

# BAPTISM PREPARATION

For Parents Seeking Infant Baptism (*Infant - 6 years old*)



Information



Begin Process



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# Infant Baptism Overview

## START HERE!

- Visit <https://gsccl.net/sacraments-rites/baptism/>
- Read our FAQ section
- Need to talk to someone? Call us in the office! (See next page)

## PARENTS

**Please complete and submit to the office when you have all documents in-hand.**

1. Complete "Initial Infant Baptismal Info" (*see website*)
2. Obtain from the Godparent(s) the completed "Certificate of Eligibility" form(s) (*see website*)
3. Submit a **copy** of the child's Birth Certificate.
4. Attend Baptism Prep Class. (*see website to signup*)
  - Baptism Classes are held once a month on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the parish. When you arrive, check in at the Parish Office Reception desk for the classroom assignment. You may also attend a class at a neighboring parish. If so, we'll need a verification of attendance.

## GROUP BAPTISM SCHEDULING

- Please do not make travel plans prior to receiving contact from the Liturgy Department to schedule your Baptism date.
- Once we receive all completed documents laid out , the Liturgy department will contact you to supply ceremony details and schedule which upcoming group baptism you'd like to join.
- Group Baptisms are scheduled the first Sundays of the month at 12:30pm (immediately after the 11am Mass).
- No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent and Holy week.

## DO YOU BELONG TO ANOTHER PARISH?

- Parents who do not belong to GSCC must provide documentation from their parish indicating permission from their Pastor for the Baptism to be celebrated at GSCC.



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### GODPARENTS

- Certificate of Eligibility (see website)
  - **Parishioner of GSCC:** fill out your portion and submit form to the office.
  - **Parishioner from another parish:** fill out your portion and have your Parish Priest verify sacraments, fill out his portion, sign it, and seal it with their Parish Seal (embossed/stamp). The original must be submitted to the Good Shepherd parish office Attn: Nic Gutierrez.
- If able, attend Baptism Prep Class" (cf. CIC 851.2)

### GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING GODPARENTS (CANON 872-874)

- Only one Godparent is required, but if you decide to have two, you must choose one male and one female.
- The Godparents may not also be the parents of the child.
- A Godparent must be at least 16 years of age.
- A Godparent must have received all of the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- A Godparent must be a practicing Catholic; that is, living the Faith by regular Mass attendance, etc.
- If married, a Godparent must be in a union recognized as valid by the Catholic Church.
- If unmarried, a Godparent may not be cohabiting.
- A Baptized non-Catholic may stand alongside the sponsor in the ceremony as a "Christian Witness."

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