

Required Information

Name of Child

Female

Male

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Age: _____

Mother's Name

Phone number

(*) Registered in St. Philip Benizi

Yes

No

Father's Name

Phone number

(*) Registered in St. Philip Benizi

Yes

No

Godmother's Name

Godfather's Name

Application Date

Who can be Baptized?

Jesus instructed his disciples to baptize all nations, and, in fact, Baptism is open to all people who have not been baptized.

For children, except for the immediate danger of death, it is necessary that at least one of the parents, or whoever takes their place, give their consent for Baptism.

Since Baptism not only confers grace, but also carries obligations, there needs to be a realistic hope that the child will be raised in the Catholic faith. It is a cause for sadness when someone who has received the grace of Baptism abandons it, along with the practice of the faith. Sometimes a parent who does not live in communion with the Catholic Church wants his children to be baptized. These children can never be denied Baptism, as they are not responsible for their parents' decisions.

What is required for Baptism?

In order to help parents prepare for Baptism, and to help children develop in faith as they grow up, the Church has established certain requirements for Baptism.

Family Parents

- Present a copy of the Birth Certificate of the child.
- Attend the pre-baptismal class assigned by the preparatory team or clergy (Required).

Godparents Requirements

- Each child must have one godparent, or two, which is the most common. If there are two godparents, one must be a man and the other a woman.
- The role of the godparents is to help the parents of the child in the task of teaching the Catholic faith to their children. Because their responsibility is to model the Christian life for the baptized child, it is necessary that each godparent be a confirmed Catholic adult who lives and practices their faith.
- She/He can be single or married but not married outside of the Catholic Church.
- Non-Catholic Christians may be present as witnesses, but because they are not prepared to share the fullness of the Catholic faith, they cannot be godparents.

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Complete the registration form.
- If single, present a copy of the Certificate of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- If married by the Catholic Church, submit a copy of the Church Marriage Certificate.
- A godparent cannot be the father or mother of the child to be baptized (*Canon 874*).
- If they are not registered at St. Philip Benizi, they must present a letter of permission from the parish to which they belong (parish where they are registered as parishioners, for a minimum period of 3 months).
- Attend the pre-baptismal class assigned by the preparatory team or clergy (Required).

Schedule for the celebration
of the Sacrament of Baptism
(in English and Spanish)

Saturdays: 10:30 am

IMPORTANT

(* If you are NOT a registered member of the parish, we recommend filling out the registration form found in the Gathering Space area in the main church or by registering via online here: <https://stphilipbenizi.org/newcomers/>

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Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Children aged 0-6 years



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