



St. James Catholic Church
622 Chestnut St., Gadsden, Alabama 35901
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GODPARENT FOR INFANT BAPTISM AFFIDAVIT

Name of child to be baptized (print): _____

Name of godparent (print): _____

(If you Catholic godparents are chosen, one form is required for each godparent.)

Parents may choose godparents for their children from among family or friends qualified to serve in that capacity. Parents may choose a godfather and a godmother or just one godparent. Godparents not only serve as witnesses at the ceremony of baptism but also assist the baptized in leading a Christian life. Therefore, Church law requires that godparents be people who are living the Catholic faith and meet the following qualifications (Canons 872-874):

Please Initial Each

_____ I am at least 16 years of age.

_____ I am a practicing Catholic who has received the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

_____ As a practicing Catholic, I attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation at my home parish.

_____ If I am married, my current marriage is a valid Catholic marriage. I was married in:
_____ at _____
(City/State/Country) (Name of Parish)

_____ I am not cohabitating (living together without marriage).

_____ I am not a parent of the child to be baptized.

_____ I promise that I intend to assist the parents of the child in their duty as Christian parents by being a witness to the Catholic faith and by helping the child lead a Christian life.

I hereby declare that I am a registered member of the Catholic parish named below and that I meet the above qualifications to be a Godparent for baptism.

Prospective Godparent's signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I am a registered member of St. James Catholic Church in Gadsden, AL.

☐ I am a member of another Parish. **(The form below is to be completed by that parish.)**

I certify that (print) _____ is a parishioner of our parish.

Signature of Pastor/Delegate: _____ Date: _____

Parish Name: _____

Parish Phone Number: _____

Parish Seal

City: _____ State: _____