice my Catholic faith: Yes No

I will give my support to _____ Yes No

by prayers and by the Christian example of my life.

Godparent Name (Please Print): _____

Address (Please Print): _____

Signature of Godparent: _____

Phone: _____ Envelope ID: _____

Signature of Godparent's Parish Priest: _____

Note: **(Church Seal)**



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Note: _____ (Church Seal)