



St. Mary's Catholic Church Baptism Registration Forms

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Dear Parents,

Attached are the forms and guidelines for obtaining the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants (newborns—age 6) at St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We ask you to read it carefully and provide the parish office with all the required information necessary as you prepare for the baptism of your child. All information needed is in conformity with the Guidelines for Infant Baptism for the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Baptism is no mere social convention, but the Sacrament in which Christ Himself purifies, justifies and sanctifies (cf. 1 Peter 1:23) your child for eternal life. We rejoice with you in the birth of your child and look forward to welcoming him/her into the family of God and the communion of the Holy Catholic Church.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the third weekend of each month. Your child's baptism may be scheduled once all requirements are completed.

Please contact our Parish Office at (830) 997-9523 or email to **info@stmarysmail.com** if you have any questions, and may God bless you and your child.

Infant Baptism Policy at
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fredericksburg, Texas
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For Parents:

_____ Attend a Baptism Preparation Class, either at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, or another parish (if you have taken a baptism class within the past three years, you do not need to take another class).

_____ Complete Infant Baptism Request Form and return it to the Parish Office, along with the following:

- Copy of your child's State-registered Birth Certificate
- Certificates of attendance at a Baptism Preparation class within the past three years, for parents and Godparents
- If you are not a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church or Our Lady of Guadalupe, request a letter from your parish pastor granting permission for your child to be baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church or Our Lady of Guadalupe

For Godparents:

_____ Inform Godparents of their requirements to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (again, if they have taken one of these classes within the past three years, this will not be necessary but we must have proof of attendance).

_____ Have each Godparent fill out and sign the Godparents Certificate (page 4 of this packet).

_____ Ask each Godparent to request a Letter of Verification of Full Communion with the Catholic Church from their parish. The letter must be signed by the pastor and stamped with the parish seal.

Please note, per the Archdiocese of San Antonio, "A lapsed Catholic may not serve as a Christian witness."

For a person to stand as a Godparent or Sponsor, the following requirements must be met: (Can. 874.1)

- The godparents are to be chosen by the parents or guardians.
- They are to be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- They must be Catholics fully initiated in the Catholic Church having received Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.
- They should be leading their life in harmony with the faith; i.e., practicing Catholics (attending Mass), if married, in a valid Catholic Marriage, etc.
- They may not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.
- You may choose one or two godparents. If you choose two, one must be male and the other female.
- The godparents must have the qualifications for and intention of carrying out this duty.
- Each Godparent must provide proof of Confirmation and Catholic marriage (if married).
- If not registered in this parish, they must provide a letter, with the parish seal, from their parish which they attend stating they are eligible and have permission to serve as Godparents.
- Godparents are required to attend baptismal preparation classes at St. Mary's or another Catholic Church. If they have attended a class in the past three years, they do not need to retake the class, but must provide proof of attendance.
- **Non-Catholic Witness** (Can. 874.2) A baptized person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial (church) community may be admitted as a witness to baptism but only along with a Catholic Godparent. This person is not formally called a Godparent, but will be referred to as a Christian Witness.

Your child's baptism may be scheduled once all requirements are completed.

INFANT BAPTISM REQUEST FORM

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fredericksburg, Texas

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Please print all information clearly.

Today's Date: _____

Name of Child: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Date of Birth _____ City & State of Birth _____

Name of Mother: First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____

Religion of Mother _____ Email: _____

Name of Father: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Religion of Father _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address _____

Mother's Phone: _____ Father's Phone: _____

Has your child been previously baptized? _____ If so, where? _____

Are you (parents) registered members of St. Mary's Catholic Church or Our Lady of Guadalupe? _____

If not registered parishioners, permission is required from your parish.

How often do you attend Mass (weekly, monthly, never or other)? Mother _____ Father _____

How often do you receive the Sacraments? Mother _____ Father _____

How are you involved in parish life? _____

Questions Regarding Marriage and Family

Are you married? _____ Name of Church _____

Date of Marriage _____ City & State _____

If not married in a church, where were you married? _____

Number of children _____ Ages _____

Are the children enrolled in a religious education program or in a Catholic school? _____

We hereby request the Sacrament of Baptism for our child:

Mother _____ **Date** _____

Father _____ **Date** _____

Your child's baptism may be scheduled once all requirements are completed.

Application approved by: Deacon _____ Date: _____

GODPARENTS CERTIFICATE

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fredericksburg, Texas

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I, _____,
a registered member of _____ Catholic Church,
located in (City & State) _____,
have been asked to be a godparent for (Child's Name) _____,
Son/Daughter of (Parents' names) _____
who resides at (Parents' Address) _____
as he/she celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism.

I affirm that:

- I have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church.
- If married, I am validly married in the Catholic Church.
- I participate regularly in Sunday Mass and am able to receive Holy Communion.
- I actively witness to my faith in Jesus Christ by the way I live in service and love to the people with whom I come in contact daily.
- I shall give Christian witness and pray for my Godchild as his/her Godparent.
- I understand and accept the responsibility that I undertake as a Godparent.

Signature of Godparent

Date

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