

Sacrament of Baptism

Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church

Baptism is the First Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Church. It is the foundation of our life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism bestows God's grace on a person, frees the recipient from Original and Personal Sin, and makes the person a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

To have your child baptized, please contact the Parish Office at 941-484-3505. You will receive a Baptism Registration Form which must be completed by the parents, as well as Sponsor Forms which must be completed by the Sponsor or Godparent(s). A copy of the child's Birth Certificate must be furnished with the completed Registration and Sponsor Forms.

The parents will be registered for a Baptism Class. After the Baptism Class is completed, a date for the Sacrament of Baptism will be scheduled.

Baptisms can be scheduled during Sunday 9:00AM Mass, welcoming the child into the community at Epiphany Cathedral. Baptisms can also be scheduled on Sundays at 12:30 PM at Santa Maria Chapel.

Baptism Registration Forms

You can obtain Baptism Registration and Sponsorship forms from:

Parish Office: You can obtain hard copies of the forms at the Parish Office Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 AM and 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

Online: www.epiphanycathedral.org

Choose Sacraments, choose Baptism. You can download or print the forms, complete, sign and return to the Parish Office.

Completed Forms must be returned to the Parish Office before Baptism Class can be scheduled. Copy of Birth Certificate is Required.



Baptism Class

The parents must register to attend a Baptism class. Baptism classes are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Santa Maria Chapel. The class lasts approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.

After the Baptism Class has been completed, a Baptism Attendance Certification is provided to the Parish Office. You will then receive a call to schedule the Baptism at Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church. The Baptism Class may be taken at another church, however, that church must send Epiphany Cathedral a letter confirming the class was completed.

Parents are not required to attend a Baptism class if:

- ◇ If you have taken the Baptism class within the last three (3) years.
- ◇ You recently attended a Baptism Class at another Parish (A letter from that Parish will be required).

Godparent Eligibility

To be a godparent you must be age 16 or older, baptized, confirmed in the Catholic Church, leading a life in harmony with faith, and not a parent of the one to be baptized. A baptized non-Catholic may serve as a witness to the baptism if a Catholic godparent also takes part. Only one godparent is needed, although two may serve.

Baptism of Older Children

We welcome older children to special preparation so they understand the Baptism. Please contact Stephen McEntegart at 941-615-0293 or email McEntegart@epiphanycathedral.org

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